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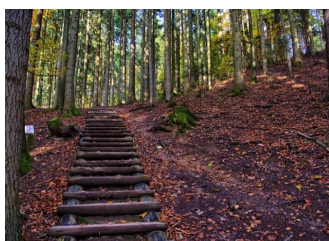
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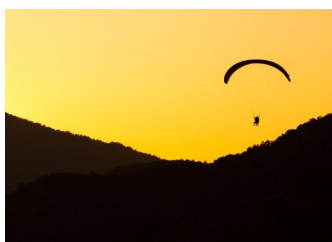
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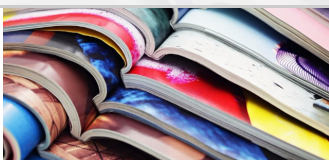
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HIGHLIGHTS

The “Milan Charter for the Mountains” has been signed. This is an important addition to the Milan Charter – the intangible legacy of EXPO 2015: a manifesto which commits international governments, institutions and organizations as well as citizens worldwide to combatting undernourishment, malnutrition and waste, promoting equal access to natural resources and ensuring the sustainable management of production processes.

The Milan Charter lacked references to the mountains (even though highlands take up 24% of the Earth's surface), therefore it was necessary to fill this “gap” with the “Milan Charter for the Mountains”. The document, signed on 23rd October 2015 at the Palamonti in Bergamo, was drawn up under the scientific supervision of Prof. Annibale Salsa, Past President of the Italian Alpine Club, with the contribution of many institutions: the Lombardy Region, the Undersecretariat for Mountain Policy, Unione Bergamo Italian Alpine Club, ERSAF, Unimont, Uncem, ANCI, AICCRE, Crea, Federbim, Fondazione Montagne Italia, the Interparliamentary Group for the development of Mountain areas, Ruralpini and the Conference of the 23 Lombardy Mountain Communities.

Juanan Gutierrez, president of Euromontana, signed the Charter, which was presented by Elisabetta Parravicini, President of ERSAF (Lombardy Regional Agency for Agricultural and Forest Services), and Anna Giorgi, Vice-President of Euromontana, vice president of ERSAF and director of Unimont, during the organization's general assembly in Brussels (18th November 2015).

The Mountain University has received a European award for its commitment and the active role it plays in favour of mountain areas. Last week, during the General Assembly of Euromontana – the European multisectoral association of which Unimont is a partner – Anna Giorgi, lecturer at the Mountain University and director of the Ge.S.Di.Mont. Centre Interdepartmental, received the award for the Mountain University's accomplishments and for the significant contribution made in the context of a European organization which brings together more than 70 members from all over Europe's mountain areas.

The 2015/2016 edition of the Postgraduate Course aimed at creating “Experts in European Planning for Mountain areas” started on November 13th 2015.

The 60-hour course is an example of the high quality programmes which the Mountain University aims to offer to new generations.

The 14 participants have varied education and career backgrounds and come from all over the north of Italy, thanks to the fact that the course is available in blended learning using the modern information technology provided by the Mountain University.

The course provides not just training but also the opportunity for sharing and exchanging ideas and discussion. The advanced version of the course will be starting in a few months.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Given the success of the previous editions of Advanced Courses, the Mountain University is organizing new postgraduate technical and practical training courses, aimed at training experts to work in mountain areas.

The first to start will be the course in Protection and Management of Mountain Food Chains, which will provide participants with skills in four key areas: the technical-scientific sector, economics and management, organization, communication and marketing.

Enrolment opens in February 2016.

[Click here](#) to see the programme of the last edition

New training courses planned for the first few months of 2016:

Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas

Project Management for Mountain Areas – Advanced Level

Detection of Rock Art, new methods for the documentation and management of mountain and valley heritage

Further information on this topic will be available on the [relevant page](#).



"ANTENNAS PROJECT"

The Mountain University offers the “Antennas” project for all those organizations that wish to stream their own events or those provided by Unimont and other “Antennas”, in order to make scientific content and information available to all interested parties in various mountain areas.

The project has been running since 2012, when Unimont activated the first link. Twenty Antennas are now operational and many more are connecting to the network to make use of the content offered by Unimont and share their own. The “Antennas” project uses software that allows live broadcasting. Thanks to the networking connection with the providing institution Antennas can transmit an event regardless of their location, provided they have a stable Internet connection.

In the virtual room, people can connect and interact simultaneously. Materials provided by the speakers or teachers can be viewed and downloaded while the event is being broadcast and participants can listen to speeches and ask questions orally or thanks to a specific chat option open to the public, interacting with other participants and the organizers.

If you are interested in joining this network please contact us at:

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TRAINING AND JOB OFFERS

An internship in zootechny is available in order to study the relationships between the management characteristics of dairy farms which are organic or converting to organic

Students of the second and third year, who attended theory and practical lectures in agronomy/mountain farming held by Prof. Bocchi and Prof. Gusmeroli, can apply for an internship to study the botanic and floristic diversity of pastures, high mountain pasture farms and paths linking Aprica to the Tonale Pass.

An internship is available for the redevelopment of the “Herb Garden” and the “Forest fruit garden” adjacent the Mountain University building. Activities include soil analysis, planning, planting of new herbs and preparation of information materials.

An internship is offered to survey the silvicultural and dendrometric parameters necessary to create a martellodrome (or martelloscope) in the “Bosco dell’Impero” wood in Edolo hence providing a test field for degree course students, where forestry issues can be practised.

The global market has involved the forest products chain for some time and the need has therefore arisen to exploit the added value of product and process certification in order to give companies a real advantage over their competitors. An internship is available regarding the certification of forest products in local companies, with the support of BIM Vallecamonica, in order to develop the most appropriate operational guidelines for forestry workers, businesses utilizing woodland and wood processing companies and forestry consortia, to improve procedures and instructions, to identify positive aspects and critical points, while developing expertise in an emerging sector.

An internship whose purpose is to survey outcomes and conversion methods in an aged beech coppice of the municipality of Cusino, Lepontine Alps in the province of Como, where firewood has been cut for public use over the last twenty years, is available. In addition to the surveys an analysis of the results will be performed and suggestions will be provided for continuing the activity in areas still to be converted and those already subject to conversion.

For more information write to corso.edolo@unimi.it



SERVICES FOR THE MOUNTAINS

Unimont offers a service which is unique, useful and free for institutions, businesses and citizens of mountain areas: a section of the portal dedicated to legislation regarding mountain areas.

In this section, updated monthly, you can find the regulations and laws that apply to different mountain sectors, from agriculture to building, from tourism to cultural heritage.

For every law there is a short text providing information such as the area of application of the regulation/law, the reference target, enforcement dates and a description of contents and objectives in addition to references to detailed information.

[Click here](#) to access the section on legislation.

The Mountain University Portal and Newsletter are changing, in order to provide more information, resources and news to more and more people.

Any feedback, suggestions and comments are welcome to improve this service.

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In January and February the Mountain University is focussing on the dairy sector with two free conferences, open to all interested parties and available both on campus and online on the Unimont e-learning platform.

The first conference will take place in Edolo on 14th January, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and will focus on “Mastitis, risk factors and techniques to eradicate the disease. Contagious mastitis in the province of Brescia” The speakers are Giorgio Zanardi and Luigi Bertocchi of the Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute.

The second, “From quality milk to quality cheese. Analytical data during mountain grazing and in the valley”, will be held in February, on a date yet to be decided.

Details of events and links to access the virtual classroom online will soon be available on the [relevant page](#).

The Conference on the Project LIFE TIB – “Trans Insubria Bionet – Connection and improvement of habitats along the ecological corridor between the Insubria Alps and Ticino Valley” took place on Tuesday, 24th November at 3.30 p.m., at the Edolo Campus

[Click here](#) to review the recording of the event.

The seminar “hygienic-sanitary characteristics of dairy products produced in mountain areas and in the Vallecamonica”, held by Dr. Paolo Daminelli, representative of the Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute, which provided some interesting ideas for both those working in the sector and consumers, was held at the Edolo campus on 19th November.

[Click here](#) to review the recording of the event.

Thanks to its national network of “Antennas” throughout Italy, Unimont streamed the conference “The Seed Vault in the Svalbard Islands –” an ‘ark’ for the conservation of herbaceous and woody species worldwide” held in the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Rieti on Thursday, 12th November.

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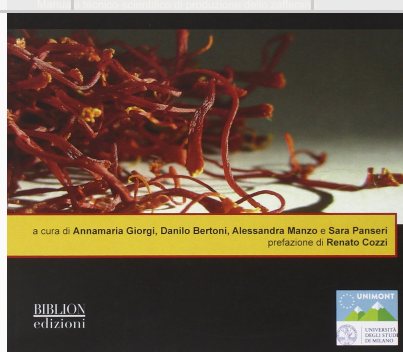
The recordings of all past conferences are available on the [appropriate page](#)



OUR PUBLICATIONS

As a further development of the project “Characterization of raw materials of traditional agricultural mountain produce: scientific research on issues regarding the quality, health properties, valorization and environmental sustainability of mountain agricultural production”, which saw the creation of the blog “*Red Gold of the Alps: saffron-growing in the mountains*”, a resource to support all those who are interested in the cultivation of saffron, the technical and practical manual “The Red Gold of the Alps”, which explores many themes linked to this precious spice, has been published in Italian.

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The volume *Ethnobotany: Preservation of cultural heritage as a resource for sustainable development* (by Giulia Caneva, Andrea Pieroni and Paolo Maria Guarrera, published by Edipuglia in 2013) is a book dedicated to those who love or want to discover the fascinating world of the use and perception of plant species within society. The many topics include medicinal, cosmetic and veterinary, food, household and magical-religious uses in the Mediterranean tradition as well as an overview of the prospects for ethnobotany in the contemporary world.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

On Saturday 21st November Unimont hosted fifty beekeepers from Trentino–Alto Adige. The group, accompanied by Prof. Sergio Angeli (Free University of Bolzano) and Fausto Zeni (President of “Beekeepers Association in Vallagarina”), was welcomed by Dr. Luca Giupponi who presented the teaching and research activities taking place at the Mountain University. The meeting provided an opportunity for sharing ideas with the Trentino beekeepers and to make new contacts that could lead to future cooperation aimed at enhancing mountain areas and, in particular, the beekeeping sector.

On Friday 20th November the Mountain University took part in the workshop organized by the Sondrio Chamber of Commerce entitled “New European planning: funding opportunities for SMEs in the environment and energy sector.”

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On 18th November Unimont took part in the 2015 Euromontana General Assembly held in Brussels.

The event, of international importance, provided Unimont with the opportunity to learn more about Euromontana, to develop new contacts, to collaborate on new project proposals for 2016–2017, to participate in the preparation of the next European Mountain Convention on the Adaptation to Climate Change in Mountain Areas, to be held from 3rd to 5th October 2016 in

Friday, 6th November the Mountain University took part in the conference “Adding value to the Apennines.”

The event, sponsored by Federbim, with the support of Fondazione Montagne Italia, the Parliamentary Intergroup for the development of mountain areas and the Municipality of L'Aquila, was held in the Auditorium of the Park of the Castle of L'Aquila and dealt with issues fundamental for the development of mountain systems in the years ahead.

The conference included the participation of the Federbim President, Carlo Personeni, parliamentary deputies Enrico Borghi and Tommaso Ginoble and Senator Andrea Olivero. Anna Giorgi, GeSDiMont – (Mountain University– UNIMI) centre director participated with a speech on “Agriculture and Livestock”.

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5 students graduated in “Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas” on 6th November, 2015

Andreatta Davide, Trento – Plant study and management proposals for the pastures of Malga Vigo (Southwest Trentino)

Buffoli Mariarosa, Marone (BS) – Characterization and valorization of an ancient variety of Vallecamonica corn: mais nero spinoso.

Camisani Alessio, Provaglio d'Iseo (BS) – Feasibility study for opening an agritourism in Franciacorta

Pietroboni Laura, Temù (BS) – Survey of publicly-owned forestry and agricultural property in Valcamonica – efficacy and problems in the use of geographic information systems

Zanoletti Chiara, Piario (BS) – Mais spinato di Gandin (typical Gandino corn): set up and development of a regional project

The high quality and topicality of the issues studied by our students confirm the efficacy of the Mountain University undergraduate course.

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