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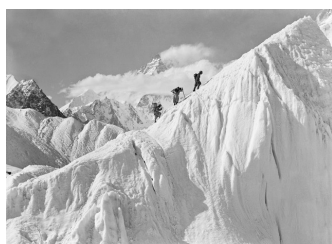
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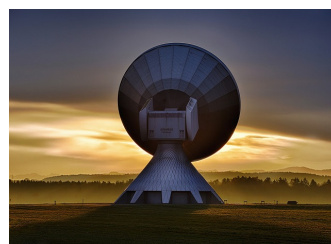
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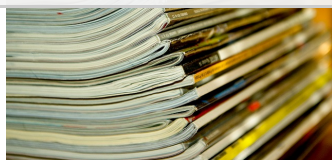
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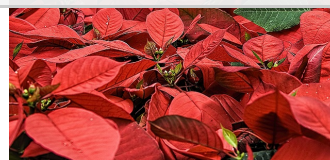
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HIGHLIGHTS

On December 11th at the Eremo dei Santi Pietro e Paolo in Bienno (BS), 10 scholarships worth 500 Euros each, provided by UBI Banca di Valle Camonica, were awarded to Bachelors in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas whose final essays were on topics concerning the Vallecamonica area or the mountain environments of the Lombardy region and regarding in particular the following issues: forest management, the wood industry, the quality of timber, tourism and wildlife.

Here are the names of the winners and the titles of their final essays:

- “[Models of forest management applied to the protection and sustainable development of areas of particular botanical interest: the case of Gaver](#)” – Dott. Giuseppe Albanese
- “[The Baremone wildlife protection oasis: analysis and development](#)” – Dott.ssa Chiara Belleri
- “[Survey of chestnut orchards in Vallecamonica: pilot project in the municipalities of Esine, Paspardo and Sonico](#)” – Dott. Giacomo Calzoni
- “[Monitoring of the ibex \(Capra ibex ibex\) in the Adamello Park](#)” – Dott. Davide Ferrero
- “[Forest management of woods in Vallecamonica: comparing models](#)” – Dott. Alessandro Maria Ghidoni
- “[Truffle farming in the province of Bergamo. Characteristics, methods and production of tuber aestivum](#)” – Dott. Danilo Ghilardi
- “[Timber processing plants in the provinces of Bergamo and Sondrio: analysis and comparisons](#)” – Dott. Giulio Lazzarini
- “[First surveys of newly formed woods in the upper basin of the river Oglio. Evolutionary dynamics and case studies](#)” – Dott. Marco Monopoli
- “[Forest certification in the West Garda Forest and the Vesta Valley](#)” – Dott. Marco Sberna
- “[The ibex and human activities in the Adamello Park](#)” – Dott.ssa Valeria Volonterio



The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention is looking for a project officer for Alpine macro-regional strategy affairs.

It is an unmissable opportunity! Send in your application until 6 January 2016.

[Click here](#) to check out the call.



Alpine Week is an international event, jointly organized every four years by the main Alpine organizations and dedicated to new and promising prospects for sustainable development in the Alps.

All interested parties, both individuals and organizations, can participate in the Alpine Week 2016 ([AlpWeek](#)), applying to manage one or more additional thematic sessions or to open a stand at the market.

The fourth edition of “Alps & people. A vibrant culture” will be held in Grassau, Germany, from 11th to 15th October 2016 and will focus on the many aspects of the relationship between the Alps and the people who live, work and engage in leisure activities there, focusing on three main fields of action: demographics, culture and quality of life.

This is an unmissable opportunity to contribute to the future of the Alps.

A detailed description of the contributions required, of opportunities for participation and the selection process are available on the [Competitions page](#) of the UNIMONT portal, as well as on the [dedicated website](#).



11th December was a day of celebration for the mountains and mountain people worldwide. The United Nations General Assembly first designated 11th December “International Mountain Day” in 2003.

The 2015 theme was “Promoting mountain products for better livelihoods”.

Information about the events that took place worldwide is available on the [dedicated website](#) and can provide interesting ideas for thought and discussion.

In addition to celebrating the mountains, 11th December was a day also dedicated to reflection, following the publication of the report “[Mapping the vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity](#)”, which highlights the fact that the number of people suffering from food insecurity in the mountain regions of developing countries increased by 30% between 2000 and 2012.



The first months of the year are the coldest months as regards temperatures, but instead bring interesting courses, meetings and events about mountains and their future development.

Applications for admission to the post-graduate course in Protection and Management of Mountain Food Chains open mid-January 2016.

The course is part of the activities which implement the specific training offer for mountain areas provided for in the [Framework Agreement](#) "Affirmation of Edolo as a Centre of Excellence – the Mountain University" which Unimont signed with the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.

The training programme, designed for graduates with bachelor's or master's degrees and taught by lecturers who are experts and who work in the sector, explores the dynamics of the agri-food chain, providing participants with knowledge and methods for enhancing and promoting it.

The course has received the Patronage of the [Scientific Committee for EXPO 2015](#) of the Municipality of Milan, which considered it of high scientific value and to be included among the themes of EXPO Milan 2015 "Feeding the planet – Energy for life".

More details are available on the [specific page](#) where the Notice will be published shortly.

Unimont is planning many other advanced courses and is always looking for partner institutions willing to finance scholarships for deserving students and or to promote our courses.

If you are interested please write to unimont@unimi.it or call us on 0364 71,324.



Unimont is taking part in the Conference to launch the EU strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP), which will mark a transition to the stage of actual implementation of the strategy, following its approval by EU leaders.

This event, which will take place on 25th and 26th January in Brdo, Slovenia, brings together EU institutions, Member States and regions and all the major players involved in the management and implementation of [EUSALP](#) and provides all key stakeholders with the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas on best procedures and the efficient management of the strategy.



As well as its activities at an international level, Unimont does not neglect its national and local context, giving more and more prominence to the fundamental role of mountain areas and the importance of protecting and enhancing them.

This has led to the preparation of the exhibition "K2 – images from Karakoram", which has already been presented in several Italian cities.

The exhibition will be available throughout the month of February 2016 at the headquarters of the Lombardy Region and will be inaugurated with a thematic seminar on structural climate changes that are affecting our planet.



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events within their area.

To become a Unimont Antenna you need:

- a PC with webcam and external microphone,
- a stable internet connection and
- a room equipped with projector to host users



Thanks to the software provided by Unimont, Antennas can not only broadcast live conferences which take place at the Mountain University or other Antenna points, but can also transmit their own events to a large audience. In fact, through the network, Antennas can transmit an event regardless of their location.

Interaction between local points and virtual points is complete: several people can connect and perform actions simultaneously in the virtual room. Materials provided by the speakers or lecturers can be viewed and downloaded while the event is being broadcast, and participants can listen to speeches and ask questions either orally, using the microphone, or in writing thanks to a specific chat option open to the public, as well as answering surveys and questionnaires.

This is an important opportunity both for institutions who want to raise the profile of their activities, as well as for the inhabitants of mountain areas, too often excluded from educational opportunities.

Those interested in joining the network can call 0364-71324 or write to:

comunicazione.montagna@unimi.it

[Click here](#) for more information about the project..



FOR NICOLA

The Mountain University, both employees and students, lecturers and collaborators, wish to say goodbye to Nicola Gheza, who will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.



Nicola, who was 19 years old, had become part of our "team" relatively recently, generously contributing his passion for nature and horses with happiness, cheerfulness and light-heartedness.

Wherever he is, we hope he can feel both our affection and that of all of our newsletter readers who think of him.



SERVICES FOR THE MOUNTAINS

for businesses: FUNDING SCHEMES, whether regional, national or European.

The Mountain University helps users to discover this world, which is certainly not simple, by:

- monitoring all existing schemes and identifying only those that can be useful to companies and institutions working in mountain areas;
- highlighting the main aspects (such as deadlines, targets, the amount of funding, admission requirements) which immediately clarify who, how and when a specific opportunity can be suitable;
- creating a brief description of the project and of the objectives, so as to summarize calls for funding which can often be several pages long in a few words;
- indicating whether the Mountain University may be interested in the project or if it is already looking for partners, so as to help institutions seeking a partner which is reliable and competent on mountain issues or those who feel unable to lead a consortium.

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SEMINARS & WEBINARS

The 2016 conference season of the Mountain University starts with meetings related specifically to the dairy sector. As always, the events will be available live in the Main Hall of the Edolo university campus or after the event, with free access through the media section of the Unimont portal.

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.

[Click here](#) for the brochure

[Click here](#) to access the virtual classroom online



The second, “From quality milk to quality cheese. Analytical data during mountain grazing and in the valley”, will be held on 18th February 2016, and will be held by Dottor Paolo Daminelli of the Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute.

Detailed programme of event and link to access the virtual classroom online will soon be available on the



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.

[Click here](#) to download the e-book in Italian from Amazon or write to corso.edolo@unimi.it to book the print version.



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.

[Click here](#) for more information on the book or write to corso.edolo@unimi.it



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[Click here](#) to see the interview, in Italian, with Anna Giorgi, Director of the Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas at TG1 in February 2015"



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Activities will resume on Thursday 7th January 2016.



Wishing you all peace and joy at this special time of the year we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, reminding you to respect and enhance our beloved mountains!



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