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## Highlights

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Three days for mountain enthusiasts and experts

MILANO MONTAGNA 8th -10th October 2015 - MAIN HALL UNIVERSITY OF MILAN - VIA FESTA DEL PERDONO 7

After the success of last year's Milano Montagna, this year's edition is organized by the Mountain University - the centre of excellence of the University of Milan based in Edolo which is the only academic institution dedicated to the conservation and sustainable development of the environment and mountain areas, the association Mountain in the City - active in the promotion and assessment of skiing equipment - and Misiad, Milan cultural design association.

The festival, aimed at sports enthusiasts and those working in the sector, promotes and enhances Mountain culture in all its aspects, in particular the field of innovation and technology, applied to sport, to business ideas in mountain areas and to the agri-food, tourism and design sectors.

The events of Milano Montagna include:

- Debates, meetings and round tables with athletes (among others, Markus Eder, Olympic champion and the first Italian to win a stage of the Freeride World Tour, Damiano Lenzi and Robert Antonioli, world champions of ski mountaineering, Emilio Previtali, skier, mountaineer and writer Aaron Durogati, paragliding champion, Nico Valsesia, (skyrunner, cyclist and writer)

- Young entrepreneurs trained at the Mountain University will be discussing the theme of innovative entrepreneurship for mountain areas with the main national institutions, public and private, in collaboration with ERSAF – Institution for services to agriculture and forests of the Lombardy Region.
- Workshops and tastings of wild forest products and those made with saffron produced in the mountains, with the participation of Davide Paolini, the "Gastronaut" of Radio 24.
- Exhibition of new equipment and technology for mountain activities (skiing, climbing, mountain biking and ultratrail).
- Photographic exhibitions and video festivals: with contributions from Freeride World Tour, from the Trento Film Festival, and by Kima e Melloblocco and a movie preview of the famous director specialized in off-piste skiing Guido Perrini.

New this year, in addition to the forum "Youth in action: the mountains and enterprise", the space dedicated to design: Milano Mountain Vibram Factory will be a showcase to present prototypes and projects related to equipment and technology for mountain sport (skiing, safety, boots, clothing, orienteering, software, biking, trail running, mountaineering, etc.) to the public and to interested companies. [www.milanomontagna.it/factory](http://www.milanomontagna.it/factory)

Michele Serra will close the event, with a reading dedicated to the mountains accompanied by the musician Piero Salvadori.

Full programme of events at [milanomontagna.it](http://milanomontagna.it)

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## Conferences e webinars

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM - Visit the [Multimedia](#) section

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No seminars are planned for this month.

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microphone as well as a stable connection to the Internet (preferably via LAN cable). Contact us and activate an

'antenna'!



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## Activities scheduled

### Invitation to the event "European Researchers Night 2015"

25th September 2015

Also this year various University campuses and research centres across Europe will take part in the event "MEETmeTONIGHT" (European Researchers Night 2015), an annual event that aims to spread scientific culture and a knowledge of research professions among citizens of all ages through fun and challenging events and initiatives.

The Mountain University in Edolo will be offering free theoretical and practical activities open to the public of all ages to promote the work taking place in this university centre and to increase awareness regarding scientific research and the potential offered by mountain areas.

The activities that will be held on Friday, 25th September at the Mountain University Campus (Edolo BS, Via Morino 8) from 4 to 10 p.m. will be as follows:

- COURSE in BASIC FORAGING, COLLECTING AND COOKING WILD FOOD - from 4 to 6 p.m.

The course, held by Dr Valeria Margherita Mosca, offers theoretical and practical activities related to foraging - gathering and preparing wild herbs and food. Participants will be provided with basic knowledge for recognizing, collecting and cooking the main herbs that grow in mountain environments. The activity includes a field trip (please dress appropriately) near the university campus in Edolo. Each participant will be given an information booklet, a collection bag and materials for collection.

- SAFFRON: YELLOW AND ITS FORMS - from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The theoretical-practical activities, guided by Dott.ssa Alessandra Manzo, will provide information about saffron, a delicious spice that the Mountain University has been studying for years in order to [promote its cultivation in the Alps](#). In addition to describing the botanical and organoleptic characteristics of the spice basic information regarding its cultivation will be



provided together with the results of research conducted in the mountain farms where it is grown. The qualitative analyzes used to assess the final product will be demonstrated in the laboratory.

- TASTING - from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For those who have participated in at least one of the previous activities there will be a tasting of the following wild and saffron based foods:

- Marinated egg with wild herb salad and saffron smoothy
- Noodles, spruce, onion and sorrel sauce
- Small alcoholic yarrow cocktail
- Birch and hazelnut biscuit

Those interested are requested to enroll at the secretariat of the Mountain University: tel. 0364 71324, email: [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it)

Attached there is a [poster of the event](#) which we ask you to publicize

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## UNIMONT will take part in the international conference on the mountains "Mountains of Our Future Earth" in Perth, in Scotland

4th - 8th October 2015



The Centre for Mountain Studies together with the [Mountain Research Initiative](#) (MRI), [Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment](#) (GMBA) and all members of the [Mountain Partnership](#) including the Mountain University, have organized the third conference - Perth III - on 'Mountains of Our Future Earth'. This is a contribution to the [Global Future Earth programme](#), a decade-long initiative of international research which will develop knowledge in order to effectively respond to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and to support the transformation towards global sustainability in the coming decades.

More information on the [University of Perth website](#)

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## Enrollment is now open for the course "Project Management for the mountains" - deadline: 9th October, 2015

COURSE START 13th November, 2015

The aim of the course is to create mountain experts able to support public and private institutions in the planning and implementation of complex financing projects for the development of business opportunities and the enhancement of mountain areas through participation in national and European calls.

**Course location:** Mountain University, Edolo (BS) A campus of the University of Milan

**Dates:** from 13th November 2015 to 27th February 2016

**Deadline for enrollment:** 9th October 2015

**Lessons:** Friday afternoon and Saturday weekly / fortnightly

**Duration:** 60 hours

**Requirements:** The course is open to holders of a degree or master's degree

**Language:** Italian or English

**Teaching Mode:** Blended learning (lessons can be attended on campus, for all participants who wish to do so, in Edolo (Brescia) Italy, or online, for reasons of geographical distance from the course venue, through e-learning and the Virtual Classroom)

**Agronomists, forestry experts, junior agronomists and junior forestry experts will receive 7.5 CFP in accordance with CONAF life-long learning regulations.**

With the collaboration of the [Alpine Convention](#).

**Enrollment procedures** are indicated in the notice.

For more information and to download the brochure [click here](#)

**For information and enrollment:**

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## Recent Activities

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4th September 2015

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**UNIMONT (Unimi) is a partner of the organization in support of the Paris Conference COP21**

The first meeting of the [Alliance for the mountains](#) whose main aim is to combat and mitigate the effects of climate change in the highlands was held in

**Anna Giorgi**, director of the GeSDiMont centre (University of the Mountain - UNIMI) was present at the meeting.

Unimont - University of Milan, a pro-active, purposeful promoter of events concerning mountain areas, is taking an active part in this initiative promoted by the Italian Alpine Club for the protection of Italian mountains.

Other members of the Alliance for the mountains, in addition to the Italian Alpine Club and the Mountain University, include UNCEM and [FEDERBIM](#), the [College of Alpine Guides](#), the [Italian Speleological Society](#), the [climbing Association of Giovane Montagna](#), [Fondazione Angelini](#) and the Parliamentary Intergroup for the Development of Mountain Areas.

For more information read the Italian [Alpine Club press release](#)

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## UNIMONT takes part in the workshop organized by the Ministry for the Environment: "Mountains of the Mediterranean"

4 September 2015

The scientific-technical workshop "**The mountains of the Mediterranean: Climate Change, Biodiversity and Landscape. An alliance for the Sustainable Development of the Mountains in the Mediterranean area**" was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Bio-Mediterraneum Cluster at **EXPO Milan**. The workshop was sponsored by the Ministry for the Environment as the Italian Delegation in the Alpine Convention, in collaboration with UNEP Vienna - Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the Bio-Mediterraneum Cluster at EXPO 2015.

**Anna Giorgi**, director of the GeSDiMont centre - (Mountain University - UNIMI) and Graziano Rossi, Professor of Botany at the University of Pavia and expert in the ecology of high mountain environments, were present at the working group "Mitigation and Local Adaptation to Climate Change" (see attachment) with the presentation entitled "Plant Diversity Changes on High Mountain Summits in the face of Climate Change."

### Attached:

- [Background document, ITA](#)
- [Working group on Climate Change \(EN\)](#)
- [Agenda \(EN\)](#)

For more information visit the Mountain Week website

### Related Links:



## Recent publications

- [Continent-wide response of mountain vegetation to climate change](#) (2012)  
Nature Climate Change, 2 (2), pp. 111-115.
- [Recent plant diversity changes on Europe's mountain summits](#) (2012)  
Science, 336 (6079), pp. 353-355.

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## Meeting on ancient maize varieties of Seriana, Gandino and ValCamonica Rostrato di Rovetta, Spinato di Gandino, Spinoso di Valle Camonica

2nd SEPTEMBER 2015

The Mountain University took part in the conference " Meeting on ancient maize varieties of Seriana, Gandino and ValCamonica Rostrato di Rovetta, Spinato di Gandino, Spinoso di Valle Camonica" which was held in the historic center of Lovere ( BG) as part of the event Arts & Food on Wednesday 2nd September 2015. The meeting, open to the public, promoted the activities carried out for the rediscovery and valorisation of the three ancient mountain maize varieties: Rostrato di Rovetta, Spinato di Gandino, Spinoso di Valle Camonica.



Speeches were made by the leaders of organizations representing the interests of the three varieties of corn, historians, researchers and policy makers, moderated by Dr. Paolo Valoti (CREA-MAC). Speakers were able to discuss various issues and answer questions from the public. The Mountain University, represented by Prof. Roberto Pilu and Dr. Luca Giupponi, explained the important work carried out, and in progress, for the characterization and the conservation of the corn "Nero Spinoso", an ancient variety with



distinctive morphological (black) and nutritional (high concentration of antioxidants) characteristics that will soon be entered in the National Register of Conservation Varieties



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## Val.Te.Mo Association

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

The VAL.TE.MO Association, founded in 2001, works to promote the knowledge, promotion and conservation of mountain areas through the organization of courses, seminars and field trips and through the implementation of projects leading to the improvement and development of mountain areas.

This month there are no activities.

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## Internships, Calls and Opportunities

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

#### **SURVEY AND SET UP OF A MARTELLODROME IN THE BOSCO DELL'IMPERO IN EDOLO**

The purpose of the internship is to survey silvicultural and dendrometric parameters necessary to create a martellodrome (or martelloscope) in the "Bosco dell'Impero" wood in Edolo, already the subject of other theses. Work will be developed through the selection and delimitation of the most suitable ground and in a survey of all forest species present through their main dendrometric parameters. Objective of the internship is to make a test field available to degree

course students, near to the Edolo campus, where forestry issues can be practised. Requirements include enthusiasm for the subject and a willingness to undertake

challenging survey work in the field.

Supervisor Dr Paolo Baccolo

Co-Supervisor Dr. Alessandro Ducoli Adamello Park

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#### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

TWENTY YEARS OF CONVERSIONS IN THE TOWN OF BEECH coppice Cusino, Lepontine (CO).

Conversion of tall trees has been ongoing for the last twenty years in aged beech coppices of the municipality of Cusino, Lepontine Alps in the province of Como, when firewood is cut for public use. The aim of the internship, and hence thesis, is a survey of outcomes and conversion methods, an analysis of the results obtained, suggestions for continuing the activity in areas still to be converted and those already subject to conversion. The area is accessible by road (difficult access in winter), located above the village of Cusino. Requirements include skill and enthusiasm for surveys in the field, which will be many and demanding, in a mountain forest environment of great interest.

Supervisor Dr Paolo Baccolo

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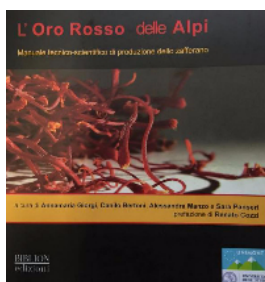
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## Press

#### BOOKS

### Manual L'Oro Rosso delle Alpi (Italian only)

#### SAFFRON



Please note that the Scientific-Technical Manual on saffron production " L'Oro Rosso delle Alpi" is now available in print.

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