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Let's help Nepal

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[CAI](#), [EvK2CNR](#), [FAO - The Mountain Partnership](#) and the Government of Nepal are fundraising to help those affected by the Nepal earthquake.

- [Press release for Italian Alpine Club - CAI](#)
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For visitors to Milano - EXPO 2015: In the Nepal pavilion a large glass urn has been set up where visitors can leave a contribution.

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Conferences and Webinars

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4th June 2015 3:30 p.m.

Seminar “**From agricultural self-sufficiency to the enhancement of local products. The example of two valleys in the Cuneo area**”



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News and Activities

Mountain Week starts on 4th June

FROM 4TH TO 11TH OF JUNE 2015

"Mountain Week" will take place in and outside EXPO mainly from 4th to 11th June 2015 but will continue until the end of EXPO 2015.



Mountain week started in 2013 on the initiative of the Italian Ministry for the Environment in its capacity as Presidency of the Alpine Convention, and takes place thanks to the collaboration of the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention - the two international treaties dedicated to the protection and sustainable development of mountain areas – with FAO-Mountain Partnership and UNEP-Vienna: United Nations Environment Programme and with the scientific support of EURAC research and technical and organizational assistance from Earth Day Italy and other partners.

"Mountain Week" is a series of events (conferences, exhibitions, meetings, etc.) dedicated to the sustainable development, agriculture and products and produce of mountain areas all over the world, is promoted by mountainous countries and the international organizations that have adhered to the initiative, and will take place both within the Pavilions of the exhibiting countries and in other areas of the city of Milan, as well as in mountain areas. The Mountain University - University of Milan, as a 'Mountain Week' partner, will provide support through the dissemination of information regarding events concerning the mountains. UNIMONT will also take part in the conference organized on 11

the United Nations (5th June) this year is in Mountain Week, which will be dedicated to the theme of WED 2015: "Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care. "

All initiatives will be identified by the logo "Mountain Week" and communicated through the [website](#) and social media with programs, information and ideas.

More information:

[Join Mountain Week, see how \(IT/EN\)](#)

[Mountain Week 04 Giugno IT](#)

[Mountain Week 11 Giugno IT](#)

[Mountain Week 03 June EN](#)

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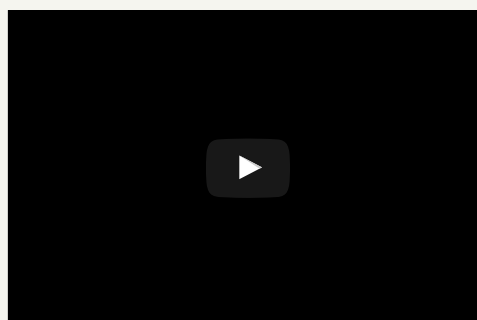
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The Italian Alpine Club proposals for safeguarding and revitalizing the Stelvio National Park

DISMEMBERMENT IS A REALITY

Stelvio National Park, a national protected area of over 135,000 hectares, is contended between a region (Lombardy) and two provinces (Bolzano and Trento) which will manage their own territory independently following the decisions of Rome.



- An excerpt from the interview with the Ge.S.Di.Mont Director, Prof. Anna Giorgi (ITA).

[Watch the full video](#)

The public meeting held by the Italian Alpine Club entitled "Proposals for safeguarding and revitalizing the Stelvio Park" took place on Saturday, 16th May at the Mountain University in Edolo - University of Milan. The Regional Undersecretary for Mountain areas Ugo Parolo and the Vice President of the "Parliamentary Intergroup for development" Albrecht Plangger were present.



The list of absentees is equally authoritative, especially Lorenzo Dellai

and Gianclaudio Bressa, respectively Chairman of the “Comitato dei Dodici” and Under Secretary of the Regional Affairs and Autonomy department, who sent a short institutional message targeting the current president of the Vallecamonica management Committee Ferruccio Tomasi.



Many people were present from Italian Alpine Club National administration and from the Vallecamonica, Trentino and Valtellina sections. Umberto Martini, general president of the Italian Alpine Club, highlighted the importance of the association for the creation of the protected area of the Stelvio Park in the first half of the last century. The concern of the Italian Alpine Club President regarding the dismemberment of the park led him, two months ago, to make contact with the government.

The President of Stelvio Park Ferruccio Tomasi focused on the longevity of his term of office (eleven years) and the need to protect the jobs of seasonal workers in Lombardy, the continuity of which was made possible thanks to a loan from the autonomous provinces. The President of Stelvio Park also commented that over the last four years of management he has been "left alone with the director."

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19th edition of the Alpine Glaciology Meeting (AGM) at the University of Milan

The 19th edition of the Alpine Glaciology Meeting (AGM) was held on 7th and 8th May at the University of Milan with the collaboration of EVK2CNR and the Italian Glaciology Committee and with the support of Levissima.

The AGM is the most prestigious European event dedicated to glaciers and to their evolution and takes place every year in a different Alpine country. It is held in Italy every five years and attracts a large number of young researchers. The meeting was organized by the Department of Earth Sciences of Milan University by Claudio Smiraglia and Guglielmina Diolaiuti. Over the two days there were more than 150 presences for forty conferences and as many posters providing an overview of the current situation as regards

glaciation in the Alps and beyond, highlighting the continuation, to varying extents, and in some cases intensification of the global decline of Alpine glaciation in all regions.

Particular attention was given both to new data collection technology (e.g. the use of drones) and interdisciplinary topics. The session on glacio-biology was particularly appreciated, and included a debate by researchers from various fields of expertise. [The new Italian Glacier Inventory](#) was also presented; edited by Claudio Smiraglia and Guglielmina Diolaiuti, and sponsored by UNIMONT, it presents an updated and comprehensive resource regarding Italian glaciology.

The Glacier Inventory can be downloaded at the following [link](#)

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Boom of participants at the 2015 Open Day of the Mountain University

16TH MAY 2015

The 2015 Open Day of the Mountain University was held on 16th May.

The meeting was attended by 74 students from all over Italy: Arezzo, Bergamo, Biella, Brescia, Cremona, Cuneo, Florence, Lecco, Lodi, Milan, Modena, Monza-Brianza, Piacenza, Sondrio, Savona, Trento, Turin and Varese.



Prof. Lozzia, Coordinator of the Degree Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas, and Professor Anna Giorgi, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont., explained to the crowded lecture hall the activities taking place in Edolo and provided clarification on changes that will be introduced in the A.Y. 2015/2016.



Participants were able to ask questions and receive information on the degree course, on accommodation in Edolo and registration procedures. From next year it will be possible to use the services of accommodation and meals provided by the logistics base of Edolo. Visitors were also able to see the educational facilities and laboratories of the Edolo research centre Gesdimont.

Ugo Parolo (Under-secretary for relations with the Regional Council of Lombardy, EUSALP), taking advantage of his presence at the Edolo Campus, also intervened, briefly

explaining the importance of training competent professionals to work in mountain areas and wishing the potential undergraduates present a rewarding future as regards their further education and career.

If you were not able to attend, you can find the recording of the meeting on our website and can visit the Edolo Campus at other times by making prior telephone or e-mail contact (see below).

You can view the recording of the 2015 Open Day at the following [link](#).

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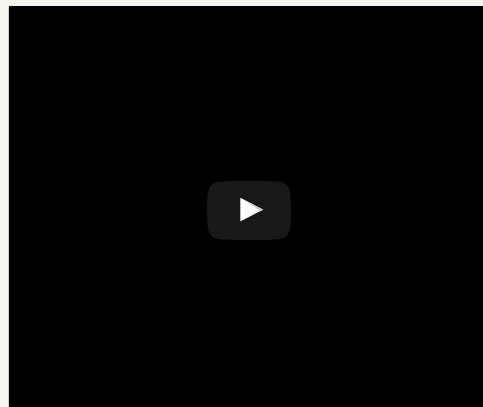
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Mountain Bubbles Meeting

5TH MAY 2015

The conference "Mountain Bubbles", focusing on the wine products of mountain areas, was held on Tuesday, 5th May at the Main Hall of the Mountain University. The evening featured various speakers including Prof. Lucio Brancadoro (University of Milan) who described the overall situation of wine production in the Lombardy region, Dr. Silvano Brecianini (director Barone Pizzini winery) who spoke about Franciacorta production and Dr. Pierluigi Donna who described the cultivation techniques for the development of the most suitable varieties in Valle Camonica. The seminar ended with a tasting of various sparkling wines under the guidance of the master winetaster ONAV Dott. Lorenzo Colombo. This initiative, organized by the Mountain University in collaboration with "Cantina Zanetta", "Cantina Bignotti - I Cltiva delle Volte", "Cantina i Nadre", "Ristorante San Marco" and "Ristorante Sporting", was particularly appreciated by the numerous participants who had a number of questions for the speakers.

An excerpt from conference "Mountain Bubbles".



- An excerpt from conference
'Mountain Bubbles' (ITA).

[Watch the full video \(IT\)](#)



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Field trip to Nature Reserve "Valli di Sant'Antonio"

14TH MAY



On Thursday, 14th May students of the first year of the Degree Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas went on a field trip to the Nature Reserve "Valli di Sant'Antonio" (Corteno Golgi) accompanied by Prof.ssa Anna Giorgi (lecturer of the course of Plant Biology) and Dr. Luca Giupponi (naturalist).



During the field trip students were able to expand their botanical-naturalistic

knowledge and appreciate the complexity of nature in the Alps paying particular attention to the botanical, forestry and management aspects of this site of Community importance (SCI), which represents a real "paradise" in Vallecamonica.

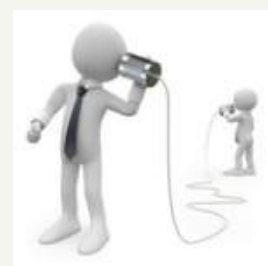


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Val.Te.Mo Association

ASSOCIATION NEWS

A.R.C.Orobie – Alpine pastures: Cultural Resource of the Bergamo Orobie Mountains

The Valtemo Association is taking part in the implementation of the project "Alpine pastures: Cultural Resource of the Bergamo Orobie Mountains - Stage 2", presented by the [Bergamo Orobie Mountains Park](#) and funded by Fondazione Cariplo as part of the call "Promoting good practices for the protection and conservation of historical architectural heritage".



The project was [presented in Valseriana](#).

Phase 1 of the ARCOrobie project ended in 2014 and involved the University of Milan - GeSDiMont and the municipalities of Colere, Gromo, Oltressenda Alta, Taleggio, Valbondione, Valnegrà, Vedeseta, and was co-financed by Fondazione Cariplo. During Stage 2 building renovation will be implemented and courses for workers and technicians regarding building techniques compatible with the reconstruction and renovation of rural buildings in mountain areas will be planned.

The operational phase also provides for structural restoration and renovation work for 10 rural buildings in mountain areas and courses for the workers.

The agreement between the Park and Valtemo aims to provide support for the management of the project by the Park, through the establishment of a working group involving different figures - both experts and young farmers and/or graduates in disciplines related to agriculture, with particular reference to agriculture in mountain areas.

The association will provide its expertise and professionalism, collaborating with the Park on all administrative aspects, will set up the working group, choosing a technician who will deal with the Park, and will, in agreement with the Park, draw up guidelines to identify and propose the development of good practices which can share knowledge gained during the ARCOrobie projects (stages 1 and 2) with similar contexts in the Lombardy region mountains.

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Internships, Calls and Opportunities

NEWS THIS MONTH

ORGANIC DAIRY FARMS

An internship is available in the zootechny sector in order to study the relationship between the management characteristics of dairy farms which are organic or converting to organic farming in Valcamonica, particularly as regards economic and environmental sustainability. The student will carry out visits to some dairy farms for data collection and interviews aimed at understanding the situation in farms.

For more information please refer to:

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MSCA IF EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER

The University of Ljubljana (UL) is a public autonomous educational, research, artistic HE institution with a very rich tradition and leading research institution in Slovenia, creating around 50% of research results in the country. In 2013 UL was awarded the logo 'HR Excellence in Research' for the adoption of the Strategy for researchers' career development. UL is also at the top of EU-13 research Universities with more than 163 FP7 projects (source MIRRIS), and is an important member of numerous international networks. UL is offering the possibility to work in advanced research topics and great working environment.

For more information on University of Ljubljana please visit our [website](#).

The aim of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers who wish to diversity their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectional mobility. Further information about the scheme: H2020-MSCA-IF-2015.

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Books

Manual "L'Oro Rosso delle Alpi" (ITA)

SAFFRON



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

The book is only available in Italian.

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Ethnobotany (ITA)

CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Ethnobotany: Preservation of cultural heritage as a resource for sustainable development

Some topics:



- Ethnobotanical uses in the tradition of the Mediterranean world (medicinal, cosmetic, veterinary and food uses).
- Home-craft uses.
- Ritual, magic-religious uses.
- Ethnobotany for the conservation of nature and culture.
- Ethnobotany and prospects for agricultural and forestry development.

and much more ...

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