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ANNA GIORGI LEADER OF THE ACTION GROUP 1 EUSALP

The Alpine Macroregional Strategy ([Eusalp](#)), a European initiative that will have an important impact on this central and strategic area in Europe with over 70 million citizens, was officially launched at Brdo pri Kranju on 25th and 26th January 2016. The 7 states and 48 regions involved will decide jointly on actions and measures to increase the competitiveness of the entire Alpine region. The Lombardy region is responsible for the coordination of the Working Group of the Italian Regions Eusalp and the leadership of the first Eusalp Action Group which will deal with research and innovation. The concrete objective is to promote the 'Development of effective collaboration and synergies between centers of research and innovation in the Alpine area'. The activity is part of the first pillar of the "Economic Development" Strategy for the entire Alpine region and will be coordinated by Anna Giorgi, lecturer at the Mountain University and expert in mountain issues.

Prof.ssa Giorgi presented the activities planned for the group in the first six months of 2016, which will aim at further strengthening collaboration between research, innovation and development in strategic sectors present in the Alpine area, from agro-food to hi-tech, from energy to advanced manufacturing.

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COURSE IN MOUNTAIN FOOD CHAINS

The course aims at training professionals able to develop new supply chain strategies and define means with which to support product and process innovation, the transfer of technical knowledge, the rationalization of costs from raw material to finished product, the valorization and promotion of products and brands, the diversification of marketing channels and market protection.

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NEW COMPETITIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Lombardy Region, as part of the Rural Development Programme 2014–2020 has published several notices of great interest to businesses and young people working on mountain areas, including:

- [competition](#) measure 6 for the development of agricultural and forestry enterprises;
- [competition](#) measure 10 regarding agri–environment–climate payments;
- [competition](#) measure 11 on organic farming;
- [competition](#) measure 16 regarding cooperation.

The Mountains University created a document that summarizes all the measures and explains expected activities and addressed subjects. It is an easy–to–read document that can help users to choose the notice most appropriate to their needs. [Click here](#) to download it.

FESTIVAL OF THE ALPS 2016

Municipalities, institutions, associations or sections of the Italian Alpine Club of Lombardy, Piedmont, Veneto, Liguria, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Valle d'Aosta and Trentino Alto Adige, can join the Festival of the Alps 2016, which aims to promote summer tourism in the Alps, in order to support the cultural, tourism and economic potential of this important area, by submitting an application by 15th April 2016.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In addition to the course in 'Protection and Management of Mountain Food Chains', which will be the first course to start in March, several other postgraduate technical and practical training courses, aimed at creating experts with practical skills specific to mountain areas, will be starting in 2016.

The new training proposals cover different sectors and activities that have in common the need for specialized professionals.



The course in 'Project Management for Mountain areas – Advanced level' aims to deepen and systematize professional knowledge and skills regarding project planning and management, in response to competitions and calls at a European and international level on specific mountain issues and on the sustainable development of the resources of such territories as a whole. It is also ideal as an continuation of the basic level course in project management currently in progress.

The course will have an international and highly practical approach, to allow participants to gain practical skills regarding European project planning.

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Considering that over 160 countries have significant rock art assets that are only now starting to be investigated and valorized, or are yet to be discovered, and that more and more museums and research institutions are involved in this sector, there is the need to train researchers, highly qualified experts, coordinators and guides in museums, archaeological parks, tribal areas and rock art localities. The course will provide ample opportunity to practice directly in the field and will involve students and teachers from all over Europe.

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The course in 'Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas' will provide knowledge and skills related to specific legal regulations and issues, as well as developing methodological aspects, in order to provide tools for the study and analysis of any type of legislation, institution or body regarding mountain areas.

It is aimed at all those involved in development intervention and policies for marginal and mountain areas at an operational level.

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Further information on our postgraduate courses are available [here](#)



"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.

All Unimont's seminars and webinars, indicated in the specific section of this newsletter, are available for our "Antennas"!

If you are interested in joining this network or streaming one of our webinar please contact us at:

comunicazione.montagna@unimi.it

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INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS

chloride ions conveyed into Lake Iseo by its tributaries and the effects of an increase in their proportions on the ecosystem".

Samples will be taken every two weeks or weekly (depending on rainfall) in the 4/5 rivers and streams that feed the lake and analyzed in the laboratory.

The internship will take place from February to July 2016.

The project is being dealt with by Professor Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia.

For further information on this and other internships write to corso.edolo@unimi.it



INTERNSHIP IN FODAF LOMBARDY

The [Lombardy Regional Federation of the Orders of Doctors of agronomy and forestry](#) has opened a competition for one training and guidance apprenticeship for the year 2016, aimed at recent graduates, and with the objective of promoting the acquisition of knowledge and experience within the framework of the Order, in particular as regards the activities of the Federation.

Applications must be received by 12:00 on 10th February 2016 at the Federation headquarters.

[Click here](#) for all information regarding the announcement

SUMMER PROGRAM OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESIDENCY

Artists and lovers of nature and mountain culture have time until 10th February to propose their candidacy for the summer program of multidisciplinary residency [Nature, Art and Habitat](#) at [Soggiorno Mazzoleni](#) (Val Taleggio – Bergamo).

The experience aims to reveal and demonstrate a special type of culture that refers to nature as a source of inspiration and assessment of available resources. The ultimate goal is to discover the strong links between all living organisms and to develop a more flexible and viable coexistence, in which human beings are not seen as separate from nature, but as an essential part of the natural environment.

[Click here](#) to apply

RESTARTALP: INCUBATOR FOR THE ECONOMIC RELAUNCH OF THE ALPS

If you are under 35 and want to start a business in the Alps, you can participate in [ReStartAlp](#), business incubator for the economic relaunch of the Italian mountains, promoted by [Fondazione Edoardo Garrone](#) and [Fondazione Cariplo](#).

RestartAlp is a 10-week Campus – from June to September, with a break of a month between July and August – in Premia (VCO) in the North Western Alps, to support the creation of business activities in traditional sectors of the Alpine area: agriculture, forest management, farming and agri-food, tourism, crafts and culture.

The training course is completely free and of high quality, thanks to a team of qualified teachers, experts and professionals and a network of partners with a high institutional profile.

The prizes offered by the Garrone Foundation to set up the best projects amount to a total of 60,000 Euros.

The application deadline is 8th April 2016.

YOUNG ACADEMIC AWARD 2016

A competition for the best master's degree thesis, written in 2014, 2015 and 2016, on the theme of the green economy in the Alps is now open.

The initiative "Young Academics Award 2016: Green economy in the Alps" is sponsored by the German Presidency of the [Alpine Convention](#), the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and the Infopoint of the Alpine Convention Foundation Grand Paradis, Domodossola and Morbegno.

There are three main prizes (1000, 750 and 500 euro) as well as three additional "Infopoint Awards" for theses with topics concerning the themes and areas of activity of the Infopoint.

The application deadline is 30th April 2016.

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ERASF CALLS FOR PERSONNEL

activities according to Lombardy legislation CCNL and CIRL for workers involved in hydrogeological–forestry hydrogeological–agricultural activities.

- [Notice of selection](#) for setting up a "reserve list" for hiring temporary personnel for agricultural/forestry activities consisting in phytosanitary surveillance in support of the management of risks and health emergencies relating to plants and plant products, according to Lombardy legislation CCNL and CIRL for workers involved in hydrogeological–forestry hydrogeological–agricultural activities intending to qualify as Plant Health inspectors.
- [Notice of selection](#) for setting up a "reserve list" for hiring temporary staff for forestry activities according to Lombardy legislation CCNL and CIRL for workers involved in hydrogeological–forestry hydrogeological–agricultural activities.



SERVICES FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS

A WINDOW FOR MOUNTAIN ENTREPRENEURS

The Mountain University collects information regarding all **mountain entrepreneurs** that stand out as regards product quality, innovation in production and/or in communication and promotion, as well as the conservation and sustainable development of mountain areas and local traditions.

Selected companies will get their own space in a [specific section](#) of the Unimont portal, enabling them to become more widely known.

In addition to the section dedicated to entrepreneurs, Unimont also provides a [section](#) dedicated to showcasing excellence, with the most sought after, healthiest and, simply, the best, mountain products.



Entrepreneurs and producers who are interested in being present on the Unimont portal can send a detailed profile regarding their activities to the email unimont@unimi.it and will then be contacted by the staff of the Edolo Centre. All our portal users are invited to visit the section dedicated to mountain entrepreneurship in order to discover the excellent products of mountain regions and find new ideas for those who want to open a business in mountain areas.

We would also like to remind you that the Unimont portal sections dedicated to [mountain legislation](#) and [funding competitions](#) are continuously updated.



SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

A FOCUS ON THE DAIRY SECTOR

The last appointment regarding the dairy sector will take place on 18th February with the seminar: "Official milk quality control and self-discipline in Lombardy; specific problems for the mountain areas", which will be held by *Giuseppe Bolzoni e Paolo Daminelli* of the [Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute](#).

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A ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VALLECAMONICA
Late February will see the start of a series of lectures on the history and anthropology of the Alps, organized by [SSA Val Cam – Anthropological and Historical Society of Vallecamonica](#).
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Lectures begin on 23rd February with "The role of archives and libraries in the documentation of climate and crops in historical times: some examples from Vallecamonica".
Dr. *Simone Signaroli* will provide qualitative information on agriculture and pastures starting with documents and texts concerning Vallecamonica from the 14th to the 18th century.
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On 25th February Dr. *Luca Giarelli* will present "'Vicinia' in the Alps: the management of common assets". The lecture will describe some 'Vicinie' – a term once used to indicate a group of people (assemblies of heads of households) living in the same place with common interests or goods – drawing on archival and contemporary materials, drawing parallels with other alpine areas and highlighting the economic and social aspects of conflicts between the so-called original families and strangers.
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On 1st March Dr. *Ivan Faiferri* will talk about the world of "Ancient cadastres and land registers: historical sources for studying the territory". The meeting is divided into two parts: a short lecture, providing tips for finding and consulting ancient land registers, and a workshop phase, during which participants will have to perform a small research project in the Edolo area by examining the Napoleonic cadastre.
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The last event is scheduled for 3rd March with Dr. *Loris Bendotti*, who will talk about "The intangible value of knowledge concerning nature and practices: a tool for Alpine communities".
The meeting will introduce the category of intangible cultural heritage, as defined by UNESCO and by the Lombardy Region and will try to demonstrate the cultural and production value of this traditional know-how by providing some examples.
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The recordings of all past seminars are available on the [appropriate page](#).



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RECENT ACTIVITIES

LAUNCH OF THE MACROREGIONAL ALPINE STRATEGY

On 25th and 26th January, Anna Giorgi, lecturer at the Mountain University and director of the GesDiMont research center, took part in the Launch Conference of the macro-regional Alpine strategy, which was held in Brdo in Slovenia, as the Lombardy coordinator of Action Group 1 – 'Alpine RTD ecosystem'.

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VALENTINO BONOMI AT RESTARTAPP

On Tuesday, 26th January, a graduate of the Mountain University, Valentino Bonomi, took part in the award event of the second edition of [ReStartApp](#) (incubator for aspiring young entrepreneurs in the Apennines), during which ReStartAlp, the new initiative promoted by Fondazione Garrone and Fondazione Cariplo was also launched.

Valentino shared his experiences as a young Alpine entrepreneur, who successfully started his own farm, with the many participants.

LECTURE ON MASTITIS

A lecture on "Mastitis, risk factors and techniques to eradicate the disease. Contagious mastitis in the province of Brescia" took place in Edolo on 14th January, 2016. The speakers were Giorgio Zanardi and Luigi Bertocchi of the Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute.

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