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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

NEW AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UNIMONT AND OTHER ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Unimont has for years been committed to building a network for the mountains by joining forces, creating potential, providing support in complex situations and finding solutions that optimize the management of mountain areas and costs, as well as meeting the requirements of the Community.

This network continues to expand and the Edolo Centre is working to involve other Italian universities: the University of Milan through the Interdepartmental Centre for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas (Ge.S.Di.Mont.) has in fact signed three new agreements with the University of Eastern Piedmont, the University of Pavia and Tuscia University, in order to cooperate on initiatives regarding mountain issues, strengthening their impact and enhancing their effectiveness throughout Italy.

These three prestigious universities join those of Brescia, Florence, Milan, Padua and Turin, which have been part of the network since 2013.

[Click here to download the texts of the Agreements.](#)

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY

A Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Milan – Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the Italian Army was signed on Tuesday, 19th April in the Army Logistic Training Centre in Edolo. The agreement was signed by the head of the Fifth Department of General Affairs of the Army General Staff, Major General Giuseppenicola Tota, and the Director of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Milan, Professor Gian Attilio Sacchi, in the presence of the Mayor of Edolo, Luca Masneri, as well as many civilian and military officials (brigade commander Cittadella, Colonel of the Base).

The objective of the agreement is to enhance the relationship between students and universities enriching it with additional content in synergy with military institutions, following the example of protocols already tried and tested in many European and American universities.

University and Army: a strategic partnership that highlights the role of knowledge and culture in the development of the economy in the Lombardy region and Italy in general, providing impetus to the renovation process taking place in the Armed Forces that play an essential role in protecting the fundamental values that underpin society.

NEW MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Seven students graduated in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas on 14th April 2016.

– Bertolini Mirko (Ardenno – SO): “The hunters’ point of view as regards ungulate management

Adamello glacier.”

- Dusina Francesco (Concesio – BS): “Chromatographic analysis of the extracts of roots: a new method for the identification of plants?”
 - Filippini Letizia (Brescia): “Survey of the dynamics of tourist–recreational facility usage in Val Bertone in the municipality of Caino (BS) and proposals for action”
 - Messina Michela (Gazzaniga – BG): “A geographic information database for the enhancement of Valzurio (Orobic Prealps)”
 - Pozzi Filippo (Lecco): “The influence of environmental and intravarietal variability in Moscato di Scanzo grape response”
 - Tonini Simone (Edolo – BS): “Wine–making processes of the Valcamonica IGT 'Coppelle' and Valcamonica Passito 'Il Sant' produced by Rocche dei Vignali”
- All Unimont graduate theses are available on the [relevant page](#).

NATURE, ART & HABITAT WORKSHOP

Enrolment is open for the Nature, Art & Habitat Workshop, an engaging and innovative five–day experience investigating nature as a source of inspiration for a resilient and sustainable future. The workshop will take place in Val Taleggio (BG) – Italy.

Held by local specialists, the workshop will allow participants to explore natural resources and intelligences and to be inspired by a new method of approach to creative activities, based on a relationship with nature.

The workshop – open to all professionals – emphasizes the nature–culture continuum, integrating human and technological culture with the network of nature, thanks to a multidisciplinary and practical approach that combines thought and process, reflection and crafts, humanities and design.

For more details refer to the [relevant page](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETING ON THE STABILITY LAW AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANNEX

A meeting entitled “Stability Law And Environmental Annex” will take place on Friday, 6th May, at 5 p.m., at the Convention Centre in via Romolo Galassi 30, in Darfo BoarioTerme.

The meeting will be attended by leading representatives of local and national institutions, and the Mountain University, represented by Anna Giorgi, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont.

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MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY

An Open Day devoted to the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas will take place on 14th May at 10 a.m. in the Main Hall of the Mountain University in Via Morino 8 in Edolo.

Course details, research and internships will be presented together with an overview of possible career opportunities.

It will be an opportunity for lecturers, students and graduates to meet and exchange ideas.

Information will also be provided on student accommodation in Edolo.

Those interested can enrol by 6th May, 2016, by writing to corso.edolo@unimi.it.

[Click here](#) to download the poster of the event.

ADVANCED COURSE IN ROCK ART

The course in “Recording Art Rock. New methods for the documentation and management of alpine and valley heritage” is organized by UNIMONT in collaboration with the [Valcamonica Centre for Prehistoric Studies](#) in order to train new experts and transform historical and

chronologically, and to bring together complementary disciplines, so as to provide practical skills to future specialists in rock art.

Lessons will include both theoretical and practical sessions on mapping using GPS and total station as well as the creation and management of databases. There will also be lectures on geoarchaeology and archaeobotany as well as the conservation and restoration of archaeological heritage.

The course offers the possibility of learning and gaining practical experience to European students and graduates, offering lectures and contributions from professors and other experts working in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Scandinavia and England. The course also provides access to the Centre's network of experts at universities and research institutes across Europe.

The course, which is intensive, will take place from 22nd August to 4th September 2016.

Enrolment will open in the coming months, but those interested can already send a CV and a motivational letter to corso.edolo@unimi.it.

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"ANTENNAS" PROJECT

The number of UNIMONT antennas is increasing day by day, an important objective for the Mountain University since its main objectives include the creation of an active network of organizations who share interests and goals and who promote a new approach to mountain areas, no longer seen as marginal but as key players in future development, encouraging change which can impact on the future of the whole world, in terms of environmental sustainability and attention to communities.

An "Antenna" is an organization which undertakes to:

- stream seminars on various issues related to mountain areas using a virtual platform;
- comply with UNIMONT's technical requirements in order to ensure the quality of broadcasting;
- promote their own monthly conference programme with UNIMONT;
- receive and disseminate news and activities relating to the "Antennas" network locally;
- involve others in the area interested in joining and promoting the "Antennas" network.

Several seminars organized by Unimont Antennas are scheduled for May – learn more by visiting the "Seminars and Webinars" section of this newsletter.

Those interested in joining the network can write to: comunicazione.montagna@unimi.it.

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



TRAINING and JOB OFFERS

EUSALP INTERNSHIP

An internship is available that will allow a student to collaborate with Anna Giorgi, Leader of Action Group 1 – to develop an effective research and innovation ecosystem – as part of the Alpine Macro-regional Strategy in order to define and research opportunities for mountain areas connected with the implementation of the Strategy.

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

INTERNSHIP ON PASTURE ASSESSMENT

An internship is available to be carried out in the municipalities of Parre, Gorno, Oneta, Ponte Nossa and Premolo (BG) for the environmental, livestock and sustainability assessment of the

potential as well as any tourist and economic aspects of future sustainable development. Students will have to carry out surveys on the current conditions of pasture and forest areas (and must have followed the course of Agronomy and also have some ability to recognize flora species) and will develop potential strategies for improvement. Information we will also be gathered on livestock management (use of pastures, milk production and cheese, nutritional and zootechnical assessment). Each student may work on one or more of the issues to be studied, taking into consideration existing data as well as performing field work. For more information write to corso.edolo@unimi.it.

EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN CONVENTION: YOUNG PEOPLE'S POINT OF VIEW

[Euromontana](#) is celebrating its 20th anniversary and wants to involve the younger generations to celebrate this important event. It is therefore collecting feedback on the following topic from young people worldwide: "What do you expect from mountain areas and how do you envisage their future? The point of view of young people."

The objective is to find out if young people like/would like to live in mountain areas and what they feel needs to be changed, enhanced, improved to encourage the repopulation of the "highlands".

Young people interested in participating can send texts, short videos, paintings, poems and anything which can express their point of view on the mountains to Euromontana.

All entries, which must be sent by the end of June, will be presented at the [European Mountain Convention](#) to be held in Bragança, Portugal, from 3rd to 5th October 2016.

To find out more, write to corso.edolo@unimi.it.

THESIS ON THE PREHISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OF THE CAMUNI PEOPLE

Students who are interested can submit applications to do a thesis on "The prehistoric environment of the Camuni. Paleoecology and deposits in the Rock Engravings Nature Reserve of Ceto, Cimbergo and Paspardo". Work will include documentation and mapping to be developed at the [Camuno Centre for Prehistoric Studies](#) at Capo di Ponte and investigation of cores, which will be carried out at the [Laboratory of Palynology and Paleoecology of the C.N.R.](#), at the University of Milan – Bicocca.

The work is appropriate for undergraduate and master's degree students studying Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Agricultural Sciences of all universities. It can also be studied in depth as part of an advanced course.

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WINE COMPETITION DEDICATED TO HEROIC WINES

The International Mountain Wine Competition which has selected the best heroic wines of Europe for the last 23 years has changed its name and was premiered at Vinitaly on Monday, 11th April, 2016 in the multipurpose room of the Lombardy Pavilion, by the President of [Cervim](#) Roberto Gaudio, together with the Councillor for Agriculture of the Lombardy Region, Gianni Fava, the Councillor for Agriculture of the Autonomous Valle d'Aosta Region, Renzo Testolin, the President of the Consorzio Vini Valtellina, Mamete Prevostini, the President of the Valle d'Aosta Winemakers Association Stefano Celi and OIV delegate, Dušan Brejc.

Wines for the competition must be produced from grapes grown on land with at least one of the following characteristics:

- altitude over 500 m a.s.l., excluding high plains;
- terrain slopes greater than 30%;
- viticulture systems on terraces;
- viticulture of small islands.

As regards the allocation of special awards, in this 2016 edition a prize reserved for the wine-growing region that will participate with the greatest number of wines will also be awarded.

[Click here to consult the Rules.](#)

SERVICES for MOUNTAIN AREAS

CALLS FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS AND THE RDP

The Mountain University has prepared a document that provides a simple and clear version of all the measures of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014–2020 for Lombardy. The RDP is a planning document that every Italian region produces to make the best use of the financial resources that the European Union allocates to the modernization of rural areas, with the aim of making them more proactive and competitive and to improve environmental sustainability.

The UNIMONT handbook explains the measures envisaged and targets. It is easy to read and can assist users in choosing the most appropriate call for their needs.

[The document can be downloaded by clicking here.](#)

Among the many calls which are part of the Lombardy RDP, Unimont would like to highlight measure 13.1.01 "Compensatory allowance in disadvantaged mountain areas". The sub-measure is aimed at farmers managing land in the disadvantaged mountain municipalities of the Lombardy Region and aims to combat the abandonment of high-altitude agricultural land which, when properly used and governed, can help to ensure effective defence of the territory, maintaining biodiversity and preventing hydrogeological risk and soil erosion; the maintenance of mountain farming therefore contributes to environmental protection and adaptation to climate change.

Applications may be submitted, exclusively electronically, by 16 May 2016.

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The page dedicated to Calls is constantly updated with all the funding calls open, [click here to visit it.](#)



SEMINARS and WEBINARS

CONFERENCE ON MOBILITY IN AN ALPINE CONTEXT

eco-working, a Unimont antenna, is organizing a free in-depth meeting open to all, and especially to local administrators, on the theme: "SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN THE ALPS. Intervention and funding to develop sustainable mobility in a mountain environment".

The meeting will be held by Guido Piccoli, CEO Alot Srl and Imberti Omar, Head of Operational Marketing SCAME PARRE Spa.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3rd May 2016 from 6 to 7.30 p.m. at the headquarters of eco-working in Via Antonio Locatelli 54, Almè (BG) and will be broadcast live in the Main Hall of the Mountain University.

The event can also be followed live online by registering for the virtual classroom.

Instead to attend the meeting please write to info@eco-working.it.

[Click here](#) to download the poster.

CONFERENCE ON TREE AND SLOPE STABILITY

The free conference on the "Stability of trees and the slopes in mountain areas: case studies in the Alps and the Apennines" will be held on Thursday, 12th May at 3:30 p.m. at the Mountain University.

Prof. Donato Chiatante will recount the experience of the laboratory of Environmental and

management and restoration strategies in order to combat natural disasters.

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[Click here](#) to register for the virtual classroom.

CONFERENCE ON OLD-GROWTH FORESTS

The free conference "Old-growth forests in Italy and Lombardy: definition, structural characteristics, importance and role in sustainable forest management" will be held on Tuesday, 17th May at 3:30 p.m. at the Mountain University.

The term "old-growth forests" was originally used to indicate forests which have been able to evolve for a long period of time in the absence of anthropogenic disturbance and high intensity natural disturbance. The situation of these forests in Italy and in Lombardy and their role in the sustainable management of natural resources will be presented and discussed with examples and references to recent research conducted by DISAFA on behalf of ERSAF by Prof. Renzo Motta of the Department of Agriculture, Forest and Food Sciences (DISAFA) of the University of Turin.

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CONFERENCE ON NON-PRODUCTIVE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The free conference "Non-productive ecosystem services of alpine forests" will be held at the Mountain University on Tuesday, 24th May at 3:30 p.m. by Dott.ssa Roberta Berretti and Dott. Giorgio Vacchiano, University of Turin.

The meeting will outline three of the most important "non-productive" ecosystem services performed by alpine forests: direct protection from slope processes and its quantification by the "evaluation of the protective role of the population"; biodiversity and management aimed at ensuring this.

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



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RECENT ACTIVITIES

STUDY DAY: THE MOUNTAIN CAUSE

As part of the 64th edition of the [Trento Film Festival](#) on Saturday, 30th April 2016 there was a study day open to the public entitled "THE MOUNTAIN CAUSE", to remember, 50 years after his death, the geologist and founding Senator of the Italian Republic, Michele Gortani.

The event, organized with the collaboration of the Mountain University, along with many other important Italian institutions, was attended by many experts from Italian mountain areas, who discussed and exchanged views on new perspectives for the development of mountain areas. Anna Giorgi, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas (Ge.S.Di.Mont.), intervened during the Round Table explaining the good example of the Mountain University, which has been working for years to train future residents and entrepreneurs of mountain areas, combining new technologies with respect for the environment and traditions, scientific research and practical applications.

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CONFERENCE ON THE PROJECT WOLFALPS

Unimont hosted the conference "The return of the wolf: the WolfAlps project" on 28th April in the afternoon and 29th April in the morning. The speakers, as well as explaining the aims and operational methods of the project, talked about this wonderful animal and focused on the problems connected with the conservation of wolves, with particular reference to the Alps and Lombardy Region, on ways to coexist with wolves and prevent damage to pastures and the role of communication in the conservation of large carnivores.

Speakers were from the Lombardy Region, Istituto Oikos and Cooperative Eliante.

A recording of the conference is available, [clicking here.](#)

A presentation of the book and research project: "The Guns of Guspessa. The municipalities of Edolo, Cortenedolo and Mu at the start of the Thirty Years' War" was held at the Unimont headquarters, on Thursday, 21st April, 2016, at 8.30 p.m..

This new book of the Servizio Archivistico Comprensoriale of Valle Camonica was published in collaboration with the municipality of Edolo and thanks to funding from the Lombardy Region and is a little-known episode in the history of Edolo.

Dr. Simon Signaroli explained how documents that allowed to discover this piece of our history were unearthed from the archives.

A recording of the conference is available, [clicking here](#).

DAY IN MEMORY OF ALIDA BRUNI

On 20th April, the Mountain University hosted an event which combined various key themes for the Edolo Centre: scientific research, planning, training for young people, passion for the mountains, joyous celebration, reflection on great themes in life.

The day, organized in memory of Alicia Bruni, one of its most important and loyal collaborators, included science, with the conference "Management and Enhancement of Agroforestry Heritage in Lombardy", moments of emotion, with the presentation of the wood sculpture dedicated to Alida and the book she wrote, printed posthumously, "L'Artiglio d'Argento" and moments of merriment, with the opening of the outdoor area for students, with tables and benches provided free of charge by ERSAF, and typical buffet organized by Unimont students. A moment of sharing and beneficial exchange of ideas between people of the Lombardy mountain world and young people, the young people Alida loved and tried to help in building a bright future for the mountains.

[Watch the recording of the conference.](#)

[Watch the photographs.](#)

CONFERENCE INTRODUCING MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

A free meeting introducing mountain legislation was held in Edolo on Tuesday, 19th April at 4 p.m.. The conference focused on the basis of the Italian legal system: the Constitution.

Dr. Ciro Amato explained to the many participants (including 30 following online from all over Italy) how and why Italy's founding fathers decided to introduce Article 44 and why they decided to include a mention of mountain areas, with an exciting journey into a world too often considered stale and dusty.

Starting from an analysis of the vicissitudes and debate within the Constituent Assembly he highlighted the different approaches which, over the years, have been applied to mountain areas and that have influenced (and continue to influence) the development of national policies regarding the mountains.

A recording of the conference is available, [clicking here](#).

FIELD TRIP TO CEVA

Also this year the students of the second and third year of the degree course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas visited Ceva (CN) staying at the Training Centre – Military Barracks M.O.V.M. Ten. Col. Giuseppe Galliano, of the State Forestry Corps. Students enjoyed a week of activities aimed at enriching their knowledge of agriculture and forestry. In particular they attended theoretical and practical lectures on various issues such as organic farming, biodynamics, hazelnut cultivation, oenology and Safety Controls in the agro-food sector, as well as visiting the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Pollenzo (Bra) and some mountain farms in order to gain a comprehensive overview of local conditions in the primary sector.

FIELD TRIP TO THE MONTE BARRO PARK

On Monday 4th and Tuesday, 5th April, at the end of the course of "Plant Ecology", held by Dr. Luca Giupponi, some students of the Mountain University visited the Mount Barro Park and Autochthonous Flora Center of Galbiate (LC). The students, accompanied by Dr. Giupponi, observed the blooms of some spring species of plant communities that form the woods of South European flowering ash and Hop Hornbeam and the basophilic lean grasslands present in the

(CFA) which is an experimental centre of Lombardy R



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