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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Mountain University offices will be closed for the Christmas holidays from **23rd December 2016 to 8th January 2017 inclusive**.

Work will resume on **Monday, 9th January 2017**.

Best wishes for a **Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2017**, remembering to respect and value our beloved mountains!

"ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB", THE PROJECT COORDINATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN AMONG THE NINE APPROVED BY THE CIPE

The project presented by the "Mountain University" Centre of Excellence is among the **9 approved by the CIPE**, the Interministerial Economic Planning Committee, for over **32 million euros** of funding for FISR (Special additional funding for research) 2015 and 2016; approved topics ranged from the monitoring of seismic risk, to research in strategic agri-food policy areas.

The project "**Italian Mountain Lab**" - presented and coordinated by the University of Milan's Edolo Campus - in collaboration with the **University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Tuscia** - proposes the creation of a national and European network for the development of research on strategic issues for inland and mountainous areas.

The CIPE decision valorizes and enhances the work done to date by the University of Milan Centre of Excellence which was set up thanks to the agreement with the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and has, over the years, created a strong network of European contacts, and nowadays contributes to the main working groups on the subject of national and European strategies for the development of inland areas and the Alpine macro-region.

Thanks to the approval of the "Italian Mountain Lab" - which recognizes the "strategic importance" of the work and consolidated experience of the University of Milan Centre of Excellence - research and training projects can be developed concerning both the Alps, with the collaboration of the University of Eastern Piedmont and the Apennines with the University of Tuscia.

The main points of the new project also include the dissemination of knowledge related to the mountain environment and support to local authorities in terms of innovative proposals.

AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN LOMBARDY REGION AND UNIMONT FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS IN LOMBARDY BY MEANS OF SCIENTIFIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH AND

On 14th December 2016, the Lombardy Region and UNIMONT signed an agreement aimed at fostering local and area networking activities in order to facilitate the promotion of research, training, experimentation and study activities for the development and enhancement of mountain areas in line with European and national processes.

This will allow study, research and training activities, also on European programs and funds, to be planned, promoted and carried out in close collaboration with Regional Authorities.

Strategic sectors for the economic development of Lombardy mountain areas will also be favoured. The agreement will facilitate:

- Technology transfer to promote business development, particularly for young entrepreneurs in mountain areas;
- The development, promotion and set up of information dissemination and training activities in strategic sectors for the economic development of mountain areas and the identification and promotion of good practices and support activities;
- Adequate provision and dissemination of knowledge on mountain issues, on programmes and measures for funding activities and, in support of the application of regional policies for the development of mountain areas, in particular provision of up-to-date information regarding legislation and regional, national and European calls, especially those related to innovative businesses and youth entrepreneurship, including in the agricultural and rural sector;
- Planning and activation of capacity building measures for local government institutions regarding the training, continuing professional development and improvement of human resources, policy formulation processes and the organization and management structures of such organizations.

These paths can also be undertaken through the use of online tools and methods as well as thanks to the capitalization of educational experiences provided to date.

This recognition is another confirmation of the quality and excellence of the work that the Mountain University, the Edolo Campus of the University of Milan, is currently providing to highlight that mountains are places full of resources and opportunities, no longer marginalized, but the new frontier of modern development models.

XII GIUSEPPE PASTORI AWARD. ANNA GIORGI GOLD MEDAL IN THE EDUCATION SECTION.

Each year the Fondazione Istituzioni Agrarie Raggruppate ONLUS provides the "Giuseppe Pastori" award to the most deserving professionals working in agriculture, education and production operating in the province of Brescia who have carried out studies and/or research or have introduced farming or production techniques resulting in significant and positive effects on agriculture in the Brescia area.

The Foundation decided to allocate the 12th Giuseppe Pastori "Education" Section gold medal award to **Anna Giorgi, Director of the Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas and Leader of Action Group 1 of the European Strategy for the Alpine region.**

Anna Giorgi received this prestigious award on Saturday, 17th December, 2016 at the Istituto Tecnico Agrario G. Pastori in Brescia at the conference "Change for Growth. Generational change as a tool for local growth and development. Difficulties and opportunities. The role of education. "

"TO THE TOP IN MILAN". MEETING THE MOUNTAINS BETWEEN DREAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES - PHOTO GALLERY

University of Milan are now available online. Special thanks to the UNIMONT students Gianmarco Antonini, Davide Bazzi and Nicol Moraschinelli who photographed the events.

SECOND GRADUATION SESSION A.Y. 2015/2016 IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS

The second part of the second graduation session for the academic year 2015/2016 in CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS was held on Thursday, 15th December, 2016

The commission evaluated the final papers of the following nine candidates:

Abati Martina (Colere – BG)

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CREATION OF A CYCLE-HIKING PATH AT HIGH ALTITUDE IN THE EASTERN OROBIE PREALPS

Balsarini Fabio (Gianico – BS)

MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION ISSUES IN THE WB BREWERY IN VALLE CAMONICA

Bigatti Daniele (Esine – BS)

SMALL FRUITS: TAYBERRY CULTIVATION IN VALLECAMONICA

Colombo Simone (Vobarno – BS)

CULTIVATION AND VALORISATION OF AN ANCIENT BEAN VARIETY OF THE MOUNTAINS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRESCIA: COPAFAM

Faifer Luca (Bormio – SO)

FOREST USE: A COMPARISON OF TRADITIONAL AND CURRENT METHODS

Filisetti Lorenzo (Clusone – BG)

SOIL CHEMICAL-EVOLUTION AND FERTILITY IN THE CLUSONE AREA (VAL SERIANA, BG)

Marchignani Enrico (Orvieto – TR)

NEW METHODS OF APPLE-GROWING

Patelli Matteo (Gaverina Terme – BG)

TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF A DAIRY FARM

Salogni Andrea (Brescia)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN A DAIRY FARM CONVERTING TO ORGANIC METHODS IN VALLEY CAMONICA

You can see the final papers of Edolo students who graduated in previous sessions on the Unimont portal.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVANCED COURSE IN SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS 60 HOURS MARCH – MAY 2017.

Mountain University – UNIMI in partnership with the University of Eastern Piedmont, is an innovative course which utilizes the specialist knowledge of both institutions to provide **knowledge, useful tools, new models and approaches to effectively promote the tourism sector in mountain areas.**

The course offers **60 hours of lessons** with experts in the tourism sector analyzing a large number of successful examples at a national and international level to provide information and inspiration to improve or set up businesses in the tourism sector.

During the course, participants will discover successful strategies and the skills required to meet the needs of tourists and travellers nowadays. In the foreground the use of new technologies, direct contact with local communities and local traditional knowledge, immersive and emotional experiences which can make each area unique.

The course is aimed at those who want to specialize in the field, young entrepreneurs, managers of mountain refuges, B & Bs, agritourisms, and those working in catering, wellness and sport, for extreme activities or slow exploration, tourist guides and local administrators who wish to create a future for their towns and villages, and will offer professional training and discussion useful to understand how to interpret and manage activities in a sector which is expanding and is in continual evolution, despite the recession, and therefore offers considerable employment potential.

Applications for admission must be submitted by 9th February, 2017, but those interested should write to corso.edolo@unimi.it

Participants will be selected on the basis of their CV.

The course is open to a minimum of 17 and a maximum of 30 applicants.

Lessons will be held at Unimont and in the virtual classroom, from March to May 2017.

A timetable specifying days and times of lectures and seminars will soon be available.

The course is sponsored by:

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13th JANUARY 2017 - THIRD SYMPOSIUM "SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN TOURISM ALLIANCE"

“Building a Meta-Network”, with a special focus on “Tourism and circular economy”

13th January, 2017 - Oстана, Valle Po, Piedmont, Italy

The third symposium of the Sustainable Mountain Tourism Alliance will be held in Oстана (Cuneo) and will focus on the Italian mountains in relation to neighbouring countries (France, Switzerland, Austria).

After the first international symposium in Chur in 2015 and the second in Chamonix in 2016, the third symposium in Oстана aims to bring together Italian partners with the representatives of other Alpine countries, and to foster international exchange among those engaged in the field of sustainable development.

Focus

A specific focus will be dedicated to good sustainability practices and the opportunity to create a resilient mountain economy.

Aims

Participants will be those working in the tourism sector, regional and local administrators, representatives of associations and non-governmental organizations, universities and research centres,

[Visit the website](#)

To register for the symposium, please send an email to: network@sustainablemountaintourism.org by 23rd December 2016.

GIUSEPPE POLITI DEGREE AWARD - EDITION 2017

CIA-Italian Farmers has decided to award, for the third consecutive year, the "GIUSEPPE POLITI" prize for a thesis degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to celebrate forty years of activity.

The Prize is for a total of € 5,000.00 (five thousand) gross of tax for a student who has discussed a master's/specialist degree thesis during the 2015/2016 academic year.

Applications can be made from 1st February 2017 to 31st March 2017 and the selection of the winner, by a Scientific Committee, will be made public (on the website www.cia.it) from 1st June 2017.

For more information on how to apply please visit the website www.cia.it



"ANTENNAS" PROJECT

One of the main objectives of the Mountain University in 2017 is to enlarge its **active network of organizations which 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.

The "**Antennas project**" represents an important part of this network

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 i;
- 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.

Those interested in joining the network can write to:

gesdimont@unimi.it

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



TRAINING and JOB OFFERS

MARKETING AND CONSUMER CULTURE THEORY. KEDGE BUSINESS SCHOOL - MARSEILLE (FRANCE)

KEDGE Business School is seeking a Post – Doc researcher in Marketing and Consumer Culture Theory.

practices related to food production and consumption. Food heritage goes beyond products to include productive landscapes and traditional knowledge on production techniques, consumption customs and rituals, and the transmission of ancient knowledge. Depopulation, ageing population and globalization put Alpine food heritage at risk of disappearing.

The project will create a sustainable development model for peripheral mountain areas based on the preservation/valorization of the Alpine Space cultural food heritage and on the adoption of innovative marketing and governance tools. As a future perspective, the Alpine community could aspire to inscribe the Alpine food heritage on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list.

The ideal candidate should hold a Ph.D. (or should be near to complete a Ph.D.). The position is part-time (80%, or the equivalent of 4 days per week). The candidate should be well versed in qualitative research methods, with a focus on observant participation, long interviews, and netnography (digital ethnography). The project language is English, but the candidate should also be able to speak French. Knowledge of Italian or German is a plus, but not required.

The position is based in Marseille, but frequent field trips are planned for research mainly in France, Italy and Switzerland and for meetings (throughout the Alps).

The application deadline is January 10th, 2017

[Download the call for position](#)

ERSAF IS LOOKING FOR A MANAGER FOR THE ROSELLO DI SOPRA HUT, IN VALGRIGNA (BRESCIA)

ERSAF is looking for managers for the **Rosello di Sopra hut**, located in **Esine (BS) at 1720 m in the Valgrigna Forest**. The place is easy to reach (about 4,5 km from Plan di Montecampione with a jeep) and could offer not only accommodation and food for trekkers, but also educational activities.

The **deadline is 31st January** to answer to the public announcement on ERSAF website. Requests will be evaluated for a three years concession. The **minimum rate is 3000€ per year**.

For further information [click here](#)

ERSAF OFFERS

There are many calls open for jobs, collaboration and also for the management of mountain farms, refuges or pastures on the website of the [Ente Regionale per i Servizi all'Agricoltura e alle Foreste](#). We invite you to periodically consult the [dedicated page](#) to stay up-to-date on job opportunities in ERSAF.

[Download the calls](#)



SERVICES for MOUNTAIN AREAS

MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

The Mountain University is constantly updating the section of its portal dedicated to mountain legislation, where professionals, administrators and researchers can find analytical references and details of laws regarding mountain areas which are disseminated at a provincial, regional, national and European level.

Visit the website page at www.unimontagna.it

SEMINARS and WEBINARS

"HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK ASSESSMENT OF CHEESE-MAKING ACTIVITIES IN MOUNTAIN PASTURE FARMSTEADS" - Guidelines for the simplification of the application of the HACCP system"

19th January 2017 - 3.30 p.m.

"IMPORTANCE OF FOREST PROTECTION AND BIO-ENGINEERING WORKS IN HYDROGEOLOGICAL RISK AREAS"

24th January 2017 - 3.30 p.m.

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in MontagnaTV, 8 dicembre 2016

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"Italian Mountain Lab": Cipe approva e finanzia

in Qui Brescia, 6 dicembre 2016

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

ON-LINE COURSE IN MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION - Development of mountain areas: strategies, tools and governance - October - December 2016

Jointly organized by **Fondazione Montagne Italia**, the **Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont.** and by the **Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Milan**, in line with the **Framework Agreement between the Italian Ministry of Education and the University of Milan with its Edolo Campus (BS)**, the course has been **successful both in terms of quality and of the number of students enrolled.**

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