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## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### THE UNIMONT NETWORK CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Unimont has, for years, been committed to building a network for the mountains to join forces, create opportunities, provide support in complex situations and find solutions to optimize both the management of mountain areas and costs, as well as meeting the requirements of local communities.

The 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 now signed a new agreement with the [University of Eastern Piedmont](#), in order to cooperate on initiatives regarding mountain issues, hence strengthening their impact and enhancing their effectiveness nationwide.

The prestigious University of Eastern Piedmont joins those of Brescia, Florence, Milan, Padua and Turin, which have been part of the network since 2013.

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### JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT TO ENROL FOR THE COURSE ON MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

11th April is the enrolment deadline for the advanced course in "Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas".

The training course aims to provide knowledge and skills related to specific legal regulations and issues, as well as developing methodological aspects, so as to provide the tools for understanding and applying legislation issued by various institutions and organizations (regional, national or international) regarding mountain issues.

It is aimed at all those involved in development intervention and policies for mountain areas and for those who work in contact with public authorities and mountain institutions that, at this time of transition, can benefit from new legislation aimed at "vertical territories".

**ENROL NOW!**

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Unimont has scheduled a free conference introducing the course (visit the section **CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS** for further information).

### "NERO SPINOSO" CORN OF VALLECAMONICA

The process to register the "nero spinoso" corn of Vallecamonica in the conservation varieties section of the Italian National Register of Agricultural and Horticultural Species has ended successfully. The application was submitted by the Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas ([Ge.S.Di.Mont.](#)) in collaboration with the Municipalities of [Piancogno](#) and [Esine](#) in March 2016. In January 2016 the [Ministerial Decree dated 12/14/2015](#) was published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic, important

The registration of this ancient variety represents an important attainment safeguarding Italian agro-biodiversity and enriching the agro-food heritage of the Valle Camonica. The "nero spinoso" corn project is part of the work carried out at the Edolo centre to promote mountain agriculture and the specificities of the territory, focusing on unique and high-quality products.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the "nero spinoso" corn.

[Click here](#) to visit our Blog Red Gold of the Alps dedicated to saffron.

#### LOCAL CALLS 2016

The Fondazione della Comunità Bergamasca has published its local calls for 2016: an opportunity for non-profit organizations and the area as a whole.

Funding for the 9 calls amounts to 1,600,000 Euros together with 350,000 Euros allocated by the Conference of Mayors, for a total of 1,950,000 Euros.

Funding will be allocated to "standard" calls in social, cultural and artistic sectors, with additional targeted subdivisions, and also allows for calls in partnership with institutions. New this year, the call dedicated to micro-funding, developed following public consultation with stakeholders last December: the intention is to send a positive signal to individual local communities for the realization of small-scale projects in both social and cultural sectors.

The texts of the calls are available on the [relevant page](#).

Details of each call are available in the [Unimont section dedicated to calls](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WILDLIFE: OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS

A meeting will be held on wildlife, as part of the project "[Eco-Food Chain](#)" by UNIMONT, [ARS.UNI.VCO](#) and [Unione Montana Alta Ossola](#) on 11th April, at 9:45 am, at the Foro Boario of Crodo (VB). During the meeting Dr. Luca Pellicoli, PhD, Veterinary surgeon, will discuss issues regarding the significant increase of wild ungulates in mountain areas, explaining that in some regions this increase has been accompanied by the return of large predators, leading to conservation issues.

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

#### ADVANCED COURSE IN EUROPEAN PLANNING NOW STARTING

Enrolment for the Advanced Course in Project Management for mountain areas officially closed on 16th March.

Applications were made by high level candidates from all over Italy and were assessed by the evaluation committee on 21st March.

The Iseo Vallecamonica Sebino Franciacorta Club of [Soroptimist International](#), a women's organization which works for the promotion of human rights, the advancement of women's status and the acceptance of diversity, decided to award a scholarship to Sonia Visioli.

Participants are now ready to face this professional challenge and to create projects that will be in the running for European funding.

For further information, please refer to the [relevant page](#) or to the [course poster](#).

#### A SPECIAL DAY IN MEMORY OF ALIDA BRUNI

On 20th April, the Mountain University will remember one of its most important and loyal collaborators: Alida Bruni. She was a real mainstay for the Mountain University, which benefited from her commitment, from her constant and continuing enthusiasm in inventing and managing activities, in animating, in the deepest sense of the word, the projects of young people – the future as a noble and challenging goal to achieve and improve.

And, just as Alida would have wanted, the day will be full of fun, sharing and enthusiasm for the mountains and will consist in two separate but related events. In the morning there will be a

free of charge by [ERSAF](#), will be opened in the afternoon. During the event Unimont graduates will also exhibit their works of art and craft.

All those interested are invited.

Poster coming soon.

#### 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 will travel to Ceva (CN) to the Training Centre – Military Barracks M.O.V.M. Ten. Col. Giuseppe Galliano, of the State Forestry Corps. The students, accompanied by lecturers, will enjoy a week of activities aimed at enriching their knowledge of agriculture and forestry. In particular they will be able to follow 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.

#### 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 cultural heritage into opportunities for the sustainable development and economic growth of such areas. The course aims to provide participants with a wide view both geographically 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](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it).

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## "ANTENNAS" PROJECT

#### 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;

- involve others in the area interested in joining and promoting the "Antennas" network.

Those interested in joining the network can write to: [comunicazione.montagna@unimi.it](mailto: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 to [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it).

### INTERNSHIP CAPRA BIONDA DELL'ADAMELLO

Students are urgently required for the internship: "Study of Goat breeding – Capra Bionda dell'Adamello". In particular, students will have to monitor the daily intake of lactating goats, and to evaluate specific rations depending on the stage of lactation. They will also follow the phases of milking, monitoring milk production and quality, as well as the milk processing stages for the production of Fatulù cheese. The objective is to study the problems related to the management of a herd of Capra Bionda dell'Adamello goats selected for improvement of the breed in the area of Cevo (BS) assessing managerial, production, dairy and economic aspects.

For further information write to [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it).

### ZOOTECHNY AND AGRONOMY INTERNSHIP

The internship: "Environmental, zootechnical and sustainability assessment of Alpine pasture" is available in Alpine pasture in the municipality of Toscolano Maderno (BS).

The objective is to draw up a project of sustainable development in the area taking into account livestock and agronomic (herbaceous and wood production) production potential, and any tourist and economic aspects of future sustainable development.

Students will have to collect data from every possible source (land registry, archives, historical documents ...), carry out surveys on the current situation of pasture and forest areas (use of pastures, types of forests, maintenance, road network ...) and elaborate potential improvement strategies. 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](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it).

### INTERNSHIP PLANT BIOLOGY

UNIMONT students who have passed the exam in Plant Biology and Plant Ecology can apply for the internship: "Distribution of *Linaria tonzigii* in upper Val Brembana (Monte Cavallo, Orobie Bergamo)".

*Linaria tonzigii* is a rare and steno-endemic plant of the Bergamo Prealps inserted in the IUCN red list of threatened species and Annex II of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). Currently *Linaria tonzigii* populations are only partially in protected areas; it is therefore necessary to identify examples of this species and activate appropriate conservation procedures.

The work will mainly consist in surveying and mapping *Linaria tonzigii* in an area of the Orobie Bergamo (Monte Cavallo, Valleve, BG) which is not protected in order to have a detailed picture of the presence of this species in the area and to evaluate possible conservation strategies.

Field work will be conducted mainly during summer 2016. The data collected will be analysed using GIS software at the Ge.S.Di.Mont centre in Edolo.

For more information write to [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it).

**Euromontana** celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and to celebrate this important event, the Association would like to involve young people, especially those who are 20 years old (more or less). Thus, is collecting feedback on the following subject: **what do you expect from mountain areas and how do you see your future in mountain areas? The point of view of young people.** The aim is to know if young people would like to live in mountain areas, what embedded them to live in mountain areas or what would they welcome in order to stay in mountain areas. Students can write some texts or do some short videos or... be creative (poems, paintings, etc.) All these inputs will be presented during our **European Mountain Convention** in Bragança from 3 to 5 October 2016.

For more information write to [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto: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. Paleocology 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 Palinology and Paleocology 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.

[Download the poster.](#)

#### PASTURS PROJECT

Two very important species that spark both enthusiasm and controversy are returning to the Orobie mountains: the bear and the wolf. The conflict between large carnivores and livestock activities is one of the main reasons for the persecution carried out by man against these predators. The risk of potential damage can be reduced through the adoption of preventive measures. The Pasturs project has been set up to train young people as regards these preventive measures.

For adults who love the outdoor life taking part in this project can be a memorable experience, helping shepherds, contributing to the protection of bears and wolves, and supporting traditional farming.

[Download the brochure.](#)

[Visit the website.](#)

#### YOUNG ACADEMICS AWARD

The competition "Young Academics Award 2016: Green economy in the Alps" is aimed at young graduates interested in mountain issues.

The initiative, 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**, will reward the best master's degree theses, written in 2014, 2015 and 2016, on the theme of the green economy in the Alps

The application deadline is 30th April 2016.

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

[Click here](#) for the application form.



## SERVICES for MOUNTAIN AREAS

mountain areas: a section of the portal dedicated to mountain legislation.

Unimont's goal is to create the first systematized database containing legislation regarding activities taking place in upland areas.

In this section, updated monthly, you can find regulations and legislation relating to different mountain sectors, from agriculture to construction, from tourism to cultural heritage.

The section targets public authorities, but also entrepreneurs, university and other students, researchers, international organizations, associations and NGOs.

A brief description allows users to access content easily in order to quickly understand if it is relevant to their interests. Information is provided about current legislation and updates according to the sector of interest.

The database contains international, EU, Italian and regional legislation as well as that regarding the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano.

[Click here](#) to access the section on legislation.

The course "Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas" is now starting for those interested in legislation regarding mountain areas and those who work in contact with public administration.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## SEMINARS and WEBINARS

### INTRODUCTION TO MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

There will be a free meeting introducing mountain legislation in Edolo on Tuesday, 19th April at 4 p.m.. The workshop is a preview of the advanced course "Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas" and will offer a taste of the contents of the training course, starting from the basis of the Italian legal system: the Constitution.

*Dr. Ciro Amato* will help us to discover 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.

Participants will find out that law is something active and vital and that understanding it and knowing how to interpret laws that regulate processes that affect us is the first step on the way to achieving our objectives.

The meeting can be seen via streaming by [registering at this link](#).

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### SEMINAR ON THE GUNS OF GUSPESSA

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" will be held at the Unimont headquarters, on Thursday, 21st April, 2016, at 8.30 p.m..

This new book of the [Servizio Archivistico Comprensoriale di 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:

*"In November–December 1624, the Republic of Venice sent a battery of cannons to Valtellina to support the French army under the command of the Marquis Coeuvres. The guns were transported from Brescia, where the main arsenal of Western Terra Ferma was situated, across Lake Iseo and Valcamonica. Here, the municipality of Edolo hosted the operation coordinator, Marc'Antonio Canal Provveditore in Valcamonica".*

*Dr. Simon Signaroli*, will be explaining the journey of the famous guns.

The meeting can be seen via streaming by [registering at this link](#).

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Unimont has organized the seminar "The return of the wolf: the WolfAlps project" for 28th April, in the afternoon and 29th April, in the morning. The speakers, as well as explaining the project's objectives and methods, will also be talking about this wonderful animal, focusing on problems connected with wolf conservation, with particular reference to the Alps and to Lombardy, as well as on how wolves can coexist with humans, methods to prevent damage to pastures and the role of communication in the conservation of large carnivores. Speakers are from [Lombardy Region](#), [Istituto Oikos](#) and [Cooperativa Eliante](#). More information about the event will be available soon on the Unimont portal.

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



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[Visit the magazine website.](#)



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### SECOND TECHNICAL TABLE ON SAFFRON

The second technical table concerning the cultivation of saffron (*Crocus sativus*) was held at the Mountain University in Edolo on Friday, 11th March. The event was attended in Edolo or online via a virtual classroom by a number of producers from all over Italy. The technical table was chaired by the Ge.S.Di.Mont. Director (Annamaria Giorgi) and a team of researchers from the Mountain University that deals with issues concerning saffron (Daniela Pentimalli, Sara Panseri and Luca Giupponi) and qualitative analysis of the spice.

The event was an opportunity to inform producers (experienced and novice) about the many activities that Unimont has carried out and is planning in order to support and improve the cultivation of saffron and also allowed an exchange of information between farmers and researchers, providing useful insights which can be the basis for future activities aimed at

[Click here](#) to review the recording of the event.

[Click here](#) to visit our Blog Red Gold of the Alps dedicated to saffron.

#### SERIES OF LECTURES WITH THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VALLECAMONICA

The last two events in February ended the series of meetings on the history and anthropology of the Alps, organized by [SSA Val Cam – Anthropological and Historical Society of Vallecamonica](#).

On 1st March *Dr. Ivan Faiferri* talked about the world of "Ancient cadastres and land registers: historical sources for studying the territory". The meeting was divided into two parts: a short lecture, providing tips for finding and consulting ancient land registers, and a workshop phase, during which participants performed a small research project in the Edolo area by examining the Napoleonic cadastre.

[Click here to review the recording of the event.](#)

On 3rd March Dr. Loris Bendotti talked about "The intangible value of knowledge concerning nature and practices: a tool for Alpine communities".

The meeting introduced the category of intangible cultural heritage, as defined by UNESCO and by the Lombardy Region and demonstrated the cultural and production value of this traditional know-how by providing some examples.

[Click here to review the recording of the event.](#)

#### ALPS BENCHMARKING REPORT

The new "Alps Benchmarking Report", that compares the socio-economic profiles of 6 Alpine provinces was presented in Milan on 19th February.

Alps Benchmarking is a joint initiative of the Chambers of Commerce of [Bolzano](#), [Trento](#), [Sondrio](#), [Aosta](#), [Cuneo](#) and [Verbano-Cusio-Ossola](#), in order to share economic data, experience and good practice and to promote sustainable development in the Alps.

The "Alps Benchmarking Report" can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).



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