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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

SECOND CARAVAN OF THE ALPS' SUMMIT

On Saturday 2nd July, 2016, at the Cultural Center Lou Pourtounore of Ostana (Cuneo), from 9:00 to 18:00 will be held the Second Caravan of the Alps' Summit, dealing with the theme of: "The mountain resettlement between administrative rules and land management". The initiative, promoted by [Legambiente](#) and the [municipality of Ostana](#), sponsored by the [Regional Council of Piedmont](#), will see the participation of various institutions engaged in the promotion and development of the mountain areas. The Mountain University, represented by Anna Giorgi and Emanuela Zilio, will be present confirming that Unimont collaborates in all the alpine areas where mountains are resources and not a disadvantage.

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

PRE-ENROLMENT FOR THE DEGREE COURSE IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS

The degree courses of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences have all been with closed-number access since the academic year 2014-15. This is the case also for the Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas which takes place in Edolo. Students therefore have to register for an entry test and pass the selection procedure (admission depends on a candidate's position in the ranking of test results). The test is the same for all the degree programmes and takes place at the same time.

Pre-enrolment opens on 15th July and ends on 26th August 2016 and the entry test will be held in Milan on 5th September, 2016 at 9.00 am.

75 places are available for the course in Edolo.

For more information about the test and on the rankings please [see the relevant page](#).

ALVINA PROJECT STARTS: WALK THROUGH THE ALPS IN 2 STAGES WITH EDOLO AT THE CENTRE

Walk through the Alps in 2 stages: from Trieste to Edolo and then from Ventimiglia to Edolo, with the Mountain University at the centre. This is the dream, now becoming reality, of Prof. [Marcello Duranti](#) of the University of Milan. Alvina is an acronym for "Alpine Virtual Nation", to evoke the idea of a single united Alpine Region. But how can this idea be represented in practical terms? Prof Duranti has chosen an itinerary which covers the whole of the Italian alps, with Edolo (BS), with its Mountain University – a University of Milan campus – the objective for both journeys, demonstrating how culture and science can help to enhance this unique territory. A symbolic embrace that includes many of the 48 Alpine areas in seven European countries, in order to gain experience and (re) discover all types of "diversity": first of all, bio-diversity, but also topo diversity and ethno-diversity as well as climate diversity.

Marcello Duranti left from Opicina, Trieste, on 11th June, and you can follow him on his

him at the end of his first journey!

ANNA GIORGI SPEAKER FOR WIRE 2016

The [Vanguard Initiative](#) – new growth through smart specialization – organized a conference as part of the Week of Innovative Regions of Europe ([WIRE 2016](#)) in Eindhoven on 9th June.

The conference, on the theme of "Cross-Regional Partnerships for new industrial value chains: lessons from past experiences and future needs", centred on experiences of cross-regional collaboration for industrial processing, identifying bottlenecks and emerging needs, and opened the way towards future political developments. The session brought together high-level speakers, including Anna Giorgi, lecturer at the Mountain University and leader of the Eusalp Action group on research and innovation.

[Click here to find out more about Vanguard Initiative.](#)

[Click here to find out more about WIRE 2016.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

COURSE ABOUT MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

The Mountain University, thanks to the Framework Convention stipulated between the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Production, Landscape, Agroenergy ([DISAA](#)) and the Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas (GESDIMONT), will work with the Fondazione Montagne Italia ([FMI](#)) to perform educational activities and research.

Fondazione Montagne Italia was established in August 2014, on the initiative of [UNCEM](#) and [FEDERBIM](#), in order to effectively support mountain municipalities, unions of mountain municipalities and BIM Consortia, combining heritage, resources, skills and regional networks and promoting the development of mountain regions.

The first step in this partnership will be the joint organization of a training course dedicated to mountain legislation entitled: "The development of mountain areas: strategies, tools and governance".

The course, open to high school and university graduates, is aimed in particular at staff of Public Administrations in mountain areas (park authorities, regions and provinces, including those which are autonomous, mountain unions, etc.), as well as at the staff of international organizations and local administrators, but is also open to all those who have dealings with Public Administrations (technicians, public companies, private companies and consultants). The course, lasting 37 hours, will be taught entirely via the virtual classroom, and will start in September 2016.

More information will shortly be available on the websites of the Mountain University and Fondazione Montagne Italia.

For more information contact us at (+39) 0364-71324.



"ANTENNAS" PROJECT

One of the main objectives of the Mountain University is to set up an 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

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

Those interested in joining the network can write to:

comunicazione.montagna@unimi.it

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TRAINING and JOB OFFERS

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 alpine pastures present in these areas. The objective is to draw up a project to develop the area which takes account of livestock and agronomic (herbaceous and woody) production 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.

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.

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.



SERVICES for MOUNTAIN AREAS

A SHOWCASE FOR MOUNTAIN ENTREPRENEURS

The Mountain University welcomes information about all mountain entrepreneurs who want to share their experience regarding the quality of their products, innovation in production

The selected companies will get their own space on the [relevant page](#) of the Unimont portal, enabling them to become more widely known beyond their local area.

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

Entrepreneurs and producers can describe their activities, sending a detailed profile to the email unimont@unimi.it. They will then be contacted by Edolo centre staff.

All our portal users are invited to visit the [pages dedicated to mountain entrepreneurship](#), in order to discover the excellent products of mountain areas and, for those who are thinking of starting a business in mountain areas, to find new ideas.

We also remind you that the pages of Unimont portal dedicated to [mountain legislation](#) and [financing competitions](#) are constantly updated.



SEMINARS and WEBINARS

START CUP LOMBARDIA

The Mountain University streamed the conference “START CUP LOMBARDIA 2016: PRESENTATION AND TESTIMONIALS”, which took place on 8th June at 4.30 p.m. at Milan University.

Start Cup Lombardia, now in its 14th edition, is a competition that aims to identify and reward the best business ideas arising in university which are highly innovative in the sectors of Information Technology & Services; Life Science & Agrofood; Clean & Industrial Technologies. It is organized by universities and university incubators in Lombardy and promoted by the Lombardy Region which, for the 2016 edition, is providing a total of 120,000 Euros in prize money!

It is aimed primarily at undergraduates, graduates, doctoral and PhD students, fellows or research fellows, researchers, lecturers – who can present their applications individually or in teams – but also to companies set up in 2016. Entry to the competition is free and the deadline for submission of applications is 19th September 2016.

The announcement and details can be found on the website of the initiative.

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

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

INAUGURATION RESTARTALP CAMPUS

The opening event of the ReStartAlp campus, the first incubator for the development of business ideas and start-ups engaged in typical supply chains in Alpine areas was held on 20th June in Premia, Verbano Cusio Ossola,

Speakers included Francesca Zanetta of Fondazione Cariplo; Fausto Braitto, Mayor of Premia; Stefano Costa, President of the province of VCO; Alessandro Garrone, President of the Fondazione Garrone; Sergio Urbani, General Director of the Cariplo Foundation; Anna Giorgi, Director Ge.S.Di.Mont.; Elisabetta Parravicini, ERSAF President and EUROMONTANA Vice-President; Enrico Borghi, President UNCEM; Giorgio Masio, winner of ReStartApp 2014 and Sonia Spagnoli, UNIMONT student and young alpine farmer.

The Mountain University has always supported and contributed to the organization of the initiative, which adopts the positive experience of ReStartApp, a project developed in the Apennines, and that once again invests in young people in order to give a new impulse to mountain areas.

[Click here to learn more ReStartAlp.](#)

FIELD TRIP TO VAL FONTANA (CHIURO – SONDRIO)

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June students of the second and third year of the degree course in "Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas" went on a field trip to Val Fontana (Chiuro, SO) accompanied by Prof. Silvana Mattiello, Prof. Giorgio Scari and Dr. Luca Giupponi.

The trip, which took place at the end of the course in "Wildlife Heritage Management", held by Prof. Mattiello, allowed students to observe various alpine ungulates (deer, roe deer and chamois) in their natural environment. This allowed students to test and expand the knowledge learned during theory lessons. The trip ended with a visit to the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Chiuro where there were several injured wild animals undergoing rehabilitation.

FIELD TRIP TO ALPE CULINO (VAL GEROLA – SONDRIO)

On Tuesday, 14th June students of the first year of the degree course in "Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas" went on a field trip to Val Gerola (Alpe Culino, Rasura SO), accompanied by Dr. Luca Giupponi and Giordano Giumelli (ERSAF Morbegno). During the trip students were able to concretely appreciate the complexity of Alpine agro-ecosystems, paying particular attention to botanical-forestry and agro-pastoral aspects of

these places that are the result of the perfect balance between nature and human activity. A big thank you to the AF technicians and staff at the Morbegno base who showed students the important work carried out to support those who live and work in the mountains, and for the conservation of nature and the mountain territory.



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