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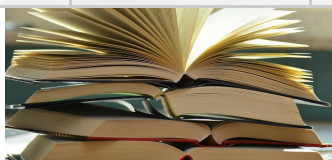
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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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 also the case 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.

The deadline for pre-enrolment is on 26th August, 2016 at 12 noon 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](#).

UNIMONT- OPENING HOURS TO THE PUBLIC

In August, the Edolo Office will be open from: **Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 12.30.**

From 6th to 21st August the office will be closed.

During this time you can contact us by e-mail at corso.edolo@unimi.it

NEW MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Bona Tobia (Mori – TN)

“CHIRONOMID FAUNA (DIPTERA: CHIRONOMIDAE) OF THE PRESENA AND VERMIGLIANA STREAMS (TN); ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS THAT AFFECT COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE ALPS”

Bontempi Layla (Marone – BS)

“FOOD CONTROL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF LOMBARDY AND EMILIA ROMAGNA”

Del Bravo Costanza (Prato – PO)

“RECOVERY OF ANCIENT VARIETIES OF PLUMS: THE “BROGN MISCHI””

Gianoli Marta (Sondalo – SO)

Libassi Linda (Busto Garolfo – MI)

“SURVEY OF BEEKEEPING IN THE VALDOSTANA AREA”

2nd July, 2016 - THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY AT THE SECOND SUMMIT OF THE ALPINE CARAVAN IN OSTANA

The **Second Summit of the Caravan of the Alps** organized by Legambiente, dealing with:

"Resettlement of mountain areas: administrative reorganization and territorial management" was

held on Saturday, **2nd July, 2016**, at the Centro Polifunzionale e Culturale Lou Pourtounore in Ostana (Cuneo), from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The event, promoted by Legambiente and by the municipality of Ostana and sponsored by the Regional Council of Piedmont involved many institutions working for the promotion and development of mountain areas.

Representatives of Uncem, Legambiente, Cipra Italia, the Maritime Alps Park and the Monviso Park were joined by the Mountain University, represented by **Anna Giorgi and Emanuela Zilio**, confirming that Unimont collaborates and is present in all alpine areas where mountains are seen as a resource and not as a disadvantage. During the afternoon, regional and municipal councilors spoke about best practices in mountainous areas, such as Ostana, which have been able to reverse the depopulation trend by giving new life and a new future for upland areas based on local traditions. The event also provided the opportunity to exchange seeds and small plants of local vegetable varieties.

18th JULY, 2016: PRESENTATION OF THE 2nd MOUNTAIN REPORT ITALY 2016 ROME - THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

The presentation of the **2nd report on the Mountains of Italy 2016** was held on Monday 18th July in the Group Room of the **Chamber of Deputies** - Palazzo dei Gruppi - Via Uffici del Vicario 21, Rome. The speakers were: Hon. Enrico Borghi (President of the Parliamentary Intergroup for the development of Mountain Areas); Giampiero Lupatelli (Fondazione Montagne Italia); Luca Lo Bianco (Scientific Director Fondazione Montagne Italia); Fabio Piacenti (Fondazione Montagne Italia).

The President of the Cariplo Foundation Giuseppe Guzzetti, the President of the Garrone Foundation Alessandro Garrone, the Undersecretary for Regional Affairs and Autonomy Gianclaudio Bressa, Prof. Fabrizio Barca, the President of the Parliamentary Environment Committee Hon. Ermete Realacci, the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Policies Andrea Olivero, Labour Undersecretary Hon. Luigi Bobba, the Council of Ministers Presidency Undersecretary Hon. Claudio De Vincenti, the Undersecretary for Economic Development Hon. Antonello Giacomelli, Dr. Massimo Bruno (Enel) and the Director of Confcooperative Dr. Giovanni Teneggi were invited to the debate.

Findings will be entrusted to the Minister for Regional Affairs and Autonomy Enrico Costa.

28th JULY 2016: 1st STAGE OF ALVINA PROJECT COMPLETED: 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 a 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 arrived in Edolo on 28th July.

See his itinerary on the [dedicated page](#).

(T)ITUDINI D’INNOVAZIONE” FOR EXILLESFEST2016 – TURIN AND THE ALPS

On Saturday 6th August 2016 **Anna Giorgi (Mountain University), together with** Luca Mercalli (Nimbus); Marco Bussone (UNCEN Piedmont); Beppe Dematteis (Dislivelli), will take part in this meeting, with an introduction by Antonio De Rossi (Polytechnic University of Turin), focusing on how the mountains have always been a space for experimentation and innovation. While this aspect of the territory has not always been fully appreciated, it is in the Alps that European science has made essential discoveries for the modern world; it is in the Alpine region that fundamental technological innovations for cities and plains have been experimented. Today the mountains are seen primarily as a place for conservation: of nature, of history, of cultures. **But can the Alps once again act as a space for innovation and development?**

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE GRANTING OF EIGHT ERSAF ALPINE FARMSTEADS

One is in Valtellina, one in the province of Bergamo and six in the province of Brescia

In early 2017, ERSAF will put out a tender for the granting of eight alpine farmsteads in the Lombardy region.

One is in Valtellina, one in the province of Bergamo and six in the province of Brescia.

In order to provide those interested with further information and to allow necessary inspections in good time, the regional authority has published a preliminary notice for expression of interest.

Those interested can contact ERSAF by 9th September 2016: in this way they will be invited - when the competition starts - to present their offer as specified in the notice.

In detail, the alpine farmsteads are:

- a) **Malga Pioda-Cameraccio, Foresta Valmasino, Municipality of Valmasino (Sondrio)**
- b) **Malga Azzaredo, Foresta Azzaredo Casù, Municipality of Mezzoldo (Bergamo)**
- c) **Malga Campolungo, Foresta Valgrigna, Municipality of Bienno (Brescia)**
- d) **Malga Cigoletto with Stabile Solato, Foresta Valgrigna (Brescia)**
- e) **Malga Vesta di Cima, Foresta Gardesana (Brescia)**
- f) **Pascolo Glisuner, Foresta Valle di Scalve, Municipality of Angolo Terme (Brescia)**
- g) **Pascolo Scandolaro, Foresta Valgrigna, Municipality of Esine (Brescia)**
- h) **Pascolo Dos Boscà, Foresta Gardesana, Municipality of Valvestino (Brescia)**

A description of the alpine farmsteads can be found on the ERSAF site:

www.ersaf.lombardia.it/Alpeggi/

The alpine farmsteads are part of the heritage that ERSAF manages, on behalf of the Lombardy Region, in 20 regional forests. Of varying size and characteristics, they are granted to farms by tender, mainly for several years at a time. These concessions periodically expire and may be renewed or put out to tender as is in this case.

ERSAF recently changed the rules regarding the concession procedure to provide more incentives for **young farmers, and generally for local family-run farms** which can make a significant impact on the **conservation of biodiversity and landscape** and help maintain mountain areas.

To see the notice: www.ersaf.lombardia.it/Bandi_gara/



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATION IN THE MAIN BRITISH SPECIALITY FINE FOOD FAIR

The 'Speciality Fine Food Fair 2016', will take place at the Olympia Conference Centre in **London** from **4th to 6th September**.

Speciality Fine Food London, now in its 17th edition, is the main showcase in Great Britain for quality food products and for their promotion with professional agents and buyers of European and international origin.

QUALITY PRODUCTS -The event is aimed in particular at small-scale producers displaying high quality food and drinks. In the last edition there were 793 exhibitors and 11,500 visitors from delis, retailers, restaurants, hotels, caterers, wholesalers, distributors and importers.

<http://www.specialityandfinefoodfairs.co.uk/>

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 UNCEN 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 deal 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 October 2016.

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

For more information contact us at 0364-71324.

MACRO-REGIONAL INNOVATION WEEK

Trieste, 26th -30th September 2016

Innovation is a phenomenon closely linked to local social and environmental conditions, and is highly dependent on the economic, scientific, academic, human and intellectual background of the surrounding area.

The macro-regional innovation week will promote awareness of local and international policies and allow administrators, researchers, entrepreneurs and all those who are working in innovation and transfer of technology proposes to share best practices.

The week aims to facilitate the exchange of views and knowledge among different stakeholders, with a particular focus on supporting the development of sustainable and competitive innovation among macro-regions.

Seminars and workshops will focus on regions which are close from a historical and economic viewpoint and which are included in the macro-regional strategy areas (the Danube Region, the Adriatic-Ionian Region, the Alpine Region).

The macro-regional innovation week will look at different levels of governance, from an international to national, regional and local levels.

For the programme of the Macro-Regional Innovation Week and for more information see [Call for Participation](#)

DEADLINE 21st August, 2016



"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 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;
- 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

[Click here](#) for further information on the project.



TRAINING and JOB OFFERS

INTERNSHIP ON PASTURE ASSESSMENT

An internship is available to be carried out in the municipalities of Parre, Gorno, Oneta, Ponte Nossia 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.

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 and/or communication and marketing, as well as the conservation and enhancement of mountain areas and local traditions.

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

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

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

RE START APP

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.

<http://www.restartalp.it/>

CLOSING CONFERENCE OF THE ECO - FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN PROJECT

and the Union of Municipalities of Alta Ossola organized the Closing Conference of the Eco-Food Supply Chain project, dedicated to the improvement of the wild game meat supply chain and to sustainable product management as a tool to stimulate the environmental improvement of Alpine territories on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016 at the College Mellerio Rosmini in Domodossola. During the meeting the project partners reported on work carried out, explaining data and information on the supply chain process from a technical, health and hygiene, and economic point of view.

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