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HIGHLIGHTS

ITALIAN EUSALP KICK OFF MEETING

The Italian event launching the Macro-regional Alpine Strategy (EUSALP) was held in Milan, at the headquarters of the Lombardy Region, on 26th February. During the kick off meeting of Action Groups 1, 2 and 3, jointly operating as part of Axis 1 of the Strategy, regarding "economic growth and innovation," Anna Giorgi, Group 1 leader, announced the development of virtual collaborative tables and environments to facilitate gathering information, continuous and clear monitoring of processes and continuous networking between those involved in various countries and regions.

She also confirmed that young people will be actively involved in spreading the Strategy actions effectively. In addition, Universities in the Alpine Region will play a leading role within EUSALP in order to provide high level and up-to-date training, an indispensable tool for preparing tomorrow's citizens and ensuring their well-being in the macro-regional area, both in the plains and in the mountains.

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EVENT DEDICATED TO YOUNG MOUNTAIN ENTREPRENEURS

An afternoon event dedicated to young mountain entrepreneurs was held on Tuesday, 23rd February at the Mountain University Campus in Edolo.

ReStartAlp, the new initiative promoted by [Garrone Foundation](#), [Fondazione Cariplo](#) and [UNIMONT](#) was presented: a free campus for 15 young aspiring alpine entrepreneurs, which in addition to high quality training, includes prizes worth a total of € 60,000 in favour of the best start-ups.

Giovanni Fava, Councillor for Agriculture of the Lombardy Regional Government, and successful young entrepreneurs focused on the agriculture, food and forestry sector as regards opportunities arising as part of the new Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

The meeting saw the participation of more than XX people including university and high school students, entrepreneurs and citizens from throughout the Lombardy region.

Click here to see the event recording.

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"NERO SPINOSO" CORN

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 2015. In January 2016 the [Ministerial Decree dated 12/14/2015](#) "Registration of a conservation variety of corn in the national

protection. The caryopses, as well as being brown/black in colour with a clear spike, contain a large amount of phlobaphenes, molecules that possess antioxidant properties capable of preventing chronic diseases. The registration of this ancient variety, traditionally grown in the Middle Valle Camonica (BS), therefore represents an important attainment safeguarding Italian agro-biodiversity and enriching the agro-food heritage of the Valle Camonica.

NEW UNIMONT GRADUATES

13 students graduated in "Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas" on Friday, 19th February, 2016:

- Baronchelli Corinne, (Oltressenda High – BG): "Alpine pastures as a strategic element in mountain territory? A survey using Choice Model Approach in the Bergamo Orobie district"
- Marco Bernardi, (Berzo Demo – BS): "Minerals and rocks on display at the Mountain University in Edolo (Brescia)"
- Duò Riccardo, (Verbania – VB): "Monitoring of Vallesana and Sempione goat farms"
- Fanti Fabiola, (Colorina – SO): "A touch of Mediterranean environment in the province of Sondrio: the case of Erica arborea "
- Fogliata Paolo (Roncadelle – BS): "Evaluation of the effectiveness of soil bioengineering work: the case of Val Dorena (Monno–BS)"
- Lombardi Diego, (Curtatone – MN): "Environmental impact assessment of work on the riverbed in a section of the river Mincio using the river functionality index"
- Mozzanini Eric, (Baveno – VB): "Innovative methods for strawberry soilless cultivation"
- Giovanna Rossi, (Travagliato – BS): "Nature photography for the enhancement of mountain heritage"
- Saligari Diana (Chiuro – SO): "Using the DA-meter instrument and the DA index to determine the correct time for apple picking"
- Schivardi Marco, (Palazzolo Sull'Oglio – BS): "Use of GIS for sustainable development: the case of the Barberino Park (Cividate Camuno, Brescia)"
- Scopelliti Leonardo, (Bergamo – BG): "Azienda agricola 'La Famiglia': aspetti tecnico-produttivi legati al territorio montano"
- Spadaccini Roberto, (Darfo Boario Terme – BS): "Valutazione agronomica, in alcuni ambienti della Valcamonica, di nuovi vitigni resistenti alle principali crittogame in confronto con varietà tradizionali"
- Zamboni Giada, (Colorina – SO): "Proposte per la valorizzazione di allevamenti bovini da carne in Provincia di Sondrio"

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UNIMONT graduates



The "nero spinoso" corn

UPCOMING EVENTS

areas is 9th March.

The training course aims to put into practice professional knowledge and skills regarding project planning and management, in response to competitions and calls at a European and international level, on specific mountain issues. The course includes the supervised preparation of 4 projects that will actually be in the running for European funding. The course includes:

- workshop on real calls – the proposals are then put forward
- the best projects will be put forward at a European Union level
- strongly international approach
- creation of a network of high level contacts (the Alpine Convention, the Carpathian Convention and Aaster Consortium)
- opportunity to participate in lectures and workshops from home
- internship opportunities in Brussels

For this Advanced Course, the Vallecamonica Iseo 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, offers a scholarship to a young woman.

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SECOND TECHNICAL TABLE ON SAFFRON

At the end of the 2015–2016 production season the Ge.S.Di.Mont centre is organizing the "2nd Technical Table" for all saffron producers. The event will be held in the Main Hall of the Mountain University, in Via Morino 8 in Edolo (BS), on Friday, 11th March at 7.00 p.m. Saffron producers who would like to take part can send an e-mail by Friday, 4th March to corso.edolo@unimi.it or register for the meeting at the [appropriate virtual link](#) by Friday 4th March.

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

TRAINING COURSE ON MOUNTAIN LEGISLATION

The course in "Policies for the development and enhancement of mountain areas, legislation for mountain areas" will 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.

The course will take place from May to July 2016. Enrolment is not yet open, but those interested can already send a CV and a motivational letter to corso.edolo@unimi.it.

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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.

The 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

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.

The following organizations joined the Network last month:

- [Municipality of Ostana](#)
- [Eco-Working](#)

The following organizations connected online to the event regarding young entrepreneurs and mountains on 23rd February:

- [University of Milan](#)
- [ARS.UNI.VCO](#) (Association for the development of culture, higher education and research in Verbano Cusio Ossola) that broadcast the event at the Collegio Rosmini in Domodossola;
- [Eco-Working](#), which broadcast the event at its headquarters in Almé (BG).

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 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, Orobic 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.

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.

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.

Volunteers, after following a short free training course, spend a period in alpine pastures (min 1 week – period: June to September) in the province of Bergamo, with flocks of sheep and/or goats, assisting the shepherd in his daily work.

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.

Students are offered internships and the recognition of credits compatibly with the University attended.

[Download the brochure.](#)

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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 and in particular on the following related topics:

- energy efficiency and an economy with low CO2 emissions (including initiatives in specific alpine sectors such as mountain agriculture, tourism, management of water and energy resources, transport);
- an economy that uses resources efficiently (including waste management);
- ecosystem services and an economy based on natural capital;
- an economy that promotes quality of life and well-being.

There are three major awards (1000, 750 and 500 euro) as well as three additional "Infopoint Awards" for theses dealing with topics relating to Infopoint issues and sectors.

The application deadline is 30th April 2016.

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

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SERVICES for MOUNTAIN AREAS

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 UNIMONTI 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 16 "Cooperation", operation 16.02.01: "Pilot projects and innovation development" aimed at recently established organizations, or those already established but that are undertaking new activities, which supports projects whose objectives include innovation ([see the specific Unimont page](#)), and measure 6 "Development of farms and enterprises", action 6.1.01: "Incentives for the establishment of new farms by young farmers" ([see the specific Unimont page](#)).

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



SEMINARS and WEBINARS

SERIES OF LECTURES WITH THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VALLECAMONICA

A series of lectures on the history and anthropology of the Alps, organized by [SSA Val Cam – Anthropological and Historical Society of Vallecamonica](#) has now started.

[Click here for the detailed program of events.](#)

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

[Click here to access the virtual classroom online.](#)

The last event is scheduled for 3rd March with *Dr. Loris Bendotti*, who will talk about "The intangible value of knowledge concerning nature and practices: a tool for Alpine communities."

The meeting will introduce the category of intangible cultural heritage, as defined by UNESCO and by the Lombardy Region and will try to demonstrate the cultural and production value of this traditional know-how by providing some examples.

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



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[Click here](#) to download the e-book in Italian from Amazon or write to corso.edolo@unimi.it to book the print version.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

CIASPOLANDO 2016

On 13th February, a group of students from the Mountain University took part in "Ciaspolando 2016", a snowshoe event organized by Decathlon Castione Andevenno at Alpe di Teglio (SO). During the day there were various activities related to the environment, to winter sports and to the typical food of the Valtellina. In particular UNIMONT students provided participants with scientific and technical information regarding various environmental aspects of mountains in winter (climate change, retreat of glaciers, environmental impact of heating homes, fauna and flora adaptation to winter weather, agricultural activities in mountain areas). Appropriately themed posters created by the students as a result of a research project conducted in collaboration with Unimont lecturers provided additional information.

PAST SEMINARS

February was also a busy month for conferences at the Mountain University.

On 25th February *Dr. Luca Giarelli* presented "'Vicinia' in the Alps: the management of common assets."

On 23rd February *Dr. Simone Signaroli* talked about "The role of archives and libraries in the documentation of climate and crops in historical times: some examples from Vallecamonica".

The seminar: "Controllo ufficiale e autocontrollo in Lombardia e specificità per le aree di montagna" took place, on 18th February, and was held by *Dr. Giuseppe Bolzoni* of the [Lombardy and Emilia Romagna Experimental Zootechnic Institute](#).





UNIMONT students at "Ciapolando 2016"



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