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NEXT EVENTS::

25-28 March 2013 – Field Trip week in **State Forestry Corps Training Centre** in **Ceva** – *Open to Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas undergraduates*

9 April 2013 10.00 a.m. - Workshop **"Policies for sustainable tourism in the Alps between profitability and provident land use"** – *Organized by Mountain University and Adamello Park – Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, in collaboration with the Alpine Convention Presidency*

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10 April 2013 10.30 a.m. - III graduation session A.Y. 2011/2012

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April-May 2013 - Viticulture Course - Lucio Brancadoro (Milan University)

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News

9-10 APRIL 2013: INTERNATIONAL ALPINE DELEGATIONS IN EDOLO AND PONTE DI LEGNO

The **"18th Meeting Compliance Committee of the Alpine Convention"** organized by *Gesdimont Interdisciplinary Centre* for the *Alpine Convention Presidency, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea* will be held in Edolo and Ponte di Legno (BS) on **9th and 10th April 2013**

International delegations from member States (Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Principality of Monaco and Liechtenstein), the General Secretariat and the Alpine Convention Presidency will be present.

During the two days, the ***Mountain University and Adamello Park – Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica***, in collaboration with the ***Alpine Convention Presidency*** have organized a Workshop entitled: **"Policies for sustainable tourism in the Alps between profitability and provident land use"** which will be held on **9th April at 10.00 a.m.** at the Edolo Campus of Milan University.

The initiative provides the opportunity to create space for dialogue and exchange of ideas with leading national and international institutions on issues regarding mountain areas and confirms the presence of the decentralized university centre in Edolo in an important network of reference for Alpine dynamics and policies, hence achieving an intermediate step towards the goals set by the Ministry of Education programme for the "Mountain University."



The aim of the workshop is to present and discuss the policies and practices of sustainable tourism in mountain areas in the Alps, which will be analyzed in a cross-sectoral perspective in consideration of the often significant role they play, for example, in dynamics aimed at enhancing profitability of these areas or at a provident land use. The workshop is open to **all those working in the sector as well as to the public**, and will analyze and discuss the main scientific results which have so far emerged in the field of sustainable tourism in the framework of the activities carried out by the thematic Working Groups of the Alpine Convention.

PROGRAMME WORKSHOP:

10.00 a.m. – Greetings and presentation:

Vittorio Marniga – *Mayor of Edolo*

Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia – *President Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas – Milan University*

Anna Giorgi – *Director of the Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas GeSDiMont - Milan University*

Corrado Tomasi – *President BIM and Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica*

Paolo Angelini / Cristiano Piacente – *Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention*

11.00 a.m. – Speakers:

"The Alpine Convention as a framework for coherent measures on land use in a cross-border region"

Marco Onida – *Secretary General of the Alpine Convention*

"Land use in the mountains, water resources and hydro-geological risk"

Gian Battista Bischetti and Guido Sali – *Mountain University Edolo – Milan University*

"The City in the highlands: second homes and multiresidentiality"

Fulvio Adobati – *Bergamo University – Centro Studi sul Territorio "Lelio Pagani"*

"Regional governance for the Sustainable Development of Mountain areas"

Maurizio Federici – *Lombardy Region Land Planning*

"Land use consumption and competition in mountain areas"

Damiano Di Simine – *Lombardy Legambiente President*

"Alpine areas: quo vadis? "20 years of experience with the "Agritourism" model in South Tyrol

René Rinner – *Autonomous province of Bolzano, Land Planning Office*

1 p.m. - Buffet of typical local products of the Vallecamonica

2 p.m. – Transfer of Delegations to Ponte di Legno for continuation of work

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge.

You can follow the workshop online thanks to the virtual classroom. **Participation is only for users who have booked.** We therefore invite you to fill in the form at:

<http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html>

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10 APRIL 2013: 3RD GRADUATION SESSION A.Y. 2011/2012

The 3rd graduation session of the Academic Year 2011/2012 will be held on Wednesday **10 April 2013 at 10.30 a.m.** at the Edolo Campus.

Candidates:

Beneyto Simone (Edolo - BS)

Dissertation: "Hydrogeological instability in mountain areas: analysis of the debris flow event on 27 July 2012 in Val Rabbia in Sonico (BS)"

Advisor: Gian Battista Bischetti

Contrini Camilla (Bovegno - BS)

Dissertation: "Management and monitoring of a flock during the summer in a mountain pasture at high altitude"

Advisor: Alberto Tamburini

Lanfranchi Mauro (Casnigo – BG)

Dissertation: "Nepal, the waiting land"

Advisor: Ilaria Mignani

Vittori Mirko (Premana - LC)

Dissertation: "Economic evaluation of management and safety intervention on abandoned forest stands above roads – The case of the Comunità Montana Valsassina"

Advisor: Gian Battista Bischetti

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EDOLO UNDERGRADUATES WORKING IN THE VALLECAMONICA

We report initiatives involving **two Graduates** of the Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas.

COMUNITA' MONTANA DI VALLECAMONICA: Fruit-growing information desk

Comunità Montana di ValleCamonica has set up an information desk for Fruit-growers which is open at the Comunità Montana headquarters on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and is managed by **Marco Cicci**, a graduate of the Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas who will be providing a consultancy service and practical demonstrations for growers of soft fruits and apples.

RURAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN VALLECAMONICA

The Vallecamonica Cultural District is promoting the research project "Rural Constructions In Vallecamonica." Young people with skills in architecture / engineering, rural anthropology, geology, botany and forestry of the area were selected for the project.

Francesca Giudici, an Edolo Graduate, came first in the "Agriculture and Forestry Sciences" section

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THE EDOLO UNIVERSITY CENTRE AS AN EXAMPLE OF REVIVAL IN THE MOUNTAINS

On February 24, 2013 Corriere della Sera published the article *"Montagne, il rilancio s'impara sui banchi. L'esempio del polo universitario di Edolo"*.

Franco Brevini, author of the article, emphasizes the role of the university campus of Edolo which, from an experiment in decentralization, has become an active and expanding university centre that responds to the needs of the area.

The Mountain University aims to become a network of reference for workers and institutions in the sector with the aim of relaunching the Italian mountains, too often overlooked and little appreciated.

The article describes the activities of the course and in particular focuses on recent initiatives regarding biodiversity, protected areas, mountain refuges, local marketing and tourism, **strategic issues** for development in mountain areas. It also highlights the opportunity to participate online in the activities organized in Edolo since "the mountain has to go through both cultural and technological innovation."

Finally, the two advanced courses programmed in April are mentioned, "Planning and management of tourism in mountain areas" and "Project Management for the mountains - targeted and strategic planning", two important initiatives for **young people** who want to take advantage of opportunities in this sector nationally and abroad.

You can read the full article and the rest of the press releases relating to the Mountain University at

http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/corso/dicono_di_noi.html.

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APRIL - MAY 2013: VITICULTURE COURSE

A course of **Viticulture** will be held by **Prof. Lucio Brancadoro** of the Department of Plant production of Milan University from 24 April to 19 May 2013 at the Edolo Campus of the Faculty of Agriculture.

OBJECTIVES

To acquire an up-to-date picture of Italian winemaking, with particular reference to wine intended for processing. To provide the tools to create and/or evaluate a vineyard and its management, through the study of the main eco-physiological aspects of vines.

CONTENTS

The Italian and European wine scenario. Origin of the genus Vitis. Morphology and physiology of the vine, the vegetative and reproductive cycles: biology and control. Relations between soil and climate and vines, the interactions between vine varieties and environments. Objectives and methods of genetic improvement. Propagation and nursery industry. Planting and cultivation techniques for management. The control of ripening, harvesting and the vine-wine interface.

The course includes practical exercises.

KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED

Basic knowledge regarding the production chain of grapes with particular attention to the vine-wine interface. In particular, skills relating to modern farming techniques for a modern and correct set up and management of the vineyard.

The course is open to students enrolled in the Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas

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Mountain University

MIUR-UNIMI agreement implementation

PUBLICATION COMPETITION ADVANCED COURSE "RENEWABLE ENERGY IN MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTS"

Information regarding the competition for the advanced course "*Renewable energy in mountain environments*"

Where and when: The course lasts 60 hours and will take place at the Mountain University in Via Morino 8, Edolo from 24 May to 27 July 2013.

Lessons will be held fortnightly on **Fridays** and **Saturdays**. Please see the timetable at: www.valmont.unimi.it

Lecturers and contents: The advanced course, taught by lecturers, experts and professionals in the sectors concerned, is aimed at graduates interested in deepening their knowledge and acquiring operational tools suitable for the specificities of mountain areas in sectors such as **renewable energy** with a high economic potential.

Scholarships: **15 scholarships provided by COBAT** are available for the top 15 candidates of the ranking order drawn up for course admission.

Course Infoday: The course will be presented on **5th April 2013** at 6 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Mountain University; lecturers and other experts in the sector will be present. The infoday can also be followed online thanks to the "virtual classroom" service provided by Milan University. An Internet connection is required and it is also necessary to book here: <http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html>

Deadline: 17 April 2013

For further information see www.valmont.unimi.it

The course is part of the training activities offered regarding the enhancement and development of mountain areas, in implementation of the MIUR-UNIMI framework- Establishment of Edolo as a Centre of Excellence "Mountain University"

For further information please contact the Organizing Secretariat:

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tel.- fax 0364/71324 e-mail corso.edolo@unimi.it

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ADVANCED COURSE "PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE MOUNTAINS: TARGETED AND STRATEGIC PLANNING"

The advanced course PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE MOUNTAINS: TARGETED AND STRATEGIC PLANNING will begin on 26th April 2013. 18 participants will take part from the provinces of **Bergamo, Brescia, Chieti, Modena, Milan, Pavia, Turin, Trento and Venice**.

The course's main objective is the formation of professionals able to enhance and support the competitiveness of mountain areas, through the planning and implementation of development projects in line not only with regional, but also with national and EU policies.

The course is sponsored by *OHB, Federbim, Cassa Rurale Alta Val di Sole e Pejo* and *Val.Te.Mo. Association* with the patronage of the *Alpine Convention, Bergamo Chamber of Commerce, Uncem* and *Confartigianato di Sondrio*.

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PROF. RADU CHRISTIAN BARNÄ DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT BABES-BOLYAI"(ROMANIA) VISITS THE GE.S.DI.MONT. INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE.

Dr. **Radu Christian Barna**, Director of the Centre for Research on Territorial Development (Babes-Bolyai), Romania, has visited the Interdisciplinary Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont. as part of the **Erasmus Programme 2012/2013**.



On Wednesday **13 March 2013** in the Main Hall of the Mountain University Dr. Radu held two lectures: "*Development in mountainous areas; what NOT to do*" and "*The bicycle as a development factor in mountainous areas*". Both seminars dealt with issues and strategic approaches to the management and development of mountain areas, starting from a Romanian viewpoint, but dealing with general concepts also applicable in a European context.

The opportunity for discussion was taken up by many students who took part in the seminars which were held in English.

You can see the meetings by clicking on the following links:

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p76799428>

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p73149063>

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PROF. STEFANO BRUNO GALLI GUEST OF THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday 13 March 2013 **Stefano Bruno Galli**, lecturer of the Faculty of Political Science of Milan University, held the conference "**Mountains at the base of the main issues in Northern Italy**" in the Main Hall of the Mountain University in via Morino n.8 in Edolo – BS.



Prof. Galli, member by scientific merit of the Accademia Roveretana degli Agiati (1751) has to his credit several scientific publications concerning the Italian political scene and has recently published the book " Il grande nord".

He works – as a columnist - with several magazines and newspapers. He was president of Eupolis Lombardy - Institute for Research, Statistics and Training of the Lombardy Region

The meeting provided an opportunity to analyze the historical and political events that involved alpine areas and Italy from the Unification of Italy to date in a scientific manner. The stimulating lecture led to a lively debate.

You can see the meeting by clicking on the following link:

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p89871736/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

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PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY ON HONEY IN THE ALPS

On Thursday 21st March 2013 at Castellana Grotte Bari, during the conference organized by Thermo Fisher Scientific the report regarding **"Honey in the Alps, qualitative characteristics of organic and 'conventional' products"** by **Anna Giorgi, Sara Panseri and Luca Chiesa** of Milan University, was presented.

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NEXT MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY GESDIMONT

After a break due to the Easter holidays and the interruption of lectures to allow students of the Undergraduate Course in Edolo to take exams, the seminars organized as part of the project "Rural Alternatives: to discover and appreciate the economic opportunities and potential of mountain areas" will resume:

23 April 2013 at 3.30 p.m.

Meeting **"New methods for the use of forests in public ownership"** – Paolo Baccolo, Roberto Tonetti (Lombardy Region) and Giulio Zanetti (Independent forestry expert)

30 April 2013 at 3.30 p.m.

Meeting **"Mechanization in forests; the latest news"** – Paolo Baccolo (Lombardy Region)

9 May 2013 at 3.30 p.m.

Meeting **"Women's work in the alpine valleys: an ancient resource. Wool, hemp, silk and dyeing plants between craft and art. History, techniques, reuse. A path supported by slides, textile samples and artefacts"** - Miretta Tovini (Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera)

The meetings are open to the public and free of charge.

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Val.Te.Mo Association

THE PROJECT "BIODIVERSELY AWARE"

Val.Te.Mo. Association is taking part in the project "*Biodiversely aware - Young people and participation in the protection of rural areas*" organized by the **Province of Brescia** in partnership with the **Province of Bergamo, Fondazione Fojanini (SO)** and **Fondazione Edmund Mach (TN)**.

The project aims to make high school students aware of the value of biodiversity as world heritage, the biological bases of biodiversity and legislation for its protection.

The association is currently providing **training sessions** in high schools in the provinces of Brescia, Bergamo and Sondrio. During the training sessions basic concepts of biodiversity (genetic, specific and ecosystem) are covered as well as methods of investigation and how biodiversity can be conserved by sustainable management of the agro-ecosystem.

Practical demonstrations will soon begin, during which experts in each subject area will show students techniques for monitoring biodiversity at a specific level.

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Multimedia and Video

HOW TO FOLLOW OUR EVENTS LIVE...

The opportunity to follow meetings offered by the Mountain University online is continuing. The Meeting "*Colouring: natural colours from tinctorial plants*" held by Gigliola Borgonovo and Stefania Mazzini of Milan University was followed online by **two classes (41 students) of the Liceo Scientifico Aprosio di Ventimiglia in the Province of Imperia** (see photo on right).



We invite all **high schools, and private and public bodies and organizations** wishing to follow our activities online to contact the Secretary's Office in (Tel. 0364/71324 E-mail gesdimont@unimi.it) for further information. The only prerequisite is an internet connection.

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...AND HOW TO SEE PAST CONFERENCES

As off December the events held at our university are available at the new page **MULTIMEDIA** <http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html>.

Latest events:

19 March 3.30pm

Meeting : "The transformation of 'heroic' viticulture in mountain areas and steep slopes" - Gianluca Macchi (Director Cervim)

14 March 3.30pm

Meeting: "Colder soils in a warmer world? - The role of snow in influencing soil temperatures" Michele Freppaz (Turin University)

13 March 2013 10 a.m.

"Development in mountainous areas; what NOT to do"

Dr. Radu Cristian (Director of the Centre for Research on Territorial Development (CSDT) Babes-Bolyai University Faculty of European Studies)

13 March 2013 2 p.m.

"The bicycle as a development factor in mountainous areas"

Dr. Radu Cristian (Director of the Centre for Research on Territorial Development (CSDT) Babes-Bolyai University Faculty of European Studies)

13 March 2013 6 p.m.

Meeting: "Mountains at the base of issues in Northern Italy"

Stefano Bruno Galli - Milan University

12 March 3.30pm

Meeting: "Protection forests in the Alps"

Renzo Motta (Turin University)

5 March 2013 3.30pm

Meeting: "Simulation models of forest dynamics"

Giorgio Vacchiano (Turin University)

28 February 2013 4.00pm

Conference: "REFUGES: Defending the environment?"

Gino BACCANELLI – President of Assorifugi Lombardia

27 February 2013 2.30pm

Conference: "An intelligent and passionate attempt to respond to the anthropogenic aggression of nature: Protected Areas "

Dario Furlanetto (Adamello Park)

26 February 2013 3.30 p.m.

Conference: "We are many and we are all different. Biodiversity as never seen before: from blue-eyed Brad Pitt to parks in Africa, via the hermit crab Bernardo and his brothers "

Dario Furlanetto (Adamello Park Director)

25 February 2013 6 p.m.

Conference: "Marketing and Corporate Communication and territory. A focus on companies and the mountain economy"

Paolo PELLIZZA (Marketing and communication specialist)

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About us

This month:

Università della Montagna: ora arrivano i "master" - *Bresciaoggi* , 6 March2013

Edolo, il futuro dei rifugi? Sentieristica efficiente e cartelli promozionali - *Bresciaoggi* , 5 March2013

We also invite you to see page http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/course/dicono_di_noi.html where you can find all the articles published since 2001 regarding the Undergraduate Course.

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