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19 June 2013 8.30 p.m. → Conference **"An industrial or local model: which agriculture for the future of the planet?"** - Silvio Barbero (Vice president Slow Food Italia)

April-July 2013 → Advanced course **"Project Management For The Mountains: Targeted And Strategic Planning"**

May -July 2013 → Advanced course **"Planning And Management of Tourism in Mountain Areas"**

May -July 2013 → Advanced course **"Renewable energy in mountain environments"**

7 June-7 July 2013 → Exhibition **"ART NANO The beauty of nanoparticles"**

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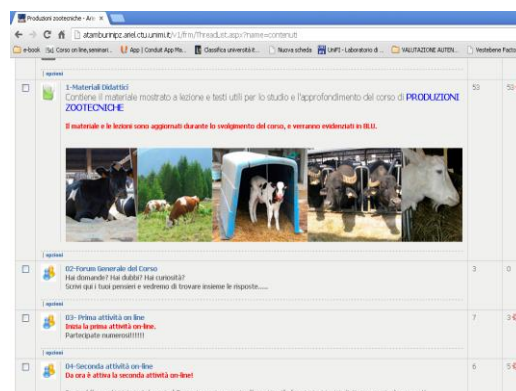
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News

STUDY AND LEARN 2: E-LEARNING EXPERIMENT STARTS IN EDOLO

In April 2013 the Mountain University started a trial programme of classroom and e-learning integrated teaching, part of the **MIUR-UNIMI agreement implementation**.

For the first time, in addition to traditional classes and activities, both students of the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas and of the three advanced courses (Planning and management of tourism in mountain areas, Project management for the mountains: Targeted And Strategic Planning, Renewable energy in mountain environments) can access a series of online interactive tutorials, quizzes, student helplines, video recordings of lectures, dedicated virtual classrooms, targeted multimedia resources (links, videos, audio, photo galleries, case histories).



The objective is to provide all Edolo students with greater study support for individual learning, with a view to enriching classroom teaching, and therefore dedicating more time to experiential learning in the field and in the mountains, delivering part of the theoretical study through online activities.

Moreover, this initiative aims at testing and assessing opportunities for remote fruition of courses for working students or for all those who are physically distant from the decentralized Edolo Campus, but who wish to take advantage of training and education provided by the Mountain University.

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18 MAY 2013: OPEN DAY MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

The Mountain University Open Day took place on 18th May. Students from the Lombardy provinces of **Bergamo, Brescia, Cremona, Lecco, Como, Lodi, Milan, Monza-Brianza and Sondrio** took part as well as from **Novara, Trento, Reggio Emilia, Lucca and Rome**.



Those present learnt about the opportunities offered by our University Centre thanks to the lecturers, who presented the course and illustrated the education and training activities, and to some **students and graduates** of the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas who recounted their experience studying in Edolo.

Teachers and students were able to answer queries and clarify issues related to education, job opportunities and accommodation in Edolo. A visit to the Edolo Campus followed.

You can see the **OPEN DAY 2013** at <http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p6p1fp9ghfo/>

If you are interested in enrolling in our degree program we would like to remind you that you can visit the University Campus of Edolo and obtain further information by contacting the Secretariat of the Mountain University: Tel. e Fax 0364.71324 - E-mail corso.edolo@unimi.it

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VISIT TO THE EDOLO HYDROELECTRIC PLANT WITH PROF. FEDERICI (FLORENCE UNIVERSITY)

On Monday, 20th May 2013, 25 students of the Edolo Undergraduate course were able to visit the **Hydroelectric power station in Edolo** with **prof. Giorgio Federici of Florence University**, who was in Vallecamonica for a field trip with some of his students from Florence.

The visit was preceded by an introductory lecture given by Professor Federici in the Main Hall of the Mountain University, which allowed students to learn about the history of the Edolo plant (one of the largest hydroelectric power stations in Italy and in Europe).

Prof. Federici collaborates with the Edolo University Campus for the implementation of the MIUR-Unimi Programme thanks to which an **Inter-University agreement** involving the universities of Brescia, Florence, Padua and Turin was recently signed.

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THE EDOLO UNIVERSITY CENTRE HOSTS A MEETING ON GRAPE GROWING IN THE MOUNTAINS

On **28 May 2013** at 3 p.m. the Edolo University Centre will host a meeting organized by the Interdepartmental Research Centre for Innovation in Viticulture and Oenology - Milan University.

The meeting is entitled "Canopy management of the vineyard in a mountain environment" and the speakers are Professor **Osvaldo Failla** of *DiSAA (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Production, Land, Agroenergy - Milan University)* and Dr. **Nello Bongiolatti** of the *Fondazione di Studi Superiori "Fojanini" di Sondrio*.

Participation is free of charge.

For information and pre-registration: info@riccagioia.it

Information material and reports will be available at: www.riccagioia.it e <http://users.unimi.it/cirive>

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2 MAY 2013: MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ORDER OF AGRONOMISTS AND FORESTRY EXPERTS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRESCIA



On Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 3.30 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Mountain University **dott. Gianpietro Bara**, President of the Order of Agronomists and Forestry Experts of the Province of Brescia, presented the opportunities resulting from being part of this organization to the students and graduates of the Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas.

Dott. Fausto Nasi provided information about the state examination. The deadline for the 1st Session 2013 of the examination for "*Agronomist and Forestry*

Expert" is 24 May. Further details are available on the Milan University website at

http://www.unimi.it/studenti/esami_stato/8593.htm .

You can see a recording of the meeting at <http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p235bgwglmv/>

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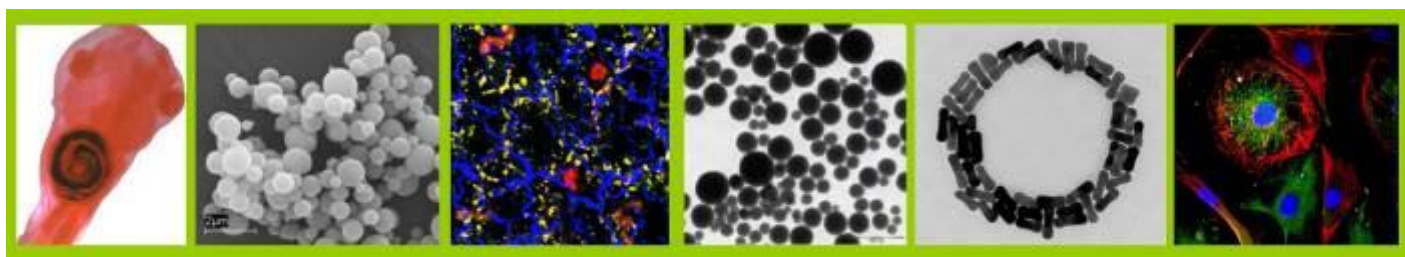
June 7-July 7: EXHIBITION "THE BEAUTY OF NANO ART NANOPARTICLES"

From 7th June to 7th July, 2013, the Mountain University will host the photographic exhibition "ART NANO The beauty of nanoparticles."

The exhibition of scientific photographs proposes an artistic way of depicting the world in nanoscale dimensions as well as the interactions that the nanoparticles can have with living organisms.

Thanks to the use of very powerful and refined microscopic techniques, very small structures, of just a few nanometers, can be observed., coming into contact with the cells, travelling within them or inside organisms; sometimes undisturbed, other times guided in a specific way.

To be able to observe them is a fascinating experience and can help to increase our understanding of the mechanisms that regulate matter and life, but also of the risks to which human beings and the environment could be exposed as a result of indiscriminate use of new nanotechnologies.



Opening times:

From Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibition will be presented on 7th June 2013 ore 11.00 in the Main Hall of the Mountain University

Entrance to the exhibition is free

An initiative of:

Marina Camatini, Paride Mantecca - POLARIS Research Centre

Department of the Environment Science and Earth Sciences, University of Milan - Bicocca

Nadia Santo, Umberto Fascio - Interdepartmental Centre for Advanced Microscopy (CIMA) - Milan University

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Event organized in collaboration with:



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MIUR-UNIMI programme agreement implementation

3 ADVANCED COURSES AT THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

The Programme Agreement *Edolo as a Centre of Excellence the "Mountain University"* which Milan University, Edolo Campus, has signed with the Ministry of Education, University and Research provides for an **increase in the specific training provision concerning mountain issues** currently available in Edolo with the organization of courses of advanced study.

The Edolo University Centre has therefore set up **3 advanced courses** taught by lecturers and experts to

provide deeper knowledge and acquire operational tools suitable for the specific characteristics of mountain areas in strategic sectors such as project management, tourism and renewable energy.

The Advanced course in 'Project Management for the Mountains: Targeted and Strategic Planning', coordinator prof.ssa Anna Giorgi, takes place from April to July and is sponsored by OHB, Federbim, Cassa Rurale Alta Val di Sole e Pejo and Val.Te.Mo Association under the patronage of the Alpine Convention, the Chamber of Commerce of Bergamo, Uncem and Confartigianato di Sondrio.

The Advanced course "*Planning And Management Of Tourism In Mountain Areas*", coordinator prof. Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia, takes place from May to July under the patronage of the Alpine Convention, the Chamber of Commerce of Bergamo, Uncem and Confartigianato di Sondrio.

The Advanced course "*Renewable energy in mountain environments*", coordinator prof. Marco Fiala, takes place from May to July and is sponsored by Cobat which provided 15 scholarships, and under the patronage of the Alpine Convention, the Chamber of Commerce of Bergamo, Uncem and Confartigianato di Sondrio.

Participants are from all over Italy including the provinces of **Bergamo, Brescia, Catania, Chieti, Modena, Pavia, Sondrio, Turin, Trento and Venice.**

Courses take place in Edolo with further support for individual study provided by the *e-learning activities* of the Edolo University Centre. In fact, apart from traditional lessons and activities a set of online interactive tutorials, quizzes, student helplines, video recordings of lectures, dedicated virtual classrooms and targeted multimedia resources are also provided.

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CONCLUSION @ZIONE RURALE PROJECT

The "**@zione Rurale**" project set up by the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont with funding from measure 331-B / 3 of the RDP 2007-2013 has finished.

The project involved a series of information activities which, dealing with various issues (the multifunctionality of agriculture, rural tourism and agri-tourism, entrepreneurship, history and culture of mountain agriculture, etc. ...) enabled stakeholders and those who live and work in the mountains to discover or re-evaluate the potential of rural areas which have so far been neglected or under-used. This potential that can contribute to improving the quality of life of these areas and to diversifying economic activities.

The project consisted in:

- 6 meetings
 - 35 conferences
 - 4 conventions
- with over 1,400 participants.

Thanks to the "**virtual classroom**" many of the meetings were also available online. Participants, including farmers and forestry workers, women and young people who live and work in the mountains were able to learn new skills and broaden their knowledge of mountain issues. The various meetings also stimulated interest in rural areas, highlighting the opportunities for the sustainable development of mountain areas associated with facilities provided for by the Rural Development Programme (RDP 2007-2013).

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CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY GESDIMONT

Conferences organized by the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont are listed below.
For further details see www.gesdimont.unimi.it.

6 June 2013 ore 1.30 p.m.

Meeting " **The multifunctionality of mountain farms, theoretical framework and analysis of a case study** "

Speaker: Simone Blanc (Università degli Studi di Torino)

13 June 2013 3.30 p.m.

Conference "**Beyond the Mountains: job opportunities and internships for young people in the European Union**"

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Conference " **Recent and future glacio-hydrological trends in the Pre-Alps: results of the Caripanda project** "

Speaker: Daniele Bocchiola (Milan Polytechnic)

The meetings are open to the public and free of charge

The meetings can be followed online. To connect with the virtual classroom you must book by filling out the form published on the website <http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html> .

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Multimedia and Video

AN ARCHIVE ON MOUNTAIN ISSUES

The Multimedia page <http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html> of the Mountain University site has become an **archive** where you can find useful information on a variety of mountain issues.

For the collection of statistical data and to improve the service offered, **we invite those viewing the videos of our events, to respond to a short questionnaire** which you can find next to the link to the recordings.

Remember that in the Multimedia section you can fill in the form that allows you to **book** and can therefore follow our initiatives **online** thanks to the Virtual Classroom (all you need is an internet connection).

Please contact the Secretary's Office in Edolo (Tel. 0364/71324 E-mail gesdimont@unimi.it) if you require further information.

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