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## **NEXT EVENTS:**

**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"**

**15th July 2013** → **Enrolment for A.Y. 2013/2014** Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas

**For further information see below**

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## ***News***

### **THE RECTOR OF MILAN UNIVERSITY VISITS THE EDOLO UNIVERSITY CENTRE**

On Friday 28th June 2013, Prof. Gianluca Vago, Rector of Milan University, visited the Edolo university centre. After visiting the Edolo centre facilities, the Rector took part in the Supervisory Committee of the Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas which was attended by representatives of the sponsoring bodies that support the course (Municipality of Edolo, Province and Chamber of Commerce of Brescia, and Comunità Montana and BIM of Vallecamonica). During the meeting Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia, course coordinator and Anna Giorgi, Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont explained the current situation of the Edolo University centre.

Prof. Vago expressed his appreciation for the Edolo centre, both in terms of logistics and for the provision of training and activities specifically related to the needs of mountain areas, carried out in collaboration with leading national and international institutions specialized in mountain issues.

During the meeting it emerged that the activities aimed at encouraging sustainable development in mountain areas organized in Edolo are leading to new job opportunities for young people in the mountains, thanks to the timely and appropriate management and implementation of teaching activities, together with close collaboration with the main institutional actors involved in the management and governance of mountain areas.



Full **approval and support**, therefore, to the university dedicated to the mountains, unique in Italy for subject matter and geographical location, with the confirmation of the commitment, initiated with the signing of the MIUR Framework Agreement on 28 July 2011 for the Affirmation of the Edolo Campus as a Centre of Excellence "Mountain University", to implement the provision of training and activities, with particular attention to the European context.

At [http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/corso/dicono\\_di\\_noi.html](http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/corso/dicono_di_noi.html) you can read the article " Mountain University: there are no clouds in the future," published by the newspaper Bresciaoggi on 29 JUNE confirming the consolidation of the Edolo University Centre and the continuation of teaching and training for the future.

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## 12 and 13 JUNE 2013: FIELD TRIP TO AVIOLO REFUGE

On 12th and 13th June the students of the Mountain University took part in a two-day field trip to the Aviole Refuge with prof. Lozzia, dott.ssa Giorgi and dott. Giupponi as part of the Plant Biology and Forest Entomology courses.

Here is the report of a 1st year student who took part:

Meeting in **Val Paghèra** at the start of the path to the refuge, the day looks beautiful, sunny and warm. The classes are divided: the first-year students with Luca begin to look around and understand the flora of the Paghèra valley while third-year students with Professor Lozzia begin to look at forest entomology.

After the mini lesson we continue along the path to the refuge, with breaks here and there, partly to allow the less energetic to get their breath back and partly to enjoy the landscape.

After lunch break at the refuge the classes are again divided and explore the territory until dinner time.

Perfect dinner dishes, polenta and abundant glasses of wine, super relaxed atmosphere and happy faces, happy to be there.

After dinner, everyone around the table to sing, accompanied by the guitar, with Alpine songs.

Wake up early in the morning, after breakfast, more lessons.

At about 12:00 we go back to Edolo, in the afternoon there is an important conference.



During the return trip in the car I think a little about how lucky I am, a fantastic university with great people that organized these "2 days" and made it unique, I look around and I understand why I chose to be here to do this study programme and I can just say "it's really worth it."

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

The photographic exhibition "ART NANO The beauty of nanoparticles" was presented on 7 June in the Main Hall of the Mountain University. The exhibition will be open until 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

You can see the presentation here:

<http://unimi.adobeconnect.com/p8936n0n25w/>



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.

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

*Renato Bacchetta* - Department of Biosciences - Milan University

### **Event organized in collaboration with:**



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## INTERUNIVERSITY COLLABORATION FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS

Thanks to the special Inter-University agreement between the Universities of Milan, Brescia, Florence, Padua and Turin the first national academic association for mountain areas has been created. The convention is part of the Framework Agreement between MIUR and Milan University for the Affirmation of Edolo as a Centre of Excellence "Mountain University"

The collaboration between the universities has first of all lead to the organization of the conference **"Environmental Protection, hydrogeological safety and development of mountain areas"** held in

Retignano di Camaiole (LU) on 18 JUNE to mark the first 10 years of activity of CERAfri.

The initiative, focussing on important issues such as environmental protection and hydrogeological safety in the mountains, included contributions from prof. **Giorgio Federici**, Florence University, prof. **Ermanno Zanini**, Turin University, prof. **Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia**, Professor **Anna Giorgi** and prof. **Giambattista Bischetti** Milan University, members of the Mountain University Study Group.

In addition, 2 Mountain University graduates (Edolo campus of Milan University), talked about their entrepreneurial experiences in the mountains: **Emanuele Cabini** Freelance Agronomist consultant and **Lisa Pirovano** livestock consultant.

The conference was followed in streaming from the Main Hall in Edolo and by other users connected from home.

You can view the complete recording of the conference by clicking on the following link:

First part <http://unimi.adobeconnect.com/p2ql2fdk3i5/>  
Second Part <http://unimi.adobeconnect.com/p6cobwlui0p/>

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**THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY IN BORGO VAL DI TARO (PR)**



The meeting “**IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MOUNTAINS – new legislation to support the mountain economy**” was held on Saturday 1st June 2013 in the Conference Hall of the Comunità Montana in Borgo Val di Taro (PR). The conference was organized by **Consorzio obbligatorio BIM Torrente Taro** with the patronage of **FEDERBIM**.

**Anna Giorgi**, Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont was invited to contribute.

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**A MEETING ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY EUROPE**

The meeting “**Beyond the Mountains: job opportunities and internships for young people in the European Union**” was held on 13th June 2013.

The meeting was held by **Valeria Ghilardi**, **functionary of the European Parliament**, who offered an overview of employment opportunities and internships for young people within the European Union in order to encourage the sharing of ideas, experiences and information by promoting exchanges, cooperation and mobility within the European Community.

The seminar was attended by students of the Undergraduate programme in Edolo and some students of Milan connected via virtual classroom.

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**THE VICE PRESIDENT OF SLOW FOOD AT THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY**

On 19th June 2013 the Vice President of Slow Food Silvio Barbero was a guest of the Mountain University. During the seminar entitled “**Industrial model or local model: which agriculture for the future of the**”

**planet?"** issues concerning waste in various stages of food production, distribution and consumption were discussed together with the homologation of food production which is undermining food sovereignty and agricultural identity in both the north and south of the world.

You can watch a recording of the event at the following link:

<http://unimi.adobeconnect.com/p2vwhdc2b4q/>

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## **COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY AND THE ZOOPROPHYLLACTIC INSTITUTE OF LOMBARDY-EMILIA ROMAGNA**

The conference "**Milk production in the mountains: the role and activities of institutions of research and control**" took place on 20th June 2013 at the Edolo campus. After an introduction by **Anna Giorgi** - Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont and **Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia** - President of Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas the conference continued with the contribution of **Giuseppe Bolzoni** and **Paolo Daminelli** of the Zooprophyllactic Institute of Lombardy and Emilia Romagna IZSLER and **Alberto Tamburini** and **Ivano De Noni** of the 'Mountain University' in Edolo - Milan University.

A convention between the Interdisciplinary Centre GeSDiMont , Milan University and the Zooprophyllactic Institute aims to establish a collaborative relationship regarding the problems typical of mountain areas, with particular reference to typical and traditional agriculture and food. The goal is the development of strategic projects and the activation of a network of relationships to share resources, knowledge and skills, particularly with a view to improving the quality of typical and traditional agro-food production in the mountains.

You can view the complete recording of the seminar at:

<http://unimi.adobeconnect.com/p366jszfr6j/>

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This month's articles:

**Territori montani, idee per il rilancio** - *Gazzetta di Parma 10 JUNE 2013*

**Laurearsi in montagna . L'esperienza del Polo Universitario di Edolo** - *Corriere della Valtellina JUNE 2013*

**Proposte e idee per sostenere la montagna** - *Gazzetta di Parma 31 May 2013*

**"@zione rurale - Un progetto per lo sviluppo del territorio montano** – *Rete Rurale Nazionale Magazine aprile 2013*

At [http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/corso/dicono\\_di\\_noi.html](http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/corso/dicono_di_noi.html) you can find all the articles about the undergraduate programme from 2001 to date.

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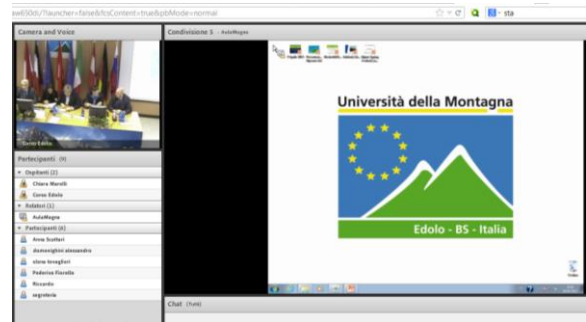
# Multimedia and Video

## RECORDINGS OF PAST MEETINGS

The meetings at the Edolo campus of Milan University are temporarily suspended for the summer break.

We thank all those who have followed seminars and conferences organized in recent months and remind you that recordings of the meetings remain available to all on the Multimedia page

<http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/multimedia/multimedia.html> of the Mountain University website.



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.

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