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*The newsletter of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment*

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## News

### MASTER DEGREE ARRIVES AT MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

Given the number of students attending the three-year undergraduate course on mountains which takes place at the Edolo Campus of Milan University (Mountain University) and the interest created by this unique training programme on a national scale, this academic year sees the start of a "mountain" study course as part of the **Master's degree in Agro-environmental Science**. This course is divided into two curricula: "*Quality of the environment and of the territory*" and "**Protection and enhancement of mountain territories**".

The two curricula have some subjects common to courses currently in progress at Milan University, while other subjects are more specific, and have been chosen on the basis of indications resulting from meetings with representatives of the world of work.

In particular, the "**Protection and enhancement of mountain territories**" course concentrates on themes linked to multifunctionality in agriculture, the development of tourism and the enhancement of the environment and typical produce and products which, thanks to an appropriate marketing, can contribute to creating income in mountain areas. Other important aspects include renewable energy, land protection and the management of wild fauna in protected areas or for hunting.

With the support of the *Province of Brescia, Department for Innovation and Technology, Young people and University*, **part of the master degree will take place at the Edolo campus** so as to set up a new experience which will widen the educational opportunities available at Milan University's Edolo Campus, as well as allowing new teaching methods, potentially useful for mountain themes such as *blended learning* to be implemented and experimented especially for technical subjects concerning the management of the environment.

The decentralization of the activities of the last year of the master's degree will also encourage the activation of degree theses at the new laboratories recently set up in Edolo, encouraging their use also for research on key themes for the development of mountain areas as well as for the teaching activities which usually take place there.

**The experimentation which will start in this Academic year could lead to the setting up of a master's degree totally in the mountains, if the factors monitored (number of students, significance for the area and efficacy of the training programme) are favourable.**

The project was presented to the press on 3rd June 2009, at the Congress Centre in Boario Terme during a press conference with **Corrado Ghirardelli**, Councillor for Young people and University of the Province of Brescia, **Claudia Sorlini**, Head of the Faculty of Agriculture of Milan University, **Anna Giorgi** and **Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia** of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment and **Gian Attilio Sacchi** of the Master's Degree course in Agro-environmental Science

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## VISITING THE EDOLO CAMPUS

Enrolment for the Academic year 2009/2010 will soon start.

We would like to remind you that during July and September you can visit the Edolo Campus (summer opening times are available at [www.valmont.unimi.it](http://www.valmont.unimi.it)).

Moreover, at the Secretary's office in Via Morino 8 information material regarding the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment and accommodation in Edolo are available.

The site [www.valmont.unimi.it](http://www.valmont.unimi.it) in the area dedicated to the course offers information regarding the study plan and teaching.

Procedures and deadlines for enrolment 2009/2010 will soon be available on the home page. .

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## VALLE CAMONICA SERVIZI: AN INTERNSHIP BECOMES A JOB

Stefano Boldrini, student of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment, has signed a 7-month contract with the Technical office of the company **Valle Camonica Servizi**. He will be dealing with the creation of cartographic material regarding the gas distribution network of the High Valley, as well as updating the company's WebGIS and linking CAD and GIS.

This contract was the result of an internship with this company, tutored by ing. Mauro Testini. The internship concerned a census and the creation of a databank of information regarding the territory managed by software and GIS techniques.

This is an example of how companies and universities can work together to give good career opportunities. We hope that this can happen frequently in the future.

**Valle Camonica Servizi is currently prepared to offer internships so students are invited to contact the Secretary at the Edolo Campus if they are interested.**

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## OPENING TIMES OF THE EDOLO CAMPUS DURING THE SUMMER

The Edolo campus will have the following opening times during the summer:

	<i><b>Morning</b></i>	<i><b>Afternoon</b></i>
<b>Monday</b>	from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm	<i>Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm	from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm	<i>Closed</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm	from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm	<i>Closed</i>

**The Edolo Campus will be closed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August.**

From 25th August and for the whole of September the opening times will be as usual:

*from Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30pm and from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30pm*

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## Ge.S.Di.Mont.

The most important event of the academic year 2008/2009 was most definitely the start of the activities of GESDIMONT, the Interdepartmental Centre of Applied Studies for the Sustainable Management and Protection of the Mountains.

Edolo Town Council officially leased the new building to Milan University 6 months ago and many events have already taken place.

The new building of the Mountain University, has been used for the practical lesson of the **courses of Organic Chemistry, Botany, Animal Biology and Soil Chemistry**. The Edolo students were able to put into practice classroom theory in the *chemistry-biology laboratories*.



The brand new *I.T. laboratory*, complete with 20 workplaces with state-of-the-art PCs and interactive whiteboard hosted the practical lessons of the **I.T. course** and the **Territorial Information Systems** course with prof. Giulio Senes.



On *14th March 2009* during the convention "**Animals for wool and for fibre: new opportunities for the mountains**" there was an exhibition of products made with natural fibres in the new building. Exhibitors were happy to reply to questions from the public and illustrate exactly how clothes are made from wool.



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Finally we would like to remind you of the **visit of Mariastella Gelmini M.P.** on *11th April 2009*.  
After the meeting with the Mountain University, the Education Minister visited the new lecture rooms, the chemistry-biology and I.T. teaching and research laboratories and the new offices.



The laboratories, the lecture rooms and the offices of the new building consolidate the 'Mountain University' as a point of reference for the training of qualified people to work towards enhancing and developing the mountain environment.

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## **Extra activities**

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### **EXTRA ACTIVITIES 2008/2009**

The extra activities of the academic year 2008/2009 have now finished. During the year the Mountain University organized **4 courses, 2 conventions and 13 seminars**.

There were many different topics: *tourism, geology, cartography, animal production and typical products, economics, history of agriculture, botany, viticulture, genetics etc...*

Many events were attended also by the general public. The numbers present were a useful indication as to which themes are most appreciated by local people. This information will be useful in planning future events at the Mountain University.

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## **News about us...**

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2 articles published on **4<sup>th</sup> June** reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> June Press conference at the Congress Centre in Boario Terme (see the *News* section):

- *Giornale di Brescia* **L'università fa due passi in più** [CLICK HERE](#)
- *Bresciaoggi* **Cresce l'Mountain University** [CLICK HERE](#)

To tell us about articles or publications regarding the *Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment* send an e-mail to [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it)

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