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

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The events organized by the Mountain University are continuing:

In April there will be a course on the sensorial analysis of typical products, a seminar about traditional alpine cereals and another regarding multifunctional agriculture in the mountains .

For further information on any event contact the Edolo campus by e-mail at [corso.edolo@unimi.it](mailto:corso.edolo@unimi.it) or by phone: 0364.71324

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### **COMING SOON:**

**April 2009** → 3 lessons to introduce the **sensorial analysis of typical products** such as wine, cheese and honey.

**17th April 2009** → Seminar on **traditional alpine cereals** with three speakers. The cultivation of buckwheat in Teglio in Valtellina.

**21st April 2009** → A seminar about **multifunctional agricultural activities in the mountains** and about development cooperation.

For further information see the section "Extra activities".

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### **SUCCESS FOR THE CONVENTION ABOUT ANIMALS FOR WOOL AND FOR FIBRE**

The convention "**Animals for wool and for fibre: new opportunities for the mountains**" held on Saturday **14th March 2009** at the Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment Undergraduate Course Campus, was a success thanks to the expertise of the speakers and the large audience. More than 100 people from all over the north of Italy were present and interest was high for the whole day.

Farmers who breed animals for fibre welcomed the opportunity to increase their knowledge on various topics related to their work as well as exchanging ideas with others working in this sector.

Speakers included Alberto Cavalli, President of the Province of Brescia, Gian Francesco Tomasoni, Councillor for Agriculture and Giacomo Tiraboschi, editor of the programme "Mela Verde" who acted as chairman.

During the morning various experts in this sector talked about the breeding of animals for wool and fibre from a technical point of view, while in the afternoon breeders from different parts of Italy and Switzerland spoke of their professional experience.



During the lunch break there was an exhibition of products made with natural fibres in the new Faculty of Agriculture University building in Edolo.

Exhibitors were happy to reply to questions from the public and illustrate exactly how clothes are made from wool.



On the Undergraduate Course web site you can find a [page about the 14<sup>th</sup> March convention](#) where you can download speakers' presentations and see photos of the convention and of the exhibition.

We would like to thank speakers, exhibitors and all those who took part. Our special thanks to **Cassa Rurale Alta Val di Sole e Pejo**, the TV programme **Melaverde** and the **Gruppo di Azione Locale Valle Camonica e Val di Scalve** who helped in producing this event

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## **2 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE BRESCIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Brescia's Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Crafts and Agriculture**, is offering two scholarships for theoretical and practical training on the following themes.

- chestnuts;
- development of a project linked to mountain agriculture: rye and potato.

Students of the Faculties of Agriculture, Biology, Natural Science and equivalent will have a real opportunity to perfect their theoretical knowledge thanks to research and experimentation training courses at the **Valle Allione Forestry Consortium** (Paisco-Loveno – BS)

Each scholarship is for **€ 1.000,00 lordi**.

Applications must be made by **20th April 2009**.

This opportunity was presented to students on the 12th March during a meeting with **Dr. Christian Donati**, Technical Director of the Valle Allione Forestry Consortium who explained to students not only about the Chamber of Commerce scholarship but also the role of forestry commissions in the protection and enhancement of mountain areas and presented the Allione Forestry Consortium project "*The green road of the Orobian Mountains*"

**We invite the Edolo students to apply for the Brescia Chamber of Commerce scholarship reminding them of the importance given to students of the Mountain University.**

Indeed, the scholarship specifies that after assessment of qualifications and an interview if two or more candidates have the same number of points, precedence will be given to an undergraduate of the Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment Course of the Faculty of Agriculture, Edolo

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## *Extra activities*

### APRIL 2009: COURSE ON THE SENSORIAL ANALYSIS OF TYPICAL PRODUCTS

The Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment Course and the Student Association Val.Te.Mo. have organized the course "*Introduction to the sensorial analysis of typical products*".

The 15-hour course will take place in **April** at the Edolo Campus of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Dott.ssa **Giovanna Cattaneo**, Expert in Sensorial Analysis, during the convention on "Mountain cheese, from local knowledge to global flavours" had held a guided cheese tasting explaining how to use all 5 senses for a correct evaluation of the product.

The course, which is mainly aimed at undergraduates of the Mountain University, has the objective of enabling students to use, in future and after further research on their part, a simple system of sensorial analysis in order to encourage the appreciation of typical products.

Three products in particular will be studied: honey, cheese and wine.

Students will be involved in developing tests and elaborating data.

The typical products used for the course are provided by:

**APICOLTURA FAUSTINI di Faustini Nicola - Pisogne (BS)**

**COOPERATIVA C.I.S.S.V.A**

**COOPERATIVA ROCCHIE DEI VIGNALI**



Enrolment must be made **by 2nd April 2009** c/o the Edolo Campus Secretary's Office

**Places are limited to a maximum of 20 participants.**

Priority will be given to undergraduates of the Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment Course.

For further information see the course programme or contact the Edolo Campus Secretary's Office :

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## 17th APRIL 2009: THE CULTIVATION OF TRADITIONAL ALPINE CEREALS

On **17th April 2009** at **8.30pm** the Edolo Campus will host an evening dedicated to traditional alpine cereals.

3 speakers will be taking part in the seminar **"The Cultivation of traditional alpine cereals, past, present and future – the experience of Teglio in Valtellina"**:

- ***Giancarla Maestroni (Expert in Education Science)***

"Buckwheat in Teglio in Valtellina": origins, diffusion, special relationship with the Valtellina area. Use of buckwheat in diet: culture, tradition, identity of a territory.

"Cereal cultivation in Valtellina, past and present": in the relationship between nature and culture diet changes over time and according to local factors.



- ***Piero Roccatagliata (Foundation Slow Food for Biodiversity)***

"A concrete project for protecting agricultural Biodiversity in the Alps: the Slow Food Project on Buckwheat in Valtellina"

- ***Patrizio Mazzucchelli (Education expert of the Association for the Cultivation of Teglio Buckwheat and of Traditional Alpine Cereals and member of the Slow Food Project on Buckwheat in Valtellina)***

"Small Producers in the Mountains: new protagonists for the management of innovative proposals of Sustainable Tourism."

"Sustainable Tourism: opportunities for integrating the income of Small Producers in the Mountains".

The seminar is free and open to the public.

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## 21st APRIL 2009: MULTIFUNCTIONAL AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

On Tuesday **21st April 2009** at 4pm in the Main Hall of the Edolo Campus, **Piero Confalonieri**, Expert in International Cooperation, will hold a seminar on **"The importance and multifunctionality of agricultural activities in the mountains - development cooperation"**.

The seminar will deal with development cooperation which requires people who can offer a solid technical background, excellent listening skills so as to draw out local knowledge, flexibility in planning appropriate, adequate and efficient intervention.

These abilities are useful for all those who wish to work in mountain valleys, bearing in mind the importance of the multifunctionality of agricultural activities which the mountains offer.

The seminar is free and open to the public.

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

This month there are 3 articles:

- **"The University of the Alps on the way to excellence"** published by the daily newspaper *Bresciaoggi* on 14th febbraio 2009 [CLICK HERE](#)
- **"Edolo: Animals for wool and for fibre at the University"** published by the daily newspaper *Giornale di Brescia* on 13th March 2009 [CLICK HERE](#)
- **"Animals for wool: Edolo examines the situation"** published by the daily newspaper *Bresciaoggi* on 13th March 2009 [CLICK HERE](#)

We also invite you to see page [http://www.valmont.unimi.it/\\_dicono%20di%20noi.htm](http://www.valmont.unimi.it/_dicono%20di%20noi.htm) where you can find all the

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articles published regarding the Undergraduate Course as of 2001 to date.

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