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of Mountain areas*



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**From 16th June to 5th October 2011** → **"Photographic exhibition – the search for the (in)visible"** at the Edolo Campus of the Faculty of Agriculture

**27th June 2011 10.30 a.m.** → **"Development programmes for "marginal" areas: ideas for local situations from global experiences"** - Mario Belotti (Professor at Santa Clara University, Silicon Valley, California, U.S.)

**From 15th July 2011** → **Enrolment for A.Y. 2011/2012**

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## *News*

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### **27th JUNE 2011: PROF. MARIO BELOTTI AT THE THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE EDOLO CAMPUS**

On Monday **27th June 2011 at 10.30 a.m.**, in the Main Hall of the Undergraduate Course in Edolo there will be a seminar entitled **"Development programmes for "marginal" areas: ideas for local situations from global experiences"**.

The seminar organized by the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont., will be held by prof. **Mario Belotti, professor at Santa Clara University, Silicon Valley, California (USA)**

Mario Belotti, member of the 'American Economic Association', is a lecturer in Economics at Santa Clara University in California, where he has acted as Head of the Faculty of Economics and Director of the Institute of Agribusiness. After graduating in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Accounting at Midwestern University his research doctorate was in Economics and Commerce at Texas University, Austin.

His fields of interest include macroeconomics, monetary theory, politics and economic development. Prof. Belotti, an expert in development programmes, is the author of many articles and has held conferences and symposiums at universities in the United States and abroad. An expert in the economics of developing countries, he has worked in Nepal, Brazil, Honduras, Ecuador, Sudan, Egypt, Iran, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Thailand, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Eritrea.

Prof. Belotti will be talking to students, young people, aid workers and businessmen about his long and important experience in activities which support social and economical development in "marginal" areas of the world, extrapolating working solutions for local problems.

**The meeting is open to the public and free of charge, all are invited.**

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## 16 JUNE 2011: NATURE AND MOUNTAINS ON SHOW

On Thursday **16 June 2011 at 10.00 a.m.**, in the Main Hall of the Faculty of Agriculture Edolo Campus there will be the seminar **NATURE and MOUNTAINS ....ON SHOW**, presenting the two exhibitions organized by the Mountain University based in Edolo (part of the Faculty of Agriculture of Milan University):

- **"Permanent exhibition of rocks, minerals and soils"**

The exhibition is organized according to the progression from minerals to rocks and then to the soils which are the basis for all anthropic, agricultural, forestry, industrial, infrastructural activities.

The exhibition will be permanent in order to create an interest in the natural resources of alpine mountains in the local community, in particular students and young people, from play school to university.

The monoliths present in the exhibition show profiles and photos of soils typical of the Valle Camonica and many other alpine valleys.

- **"Photographic exhibition – the search for the (in)visible"** (in Edolo from 16 June to 5 October)

The exhibition is a trip into the minute, a meeting point between photography and science..

The exhibitions are aimed at teachers and students as well as the local population in general.

### PROGRAMME

*10.00 a.m. Welcome*

Vittorio Marniga, Mayor of Edolo

Mario Maisetti, Councillor of the Province of Brescia

Corrado Tomasi, President of the Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica

Massimo Chiesa, Consorzio Comuni B.I.M. di Valle Camonica

Gian Maria Rizzi, Brescia Chamber of Commerce

*10.30 a.m.*

Welcome from the Head of the Faculty of Agriculture Marisa Porrini

*10.40 a.m. Introduction*

Franco Sangiorgi, Head of the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas

Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont

*11.00 a.m. 1st part: "Permanent exhibition of rocks, minerals and soils"* - the Faculty of Agriculture, Edolo Campus (BS)

"Rocks and soils: the Alps' natural resources" - Franco Previtali, Milan University

Presentation of the video "Preparation of pedology materials" - Martino Occhi, Milan University

*11.40 a.m. 2nd part: "Photographic exhibition – the search for the (in)visible"*

"What is the invisible" - Claudia Ricci, Milan University

"A trip inside the minute" - Umberto Fascio, Milan University

Time for questions and discussion before visiting the two exhibitions *"Permanent exhibition of rocks, minerals and soils"* and *"Photographic exhibition – the search for the (in)visible"*

### **The meeting is open to the public and free of charge, all are invited.**

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## THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE COURSES RECEIVE QUALITY CERTIFICATION



In May the Faculty of Agriculture of Milan received the inspection visit of the external certification CERTIQUALITY which resulted in the **renewal of the ISO 9001 certification, extended to the Undergraduate Course in Edolo.**

The Quality Management System (SGQ), which has been used by the Faculty of Agriculture since 2009, provides many advantages: guaranteeing the coherence of objectives and the suitability of human resources as well as the facilities available for students and lecturers it also ensures that information is reliable, up-to-date and easily accessible.

The guarantee awarded to the courses of the Faculty of Agriculture regards the planning of both strictly academic facilities as well as support services such as career guidance, the LLP/Erasmus programme, internships, theses and tutoring.

This result was thanks to the collaboration of all Faculty staff and in particular to the efforts of dott. **Roberto Rovelli** and prof. **Alberto Tamburini** who supervised the quality systems from the planning stage right up to its realization.

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## *Extra activities*

### FIELD TRIP TO VANOISE NATIONAL PARK IN FRANCE (ALTA SAVOIA)

From 29th May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, **30 students** of the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas took part in the field trip to Vanoise National Park in France (Alta Savoia).

The trip allowed students direct contact with some examples of agriculture in the mountains visiting farms and natural parks, and meeting experts and local authorities.



The first meeting was at the visitor centre of the Vanoise National Park (<http://www.parcnational-vanoise.fr/>) in Chambéry where students met Christian Neumüller, responsible for international relations. The Vanoise National Park was the first national park in France and opened in 1963, much later than Italy's first national park, the Gran Paradiso national park, which was founded in 1922. Mr Neumüller explained about the Park, and French policy for protected areas. A light lunch of organic products was followed by lectures about the Natura 2000 network, environmental management in agriculture and the description of a typical example of pasture analysis as well as a brief description of promotion

activities carried out by the park such as the flowered meadows competition.

Problems are similar in France and in Italy, in particular how to reconcile the needs of man and nature. Agriculture which is respectful and sustainable can play an essential part, maintaining the equilibrium.

The following morning students visited the **Val Cenisio-Vanoise cooperative dairy** in Lanslebourg. The cooperative has about 40/45 members who have direct control over their products thanks to the "directly managed" shops in order to emphasize the



importance of these local products. Thanks to this sales network 20% of their products are sold directly in Pays de la Maurienne. Students visited the dairy and area where the cheese matures as well as the warehouse.

In the afternoon after meeting the President of the Chamber of Agriculture of Vanoise, the next stop was **les Alpes du Mont Cenis** where the vice-president of the Chamber of Agriculture, who is a farmer himself, explained local methods of farming in alpine pastures highlighting difficulties such as the difficulties in reconciling agriculture with national park requirements. However last year the cooperative paid 0.60 Euro/litre for milk produced in stables, but 0.74 Euro/litre milk produced alpine pastures.



The last day in France also brought a surprise, a 20cm snowfall, most unusual for the time of year, which brought with it some problems for the itinerary, so in the "**Maison de la Vanoise**" in the small village of Termignon students saw a video about the Park, its fauna, flora, agriculture and tourism (more than 500,000 visits), followed by a discussion.

Students were positively impressed with the field trip. The relationship between tourism and agriculture is fundamental for mountain areas and Alta Savoia is an excellent example of how to reconcile these two elements by interpreting both in an innovative way. Rediscovering local agricultural traditions and typical products can be an important driving force for developing tourism and the local economy.

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## ***Ge.S.Di.Mont***

### **SPECIALIZATION COURSE "MANAGEMENT OF GREEN AREAS IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS"**

The Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont. of the Università degli Studi di Milano has activated a specialization course "**MANAGEMENT OF GREEN AREAS IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS**" for the academic year 2010-2011, which will last 72 hours (theory and practical lessons).

The Course will take place from **6th July 2011 to 23rd September 2011.**

The aim of the Course is to examine issues concerning green areas in an urban context, paying special attention to trees in cities. Methods of intervention in urban environments including innovation and technology concerning planting, transplanting, controlling and managing ornamental green areas in public and private areas will be the main topics.

For further information on admission to the course, from mid May to mid June see:

<http://www.unimi.it/studenti/corsiperf/12684.htm>

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**TGR Edition at 7.30 a.m. on 15th June 2011 (minute 22:30)**

<http://www.tgr.raai.it/dl/tgr/regioni/PublishingBlock-d1771bdd-3372-4621-b543-25e70b1cdb11.html?idVideo=ContentItem-c1b03932-b8db-43d1-87d5-a9527acd0d61&idArchivio=Buongiorno>

**TGR Edition at 2.00 p.m. on 15th June 2011 (minute 7:29)**

<http://www.tgr.raai.it/dl/tgr/regioni/PublishingBlock-d1771bdd-3372-4621-b543-25e70b1cdb11.html?idVideo=ContentItem-4b6c6392-8600-4119-bef1-97344be32cf9>

**"L'Ateneo delle Alpi? Raccoglie interesse persino in Calabria"** published by *Bresciaoggi* on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011  
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We also invite you to see page [http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/course/dicono\\_di\\_noi.html](http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/course/dicono_di_noi.html) where you can find all the articles published regarding the Undergraduate Course.

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