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

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We would like to wish you a very Happy Easter and mention two extra events not in the newsletter:

- 22nd April 2010: Seminar "The role of rural activity in mountain development"
- 22 May 2010: Open Day of the Mountain University

Further details on the two events will be coming soon

For further information please contact us via e-mail corso.edolo@unimi.it or phone 0364.

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NEXT EVENTS:

From 12th February to 26th March 2010 → Course "**GIS for mountain territory**"

From 14th to 28th April 2010 → Course "**Alpine Lakes**" – Piero Guizzoni (CNR – Institute for the Study of Ecosystems)

15th and 16th April 2010 → **Field Trip to Valsesia**

For further information see the sections "News" and "Extra activities".

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TWO FELLOWSHIPS ON ZOOTECHNY

A new opportunity for the graduates of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment

The "FONDAZIONE INIZIATIVE ZOOPROFILATTICHE E ZOOTECHNICHE", based in Brescia, will be providing two fellowships worth 2500 euro each to young people who have graduated at the Edolo Campus and live in the province of Brescia.

The aim is to study zootechny in mountain areas in the province of Brescia in order to identify critical points, suggest improvements and what could be done when financing is available as well as projects especially geared to mountain areas and their development.

Each fellowship will require research and reporting on the topic and will be based at Gesdimont in Edolo (BS).

For further information please contact the Secretariat in Edolo Tel. 0364/71324.

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A CAREER IN THE MOUNTAINS

What opportunities are there for young people to find work in the mountains? What type of opportunities are available for graduates of the degree Course in Edolo?

These were some of the questions dealt with during the seminar **"Young people and the mountains: opportunities and new expertise"** which took place on 11th March at the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain Territory and Environment



Those present included *Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia*, Manager of the Interdepartmental Centre for the Sustainable Management and Protection of the Mountains; *Franco Sangiorgi*, President of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain territory and Environment; *Vittorio Marniga*, Mayor of Edolo; *Mario Maisetti*, Concillor of the Province of Brescia; *Corrado Tomasi*, President Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica; *Massimo Romagnoli* and *Anna Giorgi*, respectively President and Director of the EIM Ente Italiano della Montagna.

Those representing the course's sponsors confirmed their support for the Mountain University; the "experiment" of 14 years ago has proved a success demonstrated by the results obtained and the achievements of our graduates.

Massimo Romagnoli and *Anna Giorgi* emphasized the importance of providing young people with the necessary resources for a career in the mountains so they don't have to leave their birthplace to find work.

The mountains can offer opportunities and a rewarding career. In fact the territory, the nature, the products, the values and the culture present in the mountains make up a wealth which can and must be rediscovered and utilized. New professions need to be invented and traditional ones rediscovered with the help of innovation and modern technology.



Davide Torri, is President of the "Associazione Gente di Montagna", an association made up of members from throughout the Alps and Apennines which acts as a link between various situations in the mountains and is at present involved in several different projects. One of these projects: "*To stay, to return. New life for the mountains*" tells the stories of young people who stayed in or returned to their birthplaces to create a life for themselves in the mountains.

One of these is *Sonia Spagnoli*, a young undergraduate of the Edolo course, who is taking over the traditional family farm and who, every day, faces the beauty as well as the problems of farming in the mountains using a modern approach which doesn't neglect the past.

Her story is shown in the video "*From father to daughter*" shown during the seminar and appreciated by the public at the conference.

The last part of the conference was dedicated to some graduates of the Course working in various sectors: *Bettini Donatella* (Comunità Montana Alto Garda); *Bettoni Giada* (Comunità Montana di Scalve); *Boldrini Stefano* (Valle Camonica Servizi); *Bonomi Valentino* (Azienda Agricola San Faustino); *Faustini Nicola* (Apicoltura Faustini); *Pennacchio Marco* (Gal Golem Sebino Val Trompia).

They explained how they reached this point in their careers and the work they do. They also pointed out some of the rewarding as well as the difficult aspects of the transition from university to work and gave some



useful advice to the students present.

In conclusion the seminar showed that the Undergraduate Course in Edolo creates a new figure: an expert in the mountains, who can work in public bodies thanks to technical skills, who can manage a multifunctional farm, who can deal with zootechny and much more. It was also clear that there are many different ways to find a job, something which is true in general and not just for the Undergraduate Course in Edolo.

To find a rewarding and stimulating job may be hard but enthusiasm, clear objectives, strong motivation and a desire to work are the key to success.

We hope that the afternoon was useful to the students present and will further motivate them in their studies.

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Extra activities

APRIL 2010: COURSE ON ALPINE LAKES

From **14th to 21st April 2010** dott. Piero Guilizzoni of *CNR– Institute for the Study of Ecosystems* will hold a Course about **Alpine Lakes**.

COURSE CONTENTS

The Course is divided into 5 main topics:

1. The alpine environment and its lakes: climate and physical characteristics of the body of water and drainage basin
2. Present and past flora and fauna.
3. The natural environment compared to that influenced by human activities: atmospheric pollution and water acidification, contamination by heavy metals and xenobiotic compounds.
4. Lake sediments: core sampling analysis and paleoenvironmental and paleoclimatic reconstructions. Sampling techniques, preparation of samples, connection between chemical elements, pH and temperature. Analysis of *proxy records*: diatoms, cladocerans, Chironomini, fossil pigments, carbonite particles, etc. Elaboration and interpretation of the results. Main methods of analysis
5. Case studies of Alpine Lakes. Presentation of International Projects on the Alpine environment

ENROLMENT

In order to take part in the course you must:

- be enrolled in the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain territory and Environment or other similar courses;
- have already completed the courses in Plant Biology and Animal Biology.

You must enrol by 9th April 2010 at the Secretariat in Edolo Tel. 0364/71324.

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FIELD TRIP TO VALSESIA

The Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain territory and Environment is organizing for 15th and 16th April 2010 a field trip to Valsesia.

The aim of the trip is to see and discuss with local authorities and researchers the Walser culture and their ways of managing the mountains.

PROGRAMME

1st Day

7.30-8.00 am Departure from EDOLO by coach

Arrival at ALAGNA and accommodation in a guest house (Pensione Genzianella)

Lunchtime free

2/2.30-5/6pm Meeting at the Unione Alagnese

- History and origins of the Walser culture
- Example of architecture
- Toponymy
- Production
- Elements of local botany: ligneous and medicinal plants, flowers

7.30pm Dinner (included in half-board)

2nd Day

9.00-10.00am Visit to historical sights:

Pedemonte: Walser museum

Uterio: mill

Ronco Superiore

Merletti

1pm Lunchtime free

2.30pm Departure for EDOLO

The Field Trip is only for students of the Undergraduate Course in Protection and Enhancement of the Mountain territory and Environment

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VAL.TE.MO. Association

HOW TO SUPPORT THE VAL.TE.MO. ASSOCIATION

The Val.Te.Mo Association is on the provincial register of the associations for social advancement , so voluntary contributions can be deducted from tax paid in Italy. If you require further information please send an e-mail to valtemo@tiscali.it

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the association here are the bank details:

Codice IBAN: IT28 B081 6354 4700 0014 0300 097

Codice BIC: CCRTIT2T43A (for payment from outside Italy)

Cassa Rurale Alta Val di Sole e Pejo – Edolo Branch

In the name of : Associazione VAL.TE.MO. - Via Morino 8 – 25048 Edolo

You can help to create "The herb garden: "A journey through shapes, fragrances, colours and the history of their use in the mountains".

The project plans to create a herb garden of officinal, medicinal and tinctorial plants for educational and teaching purposes in order to highlight the special environmental and cultural characteristics of mountain areas and in particular the Valle Camonica. The garden will be situated next to the Mountain University and will provide guided tours and workshops aimed at students of all ages and the general public who wish to discover the world of herbs. The soil has been analysed, the species of herbs which will be grown in the garden have been chosen and suppliers identified, the necessary equipment has been purchased and the layout of the garden is being planned. In the coming months the irrigation system will be installed and flowerbeds created.

The project receives support from *Fondazione Bresciana* and *Cassa Rurale Alta Val di Pejo Val di Sole*.

You can contact the association by calling 0364/71324 or sending an e-mail to valtemo@tiscali.it

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**The Undergraduate Course in
Protection and Enhancement of the
Mountain territory and Environment**
wishes you

HAPPY EASTER



Please note that the Edolo Campus
will be closed from 1st to 7th April
2010.

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