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29th February 2012 → Meeting "**The highbush blueberry in Valtellina: cultivation techniques**" *organized by Ge.S.Di.Mont. Interdepartmental Centre*

1st March 2012 → Seminar "**Infectious diseases transmitted by animals to humans in mountain areas. Ticks: risks and prevention**" – *Claudio Bandi (Milan University)*

6th March 2012 → Seminar "**Local businesses: how to get young ideas moving**" - *Fabio Bianchi (Impresa e Territorio scrl – Assocamuna)*

19th-23rd March 2012 → **Course in Ceva (CN)** at the *State Forestry Corps Training Centre*
For further details see below

News

CONVENTION SIGNED BETWEEN STATE FORESTRY CORPS AND MILAN UNIVERSITY

A convention between the State Forestry Corps and the **Faculty of Agriculture of Milan University** was signed on Friday **24th February 2012** by the Head of the **State Forestry Corps**, Cesare Patrone and the Rector of Milan University, Enrico Decleva.

Thanks to the convention, 20 students of the *Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas*, will take part in a one-week Seminar at the **Forestry Training Centre in Ceva** (CN). The Seminar will deal with silviculture, forest fires, hydrogeological instability, environmental and food safety, protection of conservation areas and biodiversity.

Milan University will provide lecturers on subjects such as dairy, wine, vegetable and oil production, meat and food processing, baking and agriculture as well as its laboratories for the training and up-dating of **State Forestry Corps** staff.



The study group responsible for evaluating the development prospects for the **Edolo Campus** of Milan University, in order to create a **University Centre of Excellence** called "**Mountain University**", will also contribute through training programmes, with the task of promoting and experimenting specific methods suitable for the complex characteristics and requirements of mountain areas.

In Italy mountain areas make up 54% of the territory and are inhabited by 11 million people, 18% of the national population. Management is aimed at the conservation and sustainable development of mountain areas through the prevention of hydrogeological instability, the care and management of water resources, the conservation of biological and socio-cultural diversity, enhancing quality local produce and products, the preservation of landscapes essential for the development of sustainable tourism. The mountains need professionals trained in the protection and monitoring of mountain areas and in economic development and entrepreneurship, but this need often collides with reality due to a gradual reduction of services and opportunities that discourages young people.

These initiatives have the aim of creating a generation of young people aware of such issues, well-trained and with adequate cultural and technical-operational means in order to give new impetus to mountain areas.

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RECORDING AND BROADCASTING OF EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

On the Undergraduate programme in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas website, on the page dedicated to extra activities <http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/studenti/calendario.html>, there are some links to seminars which have taken place over the last few months at the Faculty of Agriculture's Edolo Campus. This means that the activities which take place at the Mountain University can be seen also by those who could not take part on the day.

Moreover, thanks to the software "Aula Virtuale" supported by Milan University's eLearning centre, **you can follow the seminars at the Faculty of Agriculture's Edolo Campus in real time.**

We therefore invite you to follow upcoming events and first of all to contact the Secretary's Office in Edolo (Tel. 0364/71324 corso.edolo@unimi.it) to find out more.

We would like to thank **CTU, Milan University's eLearning centre**, for the support provided for the

recording and broadcasting of events thanks to the Virtual Classroom software "Aula Virtuale".

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MEETINGS ABOUT ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MOUNTAINS

As part of the project "*The mountains form and inform*" financed by *PSR 2007/2013 Measure 111 B Information and dissemination of knowledge* the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont organized two meetings about **organic agriculture in the mountains**.

The meetings held by **Maurizio Gritta** (President Cooperativa Agricola Iris di Calvatone CR), attracted the public's interest and were well-attended.

You can "see" the meeting held on 22nd February at
<http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/studenti/calendario.html>



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SPECIALIZATION COURSE IN MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS STARTS.

On 24th February 2012 the Specialization Course in **Mountain Agricultural Economics** started in **Domodossola**.

The course, organized by *ARS.UNI.VCO* (Association for the development of culture, of university education and research in Berbano Cusio Ossola) in collaboration with lecturers of the *Mountain University in Edolo* and the *Istituto Comprensivo Innocenzo IX di Baceno*, sez. Associata dell'I.P.A.A. "Silvio Fobelli" di Crodo is aimed at those with a high school diploma and farmers.

The aim is to promote cultural and professional development in the agro-forestry-pastoral sector which can increase the quality of local products and the synergy between the worlds of agricultural and university experimental research.

The first part of the course in Domodossola is purely theoretical with lectures held by staff of the Mountain University in Edolo, as well as local teachers. The second part, which will start on 27th April 2012 will address a number of aspects of a more technical and practical nature.

Those interested can also enrol just for one module:

- Module I - Mountains - 21 ore
- Module II – Milk and Meat - 29 ore
- Module III – Woods and wood production - 13 ore
- Module IV - Marketing Mountain Economics -13 ore
- Technical Module - Practice - 50 ore

Enrolment is also free for:

- Guided visit to Farms in Canton Vallese - 10 hours
- Guided visit to Farms in Valle d'Aosta - 10 hours
- **Lessons broadcast as video conference from Domodossola to the Ge.S.Di.Mont. offices in Edolo Via Morino 8**

Lessons will be on Fridays (from 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) and Saturday (from 9.15 to 5.00 p.m.).

If you wish to enrol on the entire course or single modules please contact the secretary's office for further information.

For further information: <http://www.univco.it>

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Extra Activities

1st MARCH 2012: SEMINAR: INFECTIOUS DISEASES TRANSMITTED BY ANIMALS TO HUMANS IN MOUNTAIN AREAS. TICKS: RISKS AND PREVENTION

On Thursday **1st March 2012 at 8.30** p.m. in the Main Hall of the Faculty of Agriculture's Edolo Campus, there will be the Seminar *Infectious diseases transmitted by animals to humans in mountain areas. Ticks: risks and prevention* held by **Claudio Bandi** Lecturer in Parasitic Diseases at Milan University.



Enzo Antonini, Director of the District of Veterinary Medicine of the ASL-Vallecmonica Sebino, will open the seminar with an overview of local organization and the tasks assigned to the Department of Veterinary Prevention and in particular to the Animal Health Service.

Contents of the seminar:

In Italy, and more generally in Europe, ticks are responsible for the transmission of numerous infectious diseases in man and animals. The problems related to the presence of these arthropods on the territory, and in particular in sylvan and mountain environments, therefore relate to both animal and human health. Among the diseases transmitted by ticks to humans and of which wild animals are the main source, we can cite Lyme's arthritis, of tick-borne viral encephalitis and several forms of tick-borne rickettsiosis.

The Seminar aims to provide basic information related to ticks and the diseases they transmit, analyzing the risks associated with use of natural environments and providing practical information on prevention measures.

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge

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19-23 MARCH 2012: FIELD TRIP TO CEVA CENTRE OF THE STATE FORESTRY CORPS

From 19-23 March 2012, 20 students of the undergraduate program in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas will be guests of the State Forestry Corps Forestry Training Centre Giuseppe Galliano in Ceva (CN).

During 5-day course, students will be busy with lessons and field trips that relate to forestry, forest fires, prevention of hydrogeological instability, environmental and food safety, the protection of protected areas and biodiversity.

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Ge.S.Di.Mont

"THE MOUNTAINS FORM AND INFORM" PROJECT MEETINGS

As part of the project *"The mountains form and inform"* financed by *PSR 2007/2013 Measure 111 B Information and dissemination of knowledge* the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont is organizing the following meetings:

Tuesday 28 February 2012 – 8.30 p.m.

" Cherries and other small fruits: cultivation techniques "

Town Hall meeting room in Grosio (SO) in via Roma n.34

Wednesday 29 February 2012 - 8.30 p.m.

" The highbush blueberry in VALTELLINA: cultivation techniques "

Town Hall meeting room in Grosio (SO) in via Roma n.34

Participation is **free**.

Further information at: <http://www.gesdimont.unimi.it>



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6th MARCH 2012: THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR in CIVIDATE CAMUNO

The meeting entitled **"Local businesses: how to get young ideas moving"** will be held on **6th March 2012 at 8.30 p.m.**, in the Main Hall of the Edolo campus.

After an introduction by **Anna Giorgi** of the *Ge.S.Di.Mont. Interdepartmental Centre*, the next speaker will be **Fabio Bianchi**, President of *Impresa e Territorio scarl* and President of *Assocamuna* (Association Entrepreneurs of Vallecamonica, Sebino, Valcavallina and Val di Scalve) who will present the *Business Incubator of Valle Camonica and the development prospects it will generate for the local area and young people.*



The Business incubator in Valle Camonica, based in Cividate Camuno, offers space and support services for startup and consolidation of innovative companies in the area.

In particular, it seeks to harness the potential of young people and researchers ready to initiate work on entrepreneurial paths, favouring employment in order to support the local economy.

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge

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About us

This month:

"L'università va in montagna. Intesa tra Forestale e ateneo statale di Milano: nasce un centro di sviluppo delle aree montane" - *Avvenire Ed. Milano e Lombardia* on 25 February 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"Forestale: siglato accordo con l'università Milano per tutela delle aree montane" - *Libero* on 24 February 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"Montagna: siglata convenzione Corpo Forestale e Università Milano" - *ASCA* on 24 February 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"Forestale sigla accordo con l'università di Milano per la tutela delle aree montane" - *Adnkronos* on 24 February 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"I laghi, sentinelle in alta quota per il controllo dell'ambiente" - *Bresciaoggi* on 9 February 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"Gli iscritti sono 18 Economia montana può iniziare i corsi - Stasera al Rosmini videoconferenza sulla convenzione delle Alpi - La Stampa Ed. VCO on 24 gennaio 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

We also invite you to see page 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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