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News

2012/2013 ENROLMENT

**You can enrol for the academic year 2012/2013
from 16th July to 15th October 2012**

INFORMATION:

For further information about the Mountain University please:

- consult our site www.valmont.unimi.it where you can find information about the course and the study plan, accommodation, photos of university life in Edolo and download the 2012/2013 brochure;
- contact the Secretary in Edolo **Tel. 0364.71324 - E-mail corso.edolo@unimi.it**;
- visit our campus during the times specified below (please contact the Secretary's Office at least the day before)

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE:

The enrolment procedure is as follows:

- Deposit the first instalment with Banca INTESA SANPAOLO using the [payment form](#), the bank will give you a code to prove you have paid;
- Access the procedure "ENROLMENT" at the self-service terminals or [via WEB](#);
- Insert all the required information and book an appointment to present the documents in Milan;
- The procedure will provide the enrolment application, in two copies, with the necessary information filled in.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarships please see page <http://www.unimi.it/studenti/tasse/1147.htm> where you can find information regarding taxes for various courses, procedures and deadlines for declaring financial situation, requirements and procedures for exemption from taxes and contributions. You should also see the [CIDI](#)s Consorzio Pubblico Interuniversitario site where you can find details of scholarships.

ENROLMENT IN INDIVIDUAL COURSES

As of 15th July you can enrol in individual courses.

Those interested can attend up to two courses in each academic year, take the exam and receive certification. To take part you need to have a high school diploma. For further information on courses available [CLICK HERE](#)

OPENING TIMES OF THE EDOLO CAMPUS DURING THE SUMMER:



From **6th to 26th August** the offices of the **Interdepartmental centre GeSDiMont** (see photo) are open on the following days:

6th – 8th – 10th – 22nd – 24th August

from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

The Mountain University is closed from 13th to 21st August 2012

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18th JULY 2012: 1st GRADUATION SESSION A.Y. 2011/2012

The 1st GRADUATION SESSION of A.Y. 2011/2012 took place on Wednesday **18th July 2012** at the Mountain University. The Commission, chaired by Prof. Giuseppe Carlo Lozzia, assessed the final theses of 4 candidates:



Elisa Antognazza, Venegono Inferiore (VA)

Dissertation: " *Preliminary Study for the realization of a traditional mountain vegetable garden*"

Supervisor: Antonio Ferrante (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science- Production, Territory, Agro-energy)

Attilio Melesi – Primaluna (LC)

Dissertation: " *General Situation of forestry enterprises in the Lombardy Region*"

Supervisor: Davide Facchinetti (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science- Production, Territory, Agro-energy)

Co-Supervisors: Gianluca Maria Gaiani, Domenico Pessina (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science- Production, Territory, Agro-energy)

Stefania Reali - Brescia

Dissertation: " *Young farmers in mountain areas: economic and financial assessment of a multifunctional project*"

Supervisor: Danilo Bertoni (Department of Economics, Management Quantitative Methods)

Davide Rossini – Montorfano (CO)

Dissertation: " *Surveying and mapping of paths in Valle Camonica*"

Supervisor: Alessandro Toccolini (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science- Production, Territory, Agro-energy)

Co-Supervisor: Paolo Stefano Ferrario (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science- Production, Territory, Agro-energy)

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SURVEY ON BUSINESS AND JOBS IN THE ITALIAN ALPS

The research group for the realization of the a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Milan and the Ministry of Education is conducting a survey of work in the Alps in order to define operator training needs for mountain areas, so as to organize courses and training more responsive to local needs.

The survey is planned for the two key stakeholders:

Survey for **BUSINESSES**: <http://www.questionari.unimi.it/edoloimprese>

Survey for **INTERMEDIARIES**: <http://www.questionari.unimi.it/edolointermediari>

Please click on the appropriate link to take part

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5-8 SEPTEMBER 2012, VALPOSCHIAVO (CH) – ALPINE WEEK: The Renewable Alps

For the first time in the history of the **Alpine Convention**, the **Alpine Conference**, which brings together the Ministers of the signatory States, will take place during the Alpine week 2012

<http://www.alpweek.org/2012/index.php>

This important event will take place in Poschiavo (CH) from **Wednesday 5th to Saturday 8th September**.

By organizing these two events at the same time, the Swiss Presidency of the Alpine Convention wants to send a strong message: the importance of bringing together under one roof the States and organizations that operate "in" and "for" the Alps.

The **Mountain University**, which plays an increasingly important role in mountain issues, has organized the session titled: **Young People in the Alps, Training and innovation to reinterpret tradition and to promote the sustainable development of the mountains** on **6th of September from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

The session, which can also be accessed remotely via a **virtual classroom**, provides an initial introductory report on the state of the art in terms of national and European training aimed at giving young people the tools and knowledge appropriate for the mountain environment and on the practical implications for such areas.



The implementation of the Mountain University Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education will also be explained. Then there will be a panel discussion on these themes, leading to the drafting of a summary document and a proposal that will be made to the main national institutions dealing with mountains and to the various bodies of the Alpine Convention. Experts from Italian and foreign universities and representatives of leading institutions in the sector will take part.

The importance of the entire event invites the participation of all stakeholders whose guidance and assistance may be an important building block for future Alpine policies.

For further information contact the Secretary Office of the Mountain University
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SUCCESS FOR THE COURSE OF MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

On **Friday, June 1st 2012**, in the Library of Collegio Rosmini in Domodossola the closing ceremony of the **course in Mountain Agricultural Economics** was held. The course was organized in collaboration with the Association **ARS.UNI.VCO**, the **Mountain University**, the Istituto Comprensivo Innocenzo IX in Baceno, sez. Associata dell'I.P.A.A. "Silvio Fobelli", Crodo sponsored by the **Province of Verbano** Cusio Ossola, the Comunità Montana Valli dell'Ossola, the Verbano Cusio Ossola (VCO) Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of VCO, the Municipality of Domodossola, UNCEM and **Piedmont Region**.

The VCO area has great tourism and economic potential which has not yet been fully exploited: the cooperation between the **Mountain University** and **ARS.UNI.VCO** allowed to provide adequate training to those who wish to invest in an area which, during the current recession, may represent a real and rewarding alternative to traditional professions, provided it is undertaken with appropriate expertise.

The activities, that took place between February and May 2012, saw the participation of 17 students for 130 hours of lessons divided into five modules, during which university lectures were accompanied by practice and guided tours (for details see www.economiamontana.univco.it).

The course aimed at encouraging cultural and professional development in the agro-forestry-pastoral sector in order to increase the quality of local products.

Participants' approval and satisfaction was shown by the questionnaires completed during both the course and the closing ceremony.

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Meeting: IMPLEMENTATION AND PROSPECTS OF THE ALPINE CONVENTION



The meeting entitled "**Implementation and prospects of the Alpine Convention: an alpine conversation**" chaired by **Anna Giorgi**, lecturer of the Mountain University, took place on **Friday 13th July** at the Adamello Park House in Cervo (BS)

The event, organized in collaboration with the Mountain University, was part of the "**Sustainability Alpine Nature Fair**" a major event organized by the Adamello Park. The meeting, sponsored by numerous organizations and institutions, including the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, dealt with issues and prospects of the forthcoming Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention.

The morning started with greetings from **Silvio Citroni**, Cervo Mayor and councillor for the Adamello Park for the Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, while the work was introduced by **Anna Giorgi**. **Giulio De Capitani**, Minister of Agriculture of the Lombardy Region, emphasized the essential role of agriculture in the mountains.

Marco Onida, Secretary General, presented the Alpine Convention, an international treaty signed by the Alpine countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia and Switzerland) and by the European Union with the aim of promoting sustainable development and protecting the interests of the resident population, considering the complex environmental, social, economic and cultural issues. **Paolo Angelini** of the Italian Focal Point for the Alpine Convention for the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea also intervened.

The afternoon saw round tables on issues of primary interest to the Alps such as climate change, forests and ecosystem services, macro-regional Alpine strategy, sustainable tourism, the digital divide, the digital agenda, "smart cities" and mountain farming and Expo 2015.

Work concluded with a debate on the topics covered during the day.

A final document giving information and considerations drawn from the day's work will soon be available

The initiative, well-promoted and attended, was also appreciated by prominent experts who were unable to attend the meeting, but sent greetings and best wishes, such as Hon. **Manuela Di Centa**, Italian MP, **Fausto Carrara**, Councillor for Civil Defence, Youth Activities, Mountain Policy and Provincial Police of the province of Bergamo, Prof. **Carlo Baroni**, President of the Italian Glaciological Committee.

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Meeting: "SAFFRON IN THE ALPS"



The seminar "Saffron in the Alps", organized in collaboration between the Mountain University and Municipality of Ossimo was held on Saturday, June 30th 2012 at Ossimo (BS).

The meeting allowed lecturers of the Undergraduate Programme in Edolo (BS) to present the results of initial experiments on the cultivation of saffron in Vallecronica. The initiative enabled all those present to discover the opportunities arising from the cultivation of saffron, with particular reference to the area of Ossimo.

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LEGGERE CON GUSTO – Valpelline 7-8-9 agosto

The event “**READ WITH TASTE**” will take place in Valpelline (Valle d’Aosta) from **7th to 9th August**.

The event will concentrate on culture and local food inviting participants to discover the area with its traditions and cultural heritage.

For further info: [CLICK HERE](#)

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Giovanna Spampinato who graduated in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas is now in **Cajamarca**, in the north of Perù, at about 2.700 m a.s.l. where she is taking part in a program of international cooperation.

You can find out more at:

<http://www.valmont.unimi.it/italiano/home>.

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Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont

A collaboration between the University and Vallecamonica area for the FORMULATION OF A NEW SKIMMED PROBIOTIC DAIRY PRODUCT

The project entitled "Formulation of a new probiotic low-fat dairy product." received financing under measure 124 of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

The project was developed in collaboration between **CISVA Soc. Coop S.r.l.** (Capo di Ponte), **Interdepartmental Centre GeSDiMont (Mountain University, Milan University)**, some local farms in Vallecamonica and Gruppo Impresa for technical assistance.

The Mountain University, through its research activities, is therefore shown to be an important partner for the improvement and growth of important production activities for the mountain economy, facilitating access to funds made available by the European community.

The funding will allow to evaluate systematically the effects of various process parameters on the sensory characteristics and functional properties of a low-fat cheese containing probiotic bacteria. The main objective of the project is to study the possibility of using the low-fat fresh cheese as a vehicle for probiotics which have a proven beneficial activity for human health.

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NEW PROJECT OF THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS

The project entitled “@zione Rurale” received financing under measure 331B of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

The project leader is the **Interdepartmental Centre GeSDiMont (Mountain University, Milan University)** with the collaboration, on the business side, of the Business Incubator of Civate Camuno (BS).

The Mountain University, through its educational activities, is therefore an important partner in disseminating information on opportunities for the economic development of mountain areas in order to improve business skills and stimulate interest in the creation of new employment opportunities.

The funding will promote information activities and dissemination of knowledge through meetings, seminars and conferences in strategic sectors of the mountain economy such as the multifunctionality of farms, rural tourism, renewable energy, entrepreneurship and cultural, environmental, territorial and nature aspects.

Using **web technology**, with the support of Milan University's CTU (University Centre for eLearning and multimedia production, for institutional communication and teaching), some of the activities planned will also be available in **Domodossola**, at the Collegio M. Rosmini in collaboration with **Ars.Uni.VCO** - Association for the development of culture, of university studies and research of Verbania, a joint action to promote methodological and operational innovation in the Alps.

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Multimedia Video



RECORDING AND BROADCASTING OF EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

As of this academic year the meetings, seminars and events of the Mountain University can be watched via streaming

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 Mountain University.

This means that the activities which take place at the Mountain University can also be seen by those who could not take part on the day.

In addition, please note that **you can take part in the seminars offered by the Mountain University** by connecting remotely via web. The web conferencing service, supported by the CTU of Milan University, allows you to watch live seminars and interact with the speakers.

Participation via web is limited to users who have booked. We therefore invite you to contact the Secretary's Office in Edolo (Tel. 0364/71324 corso.edolo@unimi.it) to find out more.

Recent events:

6 June 2012 - **Ecological indices and measurement of biodiversity** – link

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p87764394/>

6 June 2012 - **The main plant typologies of Lombardy** – link <http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p27747392/>

30 May 2012 - **Plant response to soil factors** – link

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p86098494/>

30 May 2012 - **Plant response to biotic and abiotic perturbations** - link

<http://aulavirtuale.ctu.unimi.it/p42244109/>

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The Mountain University has an official group on *facebook*!

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About us

This month:

"L'università della montagna cerca il futuro in palestra" - Bresciaoggi 3 July 2012 [CLICK HERE](#)

"Una convenzione per le Alpi" – TV report on TeleBoario 18 July 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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