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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



UNIMONT REOPENS ITS DOORS TO STUDENTS. LESSONS OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 NOW STARTING

After more than six months of closure, the headquarters of the [Mountain University - Centre of excellence of the University of Milan](#) located in Edolo - **reopened its doors to students** on Monday 28th September 2020, with an introduction to university life specially designed for new undergraduates. Masks, spaced seats, temperature control, hand sanitation, quota access for students present and live online video transmission for those who decided to follow remotely: this is how the new Unimont academic year began. [Find out more about the day reading the complete news item here.](#)

UNIMONT - CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN - SIGNS THE APPEAL FOR TERRITORIAL CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE 2020 EDITION OF "CLIMBING FOR CLIMATE" ORGANIZED BY THE NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The University of Milan participated, with its [UNIMONT Research Center Ge.S.Di.Mont.](#) - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - **in the second edition of "Climbing for Climate - CFC"**, an initiative promoted by the RUS (Network of Universities for Sustainable Development) with the patronage of the national management of the Italian Alpine Club, coordinated at a Lombardy level by the University of Brescia, in collaboration with the Italian Alpine Club Section of Brescia, with the patronage of CRA2030 (University Research and Documentation Center for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda) and S4S (Students For Sustainability).

An excursion in the splendid natural setting of the **Conca del Lago Baitone** involving teachers, researchers, students and technicians also included some lectures.

The day ended with the signing of the **Appeal for territorial protection and enhancement** by Professor Francesco Castelli - Vice Rector of the University of Brescia, Professor Anna Giorgi - director of the UNIMONT centre of the University of Milan, Angelo Maggiore - president of Italian Alpine Club Brescia, and Gian Battista Pasquini - Mayor of Sonico: **a commitment to collaboration to promote the sustainable development of mountain areas.** [Read the full news item here.](#)

NEW DEGREE COURSE COORDINATOR

9th September 2020. The new coordinator of the didactic board of the degree course in [Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas](#) has been elected. The task was entrusted to **Prof. Anna Giorgi**, starting from 1st October. With our warmest congratulations and best wishes for this new task!

We also take this opportunity to thank prof. Gian Battista Bischetti, outgoing coordinator, who coordinated the degree course with dedication and excellent results for 4 years.

THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY, A STRATEGIC REALITY FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN MOUNTAIN AREAS

[UNIMONT Mountain University](#) - the Centre of Excellence of the University of Milan based in Edolo, will be strengthened thanks to funding granted under the "Marshall Plan" of the Lombardy Region for the implementation of the university campus in Edolo. **The Edolo Centre of the Mountain University** which, with its degree course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas and the Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Center, **has been promoting the enhancement and development of mountain areas through innovation and training of new young entrepreneurs and those working in the mountains for**

over twenty years, is recognized in the “Marshall Plan” of the Lombardy Region as a strategic defense for recovery in these special territories.

The specific attention of the Lombardy Region will allow the UNIMONT centre - the only Italian university that deals exclusively with the mountains from a small mountain town like Edolo, in the heart of the Alps - to develop further new facilities, thus increasing and strengthening training and research activities in favour of mountain areas. [Read the full news item here.](#)

CALLS, INTERSHIPS and JOBS



TRAINING AND WORK CALL - COMO-LECCO (IT)

The Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture of Como-Lecco is promoting a Local Call on Training and Work, to support companies in the search for new staff, thus reinforcing the training-work connection and contributing to the relaunch and growth of the local economy.

The resources allocated by the announcement amount to €120,000, made available by the Chamber of Commerce, and which will be distributed to companies who apply through non-repayable contributions or vouchers.

To participate, send your application electronically, with a digital signature, using the on-line "Contributi alle Imprese" option, within the Webtelemaco system of Infocamere - Servizi e-gov, **by 12:00 on 8th October 2020**. [Here more information on the call, in italian.](#)

CALL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE "AMERIGO E MARIA GERLI AND AUGUSTO PORRO" REFUGE (IT)

The Italian Alpine Club Section of Milan has opened a public call for tenders for a new manager of its refuge "Amerigo and Maria Gerli and Augusto Porro", located at 1965 m in the locality of Alpe Ventina in the municipality of Chiesa in Valmalenco (SO).

The refuge - equipped with modern facilities and services - is located in the heart of the Rhaetian Alps, at Alpe Ventina in Valmalenco, a side valley of the upper Valmalenco that branches off towards the south behind the town of Chiareggio and ends with the Ventina glacier with its glaciological path. The refuge, with its twin refuge Ventina, is surrounded by famous peaks including Pizzo Rachele, Pizzo Cassandra, Punta Kennedy, Sentinella della Vergine, Pizzo Ventina and is the starting point for great itineraries on the east side of Monte Disgrazia. **DEADLINE for submission of applications: 31st October 2020.** [All the info on the call and how to participate here, in italian.](#)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



Collaboration agreement between the Lombardy region and CRC Ge.S.diMont., for the enhancement of mountain areas: analysis of strategies and good practices, identification of effective methodological approaches and tools that can be replicated in the current evolving national and international scenario - challenges and opportunities.

The implementation agreement is aimed at carrying out initiatives to support policies for the development and enhancement of the mountain territory defined by the Lombardy Region in the current Regional Development Program > For further informations [Click here.](#)

04.09.2020: INFORMATION SEMINAR ON CONSUMPTION AND REGENERATION OF THE LOMBARDY MOUNTAIN TERRITORY. OPPORTUNITIES FOR TERRITORIAL ENHANCEMENT (IT)

An Information Seminar was held on 4th September organized by the [Municipality of Edolo](#) with the technical-scientific support of [UNIMONT](#), as part of the collaboration agreement with [UNCEM Lombardia](#), to inform administrators, institutions, associations and citizens of mountain areas in Lombardy regarding some useful tools that the Lombardy Region, sensitive to issues regarding the development of mountain areas, is providing to qualify and enhance building heritage and rural landscapes.

The seminar provided in-depth analysis regarding the opportunities for mountain areas given by the regional call for [urban and territorial regeneration and recovery of existing heritage](#), the call for contributions for [intervention on dry stone walls](#) and more generally the opportunities regarding mountain agricultural landscape conservation.

The meeting included contributions by important figures such as **Massimo Sertori** - Councilor for Local, Mountain and Small Municipalities of Lombardy Region; the MEP **Alessandro Panza** - working in Brussels in favor of the development of mountain areas; **Gabriele Barucco** - Regional Councilor and Vice President of the VI Permanent Commission for the Environment and Civil Protection; **Tiziano Maffezzini**, President of the Conference of Presidents of the Lombard Mountain Communities and of UNCEM Lombardia as well as, for the technical aspects, **Andrea Griletto**, Technical Director of Assorestaurato and **Ermes Sagula**, Head of CAA Coldiretti Lombardia. [Read the full news item in italian here and watch the recording of the event \(IT\).](#)

CALL FOR FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF HOTEL AND NON-HOTEL ACCOMMODATION STRUCTURES IN THE OPEN AIR (IT)

There is a new Call of the Lombardy Region, part of the Regional Operational Program (POR) 2014-2020 under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) aimed at supporting the competitiveness of the accommodation sector.

The tender provides for **17,000,000 Euros to finance the construction and upgrading of hotel accommodation and non-hotel accommodation outdoors**. The application deadline to participate - electronically - is fixed for 15th October 2020. [Read here \(IT\) for more details.](#)

ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB



The Italian Mountain Lab project - FISR project, special supplementary research MIUR fund, headed by UNIMONT-University of Milan in partnership with the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Tuscia, aims to establish a high-level training and research laboratory for the Italian mountains

“RACCONTA LA MONTAGNA”, IV EDITION STARTING!

racCONTA LA MONTAGNA is the **UNIMONT literary review** dedicated to non-fiction and fiction that highlights the cultural and evocative power of the mountains.

For the new edition there are 7 meetings open to the public, dedicated to 7 different books, during which discussion can take place between the author, students and participants. Discover a preview of the titles of all the books on the [page dedicated to the review](#), which you can find on the Unimont website.

For the maximum safety of participants, at the moment the meetings are planned exclusively in digital form. However, we invite you to follow the pages dedicated to individual appointments, for any changes and updates!

The first meeting is scheduled for 21st October and in the "Next events" section below, the details of the event are available! [Here is the page dedicated to racCONTA LA MONTAGNA.](#)

30.09.2020 WEBINAR "CONSERVATION OF ANTHROPOCENE REFUGIA IN MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES"- FROM THE ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB PROJECT: A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES FOR THE ITALIAN MOUNTAINS

The University of Tuscia has organized the webinar "Conservation of Anthropocene Refugia in mountain landscapes" as part of the strategic alliance between universities for the Italian mountains established with the project [Italian Mountain Lab \(IML\) - FISR project- Special supplementary fund for MIUR research](#) - headed by the University of Milan, with its UNIMONT center of excellence in partnership with the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Tuscia. The webinar, which is aimed in particular at doctoral students, research fellows and young researchers, deals with the issues of **monitoring, nature conservation and rewilding** within shelter areas and biodiversity hotspots. See a recording of the event by connecting to the Unitus Youtube channel. [Details of the event and link to the recording \(in italian\) here.](#)

NEXT EVENTS



Unimont seminars continue in live streaming!

You can watch them in the safety of your own home, thanks to the use of the Virtual Classroom. **We invite you to consult the seminar page, the day before it's scheduled, to check for any changes!**

7 OCTOBER 2020 - SUSTAINABILITY IN THE LOMBARDY MOUNTAINS. ROLE OF RESEARCH AND INITIATIVES OF YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL" (IT)

Free seminar in Italian, open to the public, on 8th September at 5 p.m. You can also watch the seminar online, live or on demand [by registering here.](#)

"Sustainability in the Lombardy mountains", organized by "Casa dell'Agricoltura" in collaboration with UNIMONT, focuses on the role of young people engaged in research and in new entrepreneurial initiatives for the sustainable development of the mountains, analyzed in the context of the "European Green Deal". Starting from an observation regarding the **irreplaceable role of agriculture** in ensuring the supervision, fruition and productive use of mountain areas, cases of excellent young agricultural entrepreneurs will be presented and the **role that research** can play in this area will be illustrated, focusing on the importance of integration with other productive sectors and analyzing the challenges of the third millennium in the light of the evolution of the current context following the developments in EU policy - "European Green Deal". [All the details on the seminar are available here.](#)

14 OCTOBER 2020 - VIRTUAL LIVE LEARNING SESSIONS FOR ALPINE REGION STAKEHOLDERS - PART OF THE INTERREG ALPINE SPACE A-RING, INTERNATIONAL

Cycle of 5 learning sessions that provides Alpine Region stakeholders an **opportunity to gain understanding of national and regional research and innovation eco-systems**, to better promote exchange and engagement on the topic of smart specialization strategies.

14th October kicks-off the Live Learning Sessions, with a virtual study tour of Burgenland. In this tour participants are expected to be introduced to Burgenland's Innovation Eco-System and the Research and Innovation Strategy of Burgenland. Stakeholders from across the triple-helix will be presenting interesting innovation use-cases from Burgenland, such as the Burgenland Green Energy Lab. [Find here the details on the event and how to register.](#)

21 OCTOBER 2020 - racCONTA LA MONTAGNA - PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK "MIA SCONOSCIUTA" BY MARCO ALBINO FERRARI

Appointment on **21/10 at 6.00 p.m.** on Zoom for the first meeting - in Italian - of the literary review racCONTA LA MONTAGNA IV Edition - A.Y. 2020-2021. [Register for the event here.](#)

The meeting focuses on the book "Mia Sconosciuta", which will be presented by the author Marco Albino Ferrari - writer, journalist, and founder of "Meridiani Montagne".

"Her smile lit up with a vital, sweet, yet ambiguous, merciless light. You would never have met her at a wedding reception or a New Year's Eve dinner; she considered such events useless social conventions, habits without meaning. It is she - rebellious daughter of the best bourgeoisie - who is the surprising protagonist of this true story, who appears to us as in a game of mirrors in front of the author, his only child, his only love " ... [Full detail on the page in Italian, dedicated to the meeting.](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS



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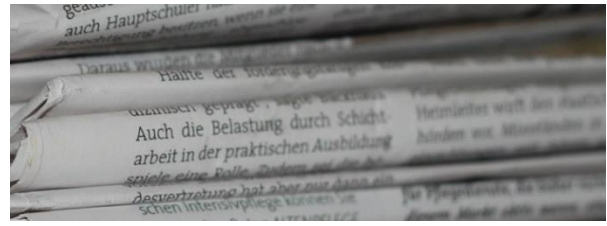
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