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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



UNIMONT, SUCCESS STORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EDOLO: A UNIVERSITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE ALPS

The Municipality of Edolo was the focus of "LUOGHI DA AMARE", a television program dedicated to the presentation of places and territories that contain unique specialties and specificities. Its journey in the community of Edolo, presenting the peculiarities and traditions of the territory, the tourist initiatives and the historical-cultural attractions, also included UNIMONT - the Mountain University, centre of excellence of the University of Milan **specialized in the study and analysis of the complexities of the mountain territory**, active for over 20 years in the Municipality of Edolo, in ValleCamonica (min. 25.00). [Read the full press release and watch the video in italian.](#)

FROM THE "ADAMELLO" MAGAZINE, ITALIAN ALPINE CLUB OF BRESCIA, A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE CITY ON "THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEAR FUTURE" (IT)

The [Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Center of UNIMONT](#) - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - is highlighting an interesting discussion on the theme of mountains and current events, between current uncertainties and future prospects, contained in the latest issue (127-2020) of [the ADAMELLO magazine](#), the periodical of the Italian Alpine Club, Brescia section. The publication dedicates a dossier to the issue and asks: "WHICH MOUNTAINS FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM?".

The question is also asked of **Prof. Anna Giorgi** - director of the [Ge.S.Di.Mont Research Center of Unimont](#) - Centre of excellence of the University of Milan and, since October, Coordinator of the Undergraduate Course in "[Conservation and Sustainable De-](#)

[velopment of Mountain Areas](#)" - who, to create a new "vision" of development, suggests starting to rethink the relationship between mountain and city areas, as explained in the article "Dialogue between mountains and cities. The challenges of the near future". [Read here the full news in italian and browse the online magazine.](#)

CEREALP IN "ERBORISTERIA DOMANI": THE NEW UNIMONT RESEARCH PROJECT WHICH COMBINES ALPINE MEDICINAL PLANTS AND CEREALS (IT)

The [Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Centre of UNIMONT](#) - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - carries out applied research on the functional properties of the species and varieties that characterize the agrobiodiversity of the Lombardy mountains, with particular attention to alpine medicinal plants and cereals. Prof. Anna Giorgi talks about the objectives and levers of the new CereAlp project in "Erboristeria Domani" - September edition N.422. The article "[Alpine Medicinal herbs and cereals: the new UNIMONT research project is underway](#)" (Erboristeria Domani 422, pages 12-15) illustrates how the CereAlp project - conceived by the team of researchers of [Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Center of UNIMONT](#) and led by Prof. Anna Giorgi - aims to disseminate knowledge concerning the cultivation/transformation of landraces of alpine cereals and medicinal plants as well as to encourage the setup of new entrepreneurial and innovative supply chains in the mountains. [Find out more here \(full news in italian\).](#)

[2nd DEGREE SESSION OF THE A.Y. 2019/2020 OF THE DEGREE COURSE IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS](#)

A new graduation session took place at Unimont on Wednesday 21st October 2020. The students discussed their theses and graduated in the safety of a ceremony held at a distance, online! Our congratulations and best wishes for a bright future to the recent graduates in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas: Chiara Brunetti, Marco Fontana, Christian Marinolli and Luca Sigala!

You can read their theses on the dedicated section on the website, [by clicking here](#) (the section is in italian).

EXHIBITION “WATER COMMUNITIES: BETWEEN HISTORY, CULTURE AND TERRITORY” (IT)

The [Research Center Ge.S. Di.Mont. of UNIMONT](#) - Centre of Excellence of the University of Milan - is taking part in the exhibition "Water communities - between history, culture and territory", promoted by the **Foundation Cogeme**, **Acque Bresciane** and the **Catholic University of the Sacred Heart**.

The appointments will take place from **Saturday 7th November to Friday 11th December 2020**, in virtual mode on the **Zoom platform**. UNIMONT will be present at the "River Landscapes" event on Wednesday 18th November. [Discover all the appointments and register \(news in italian\)](#).

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR “OPEN AND TRANSPARENT FOREST DATA: INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR CLIMATE ACTION”

International Webinar “Open and Transparent Forest data: Innovation and Technology for Climate Action” organized by **FAO e-Learning Academy**. The seminar will take place on 11th November 2020 and aims to highlight global and national efforts on forest monitoring that support the implementation of the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)** of the Paris Agreement. Specifically, the importance of using open and transparent forest data to catalyze higher ambitions and implement more efficient actions will be explored. [For more info and to participate in the webinar click here](#).

INVESTIGATION ON THE RISKS, BENEFITS AND MANAGEMENT OF NON-NATIVE TREE SPECIES (IT)

The survey, conducted by the partner institutions of the [ALPTREES](#) project in Austria, Germany, Italy, France and Slovenia and approved by the "Institution" Ethics Council, aims to collect knowledge, observations and suggestions on the management of non-native tree species which have long been part of the Alpine Region. The data collect-

ed through the questionnaire will be analyzed for scientific purposes only by the research team of the [Federal Research and Training Center for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape, BFW, Austria](#) and the results will be presented through informative reports, techniques, scientific journals and conferences. [Find out how to participate in the questionnaire \(full news in italian\)](#).

NEWS FROM THE NEMOR BLOG

The Blog of NEMOR - Network for European Mountain Research - is designed to promote research in and for the sustainable development of these areas. The latest article published: "[Appreciate mountains and lowlands as partners](#)" is by **Thomas Dax**, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research (BAB), Austria. [Find out more!](#)

CALLS, INTERNSHIPS and JOBS



INTERNSHIP: CREATION OF A DIDACTIC APIARY AND “BEE FRIEND” GARDEN (IT)

Internship opportunity reserved for students of the degree course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas, in collaboration with the Municipality of Malegno. **The internship includes the following activities:** proposing and studying different types of hives useful for educational purposes (classic hive, top bar, honey flow and others) designing a micro-laboratory for honey extraction and a small "bee-friendly" botanical garden, creating a database of essences useful for bees divided by seasonality. [For more info click here \(news in italian\)](#).

TEMPORARY JOB FOR 18 MONTHS AS TECHNOLOGIST (T4) IN THE INTERREG ALPINE SPACE ALPTREES PROJECT (2019-2022) (IT)

The Research and Innovation Center, Department of Sustainable Agroecosystems and Bioresources - Forest Ecology and Biogeochemical Cycles Unit of the Edmund Mach Foundation of San Michele all'Adige is offering a temporary position for 18 months as a fourth level Technologist (T4) within the [Interreg Alpine Space Project ALPTREES](#). The candidate will become an active member of the Interreg Alpine Spazio ALPTREES project, transnational cooperation for the sustainable use and management of non-native tree plants in urban, peri-urban and forest ecosystems in the Alpine Region. **Applications must be sent by 8th November 2020.** [Here are details about the opportunity in italian.](#)

PROFESSIONAL COURSE "PROFESSIONAL PATHS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT: VERIFICATION OF THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT" - SCHOOL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (IT)

Free online course organized by Scuola per l'Ambiente - ARPA Lombardia, in cooperation with PoliS -Lombardia, the regional institute for supporting policy in Lombardy. The course aims to highlight the professional skills involved in environmental protection and to bring new graduates and young professionals closer to related job opportunities. The course will take place **online on 24th and 25th November**, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. **Registration no later than 17th November, 2020.** [Learn more about the program and register \(news in italian\).](#)

IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT



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 and replicable methodological approaches and tools in the current national and international scenario in evolution - challenges and opportunities.

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

"LOMBARDY 2030. THE LOMBARDY I WOULD LIKE" - TAKE PART IN THE CALL AND WIN UP TO €5000 (IT)

The Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Centre - UNIMONT Center of Excellence of the University of Milan is highlighting the recent **Call of the Lombardy Region, aimed at young people under 35: "Lombardy 2030. The Lombardy I would like"**.

The call aims to select digital creative projects: videos of maximum 3 minutes to promote youth participation and protagonism in the construction and relaunching of the image of Lombardy in the future after the global emergency linked to the spread of Covid-19. [Discover the opportunity.](#)

LARGE INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR THE CALL REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF TERRACES AND DRY WALLS: + 2 MILLION EUROS FROM THE LOMBARDY REGION! (IT)

Faced with the large number of requests for funding, relating to the tender for the maintenance of terraces and dry stone walls ([mentioned here](#)), the Regional Council, as suggested by the councillor Sertori, managed to find new funding and increase financing by 2 million euros thanks to which the Region will be able to satisfy all the applications! [More details in italian here.](#)

FINANCING FOR MOUNTAIN AND HIKING REFUGES: ALL REQUESTS FUNDED! (IT)

Lombardy Region has made new resources available for redevelopment and innovation in mountain refuges. Another 3.1 million euros for 70 refuges, which are in addition to the 1.9 million already allocated [in the announcement we mentioned here](#).

A necessary choice to be able to finance all 95 applications admitted for funding. [Find out more, in italian.](#)

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.

ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB: COLLABORATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES FOR INNOVATION IN MOUNTAIN AREAS

The **alliance** of the three universities involved in the "[Italian Mountain Lab, Research and Innovation for mountain environment and territories](#)" project has been **fundamental** to promote the establishment of a higher education and research laboratory to protect the Italian mountains, based on the capitalization and strengthening of existing experiences and collaboration at a national and international level for the expansion of research activities, indispensable for bringing innovation to mountain areas and making the "highlands" competitive. In addition to the activities of "Training and Information" and "Coordination and Networking", the project includes "**Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer**" activities on issues strategic for mountain areas. [Check out the latest contributions.](#)

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!**

[18th NOVEMBER 2020 - RIVER LANDSCAPES - EVENT PART OF THE EXHIBITION " WATER COMMUNITIES" \(IT\)](#)

18th November at 3.30 p.m. on Zoom: the event "River Landscape", the third event in the series " Water communities", with the participation of Unimont. [Register for the event here.](#)

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[25th NOVEMBER 2020 - racCONTA LA MONTAGNA - PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK "FRONTE DI SCAVO" BY SARA LOFFREDI \(IT\).](#)

Appointment on 25/11 at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom for the second meeting of the literary review racCONTA LA MONTAGNA 2020-2021. [Register for the event here.](#)

The meeting focuses on the book "Fronte di Scavo" which tells of the largest operation of "geographical surgery" of the second post-war period: the Mont Blanc tunnel, presented by the author Sara Loffredi. The event is free and open to the public, who can intervene to ask questions and discuss directly with the author! ... [Continue reading the](#)

[presentation of the book on the page dedicated to the meeting, in italian.](#)

[27th NOVEMBER 2020 - SEMINAR “CULTIVATION, HARVESTING AND INITIAL TRANSFORMATION OF OFFICIAL PLANTS: THE CONSOLIDATED LAW ON LEGISLATIVE DECREE N. 75/2018”.](#)

Appointment on 27/11 at 3.00 p.m. on Zoom for the seminar “Cultivation, harvesting and initial transformation of medicinal plants: the Consolidated Law on Legislative Decree no. 75/2018” organized as part of the CEREPALP project. [Register for the event here.](#)

The seminar will be held by Alberto Manzo, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies. During the conference the discipline of harvesting will be explained in relation to the conservation requirements of local species and the possibility of considering wild essences and their derivatives as organic products will be introduced.

The seminar is mainly aimed at farmers, agricultural technicians or all those who are interested in the cultivation of medicinal herbs in Lombardy mountain areas and who intend to create small chains based on the use of these essences. [Read the details of the event and register.](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS

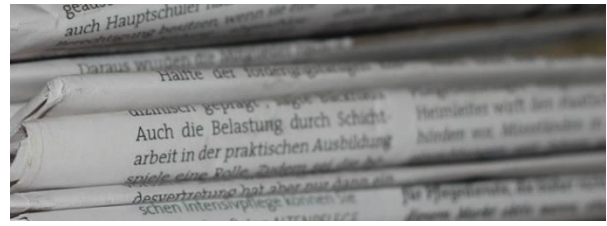


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