The Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention for 2013-2014 is organizing the International Conference “The Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention: sharing the experiences. The Apennines, a European mountain range”.

The Conference is organized in collaboration with the United Nation Environment Program and Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP Wien - ISCC), the European Academy of Bolzano (EURAC), the Italian ESPON Contact Point, the University of Camerino, the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), the Sarnano local group of CAI and Sarnano Municipality.

The conference will be held the 23rd and 24th April in Sarnano (MC) in conjunction with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Alpine Club group of Sarnano.

In the framework of the activities of mountain cooperation for the sustainable development of mountain areas conducted by the Alpine Convention, the Conference intends to compare international experiences on negotiation, governance and scientific debate gained in the Alps and the Carpathian regions so that these experiences can be shared with other mountain regions such as the Apennine.

The Conference addresses territorial authorities at national, regional and local level, the national and international scientific community and other stakeholders. It envisages an introduction to Alpine and Carpathian Conventions’s experiences and a scientific debate on the landscape value of the Apennines, to recognize their role as a European mountain range.

The debate will focus also on the European Programmes for mountain areas, it will present international research and, in particular, the outcomes of the research “Access2Mountain - Sustainable mobility and tourism in sensitive areas of the Alps and Carpathians” (South East Europe).

During the conference a session dedicated to the project “ESPON on the Road” will be held, that sees Italy as the coordinator of the Mediterranean States (Spain, French, Italy, Greece and Romania). In this context, the Italian ESPON Contact Point will chair a specific workshop dedicated to the participation of the Alpine and the Apennine Regions.

The aim of the event is to identify some themes and innovative paths for mountain policies and to improve the management of the mountain environment as a resource, in order to start a dialogue and to provide an international framework where the value of the Apennines landscapes can be understood and enhanced.
DRAFT AGENDA (*speakers invited)
(English-Italian interpreting service will be guaranteed by the organizers)

Wednesday 23 April 2:00 pm – 7:30 pm

2:00 pm  **Authorities Welcome and Opening of the Conference**

Section I  **International Treaties and mountain policies**
2:20 pm  **Moderator: Paolo Angelini** (President of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention – Italian Ministry for the Environment)
2:30 pm  International policies and negotiations for mountain areas
   **Frits Schlingemann** (UNEP Wien)
2:50 pm  The Alpine Convention
   **Markus Reiterer**, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention
3:10pm  The Carpathian Convention
   **Klaudia Kuras**, UNEP Wien – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

Section II  **International researches on mountain regions** (with poster session related)
3:30 pm  **Moderator: Anna Giorgi** (Researcher – University of Milan, Director ISCAR)
3:40 pm  The European Programme for mountain regions
   **Federica Alcozer**, PhD and lecturer in Urban Planning – University of Genoa
4:00 pm  FAGUS – “Forests of the Apennines” (Life+ Nature) – The vegetation as a unique complex model in conflicts vs opportunities in the Apennines
   **Carlo Blasi**, professor of Ecology – University of Rome “La Sapienza”
4:20 pm  Access2Mountain (SSE) – Sustainable mobility and tourism as a challenge in mountain regions
         **Romain Molitor**, Komobile – Wien

4:40 pm  Access2Mountain (SSE) – Sustainable mobility and tourism in sensitive areas of the Alps and the Carpathians - results of the transnational cooperation project
         **Christine Zehetgruber**, Komobile – Wien

5:00 pm  Access2Mountain (SSE) – A Decision Support System for sustainable mobility
         **Massimo Sargolini**, professor of Urban Planning – University of Camerino

5:20 pm  Coffee break

5:30 pm  The Delphy method for mountain areas: a first experimentation
         **Thomas Streifeneder** and **Andrea Omizzolo**, EURAC Research

5:50 pm  Research presentation of the Lombardy Region
         **Adriana May** and **Luisa Pedrazzini**, Lombardy Region

6:10 pm  Research presentation on the Apennines (tbd, University Consortium CURSA)

6:30 pm  Round table “What a suggestions for the Apennines?”
         **Moderator: Paolo Angelini** (Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea)
         **Participating:** The Alpine Convention, UNEP, EURAC, CAI, Legambiente, WWF, Italian Regions and Municipalities, ANCI, UNCEM, UPI, FLA, Symbola, WIGWAM, others

7:30 pm  Conclusion of the first day work

8:00 pm  Buffet dinner with typical and local products
Thursday 24 April 9:30 am – 6:00 pm

Section III  The Apennines: a European mountain range

9:30 am  Moderator: Massimo Sargolini (Professor of Urban Planning – University of Camerino)

9:40 am  The morphogenesis of the Apennines

Bernardino Gentili, professor of Geomorphology – University of Camerino

10:00 am  Biodiversity, ecological functionality and resilience of the Apennine landscape

Riccardo Santolini, professor of Ecology – University of Urbino

10:20 am  The Apennine range: a human geography at the future

Giuseppe Dematteis, professor emeritus of Urban and Regional Geography – Polytechnic University of Turin

10:40 am  Historical and architectural heritage in the Apennine area

Piergiorgio Bellagamba, professor of Urban Planning – University of Camerino

11:00 am  Coffee break

11:10 am  Urbanization models of the Apennines

Bernardino Romano, professor of Urban Planning – University of Aquila

11:30 am  Parks and landscapes for an active conservation of the Apennines

Roberto Gambino, professor emeritus of Urban Planning – Polytechnic University of Turin

11:50 am  Sustainable tourism in the Apennine area

Marco Frey*, professor of Economics – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa

12:10 am  New urbanization policies for the Apennine

Michele Talia, professor of Urban Planning – University of Camerino

12:30 am  Conclusion

13:00 am  Light lunch
Section IV  The ESPON Programme for mountain areas

2:30 pm  Integrated strategic planning in mountain areas. Models of urban and rural development
Maria Prezioso, Italian ESPON Contact Point – University of Rome “Tor Vergata”

2:50 pm  ESPON2020 toward a new European Territory Observatory
Zaira Piazza, MIT – Ministry of Infrastructures and Transports

3:10 pm  Preparatory Workshop to the National Meeting “ESPON on the Road”
Moderator: Maria Prezioso
Participating: representatives of Alpine and Apennine Regions

Parallel sections:

4:30 pm  Round table Projects for mountain areas
Moderator: Rosalba d’Onofrio (Researcher – University of Camerino)
Participating: applied research centres, spin-off, engineering societies, others

4:30 pm  Round table Education to mountain areas
Moderator: Paolo Tiberi (Chairman CAI Sarnano)
Participating: experts on mountain, scholars and environment associations

6:00 pm  Conclusions