



Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

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working together for mountain people and environments



**Mountain development course delves into farming**

Twenty-four mountain development practitioners and researchers from 21 countries learned about promoting sustainable farming in mountain regions from 8 to 18 July 2014 in Ormea, Italy. The ten-day course, called the International Programme on Research and Training on Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas (IPROMO), was organized by the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, the University of Turin, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

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**HIGHLIGHTS**



**Two Kyrgyz MP members share project experiences**

Two Kyrgyz mountain communities, involved in Mountain Partnership (MP) members' projects, met on 23 June 2014 to exchange experiences and build their respective capacities to harvest mushrooms and grow medicinal plants. Ten members of each group attended the meeting, which covered themes...



**New network for mountain indigenous peoples**

An International Network of Mountain Indigenous Peoples is being formed to exchange knowledge, technologies and innovations - including seeds - to achieve food sovereignty and climate change adaptation in mountain environments. The group will also advocate for changes in...



**Study reveals hunger in mountainous areas**

At least one billion people, or 14 percent of the world's population, live in mountain areas of the world and most of these peoples face the risk of food insecurity and malnutrition, says a new study presented at a side event during the 22nd Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry...



**Video submissions capture mountain cultures**

The Mountain Partnership would like to express gratitude to all the mountain enthusiasts who responded to our call for videos. We received a number of fascinating videos about mountain peoples and environments from across the globe reflecting the breathtaking diversity of mountain...

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## FEATUREDNEWS

- [Award to protect the mountains mountaineers love](#)
- [Cleaning up the mountains in Spain](#)
- [Pendebea initiative at Mount Everest wins prize](#)
- [Women climbing for climate change](#)
- [Tajik students learn about managing climate risk](#)
- [Mountain Research and Development issue online](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Awareness and Capacity Building Workshops for Media on Climate Change and Development in Indian Himalayan Region**  
Venue: Shimla, India  
From: 31.07.2014 to: 01.08.2014
- **MRI Key Contact Workshop prior to the ESA Annual Meeting 2014**  
Venue: Sacramento, CA, USA  
From: 09.08.2014 to: 09.08.2014
- **International Geographical Union Regional Conference**  
Venue: Kraków, Poland  
From: 18.08.2014 to: 22.08.2014
- **International Conference on Himalayan Biodiversity and Climate Change**  
Venue: Muzaffarabad, Pakistan  
From: 23.08.2014 to: 24.08.2014
- **The Third Forum Carpathicum**  
Venue: Lviv, Ukraine  
From: 16.09.2014 TO: 19.09.2014
- **Forum Alpinum 2014**  
Venue: Darfo Boario Terme, Italy  
From: 17.09.2014 to: 20.09.2014

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## PUBLICATION



Eco Whisper, new environmental magazine produced by COPAL

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Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, speaks about the Mountain Partnership

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### Pre-order material for International Mountain Day 2014

Preparations have begun for International Mountain Day (11 December), the theme of which this year is 'Mountain Farming'. Anyone interested in receiving a few hard copies of International Mountain Day 2014 material (poster and fact sheet) should email [Sara.manuelli@fao.org](mailto:Sara.manuelli@fao.org) by 30 September, specifying the number of copies they require and whether these should be in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic or Russian. The material will also be posted online and can be downloaded for printing. As for every year, we encourage members to communicate to us their planned 2014 celebrations.

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### NEW MEMBERS

As of July 2014, there were 235 members of the Mountain Partnership: 53 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations and 168 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). We welcome the following new members. Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

- [Altai Assistance Project, Inc.](#)
  - [Fundación Estación Biológica Guayacanal gvSIG](#)
  - [Association - GISMAP](#)
  - [Journal of Mountain Science](#)
  - [Mountain Duck](#)
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## CALL FOR NEWS

Keep other Mountain Partnership members informed about your activities! Please send us info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies and calls for papers. We would like to receive and share your pictures and videos of mountain communities and environments - please send them to: [mountains.mps@gmail.com](mailto:mountains.mps@gmail.com)

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The Mountain Partnership is a United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world. [www.mountainpartnership.org](http://www.mountainpartnership.org)

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