



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



### IMD celebrated in over 40 countries in 2016

More than 200 events marked International Mountain Day (IMD) around the world on 11 December 2016, when mountaineers, mountain lovers, governments and civil society groups gathered to celebrate mountain environments and peoples. Celebrations took place in more than 40 countries, including Algeria, Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, Togo, Turkey, the United ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**IMD events in the Americas**

Both North and South America marked International Mountain Day (IMD) through various events in Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru and the United States. The National Mountain Committee of Argentina highlighted



**Africa puts a spotlight on mountains**

Governments and organizations throughout the African continent held events to honour International Mountain Day (IMD) 2016. The fifth edition of Algeria's National Mountain Festival was held in Bejaia, featuring a climbing



**Celebrating IMD in Asia**

Throughout Asia, many organizations enthusiastically observed International Mountain Day (IMD) 2016. The theme "Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity" was the focus of many Mountain Partnership



**Europe commemorates IMD**

From the Alps to the Apennines to the Carpathians and beyond, International Mountain Day (IMD) was widely observed throughout the month of December. Celebrating the cultural diversity of the Alps, the [Alpine Convention](#) launched the

IMD at its 79th meeting. In light of the official 2016 theme “Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity,” María Pia Falchi of the National Institute of Anthropology and ...

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championship, a hike in a mountain cedar forest, a guided visit of the National Museum and discussions of mountain cultures. The event was organized by the Association Assirem Gouraya, Algerian Ski and Mountain ...

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members' seminars and conferences. In the Altai Republic of the Russian Federation, the Gorno-Altai State University launched a photo contest to highlight the cultural diversity of the Altai Mountains, ...

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Reading Mountains Festival 2016. Between 5 and 11 December, 134 events took place in ten countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Switzerland), ...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Twelve countries discuss snow leopards**
- **Chile's public consultation on mountain policy**
- **Mountain Research Initiative's new director**
- **Online digest on mountain climate change**
- **UNGA adopts mountain resolution**
- **Call for abstracts: Mt Kilimanjaro conference**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **EUSALP General Assembly I**  
Venue: Rottach-Egern, Germany
- **Mount Kilimanjaro Research Group Meeting**  
Venue: Moshi, Tanzania

## PUBLICATION



### The Inner Sense of Trees

A children's book by Tara Joy of [Active Remedy Ltd.](#) about protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems such as mixed mountain forests.

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## VIDEO



### Secrets of the Sky Tombs

A team of scientists hunts for clues as to how ancient peoples settled in the Himalayas and adapted to survive at high altitudes.

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## MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 288 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 212 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 5 subnational authorities. Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

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## **CALL FOR IMD EVENT REPORTS**

If you have not submitted your news, we encourage you to share with us your stories and photos of your International Mountain Day event. Please send to [Samantha.Abear@fao.org](mailto:Samantha.Abear@fao.org).

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## **CALL FOR NEWS - ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email [Sara.Manuelli@fao.org](mailto:Sara.Manuelli@fao.org) info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

Furthermore, if you would like to have an activity of yours from 2016 highlighted in the Mountain Partnership Secretariat's annual report, please send a short description and photo to [Sara.Manuelli@fao.org](mailto:Sara.Manuelli@fao.org).

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