



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI TERAMO



## Organic agriculture in marginal lands and environmental respect

"Badlands are not so bad " - "I calanchi non sono così male"

Seven days of Organic Agriculture  
September 2-9 2009

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING AND ITS MAIN ISSUES

The initiative promoted by the Regional Reserve of the Calanchis of Atri (together with E.N.O.A.S. - European Network of Organic Agriculture Students and AVALON) will treat organic agriculture in marginal lands respecting the environment.

Among students, technicians and workers, a series of meetings over biological agriculture will be directly linked to the farm.

Past ENOAS Meetings include the following:

2003 - Germany - University of Kassel – Witzenhausen - «Agricultural Transformation»

2004 – Italy - University of Ancona - Quality of the food in the Italian biological production.

2005 - Poland - Agriculture University of Warsaw - biological agriculture in Poland, the example from the farm to the dish «Organic farming in Poland as example of organic farming in EEC countries-from farm to plate»

2006 – Hungary - Relationships between biological Agriculture and protection of the nature «relation between organic Agriculture and nature’s protection»

2007 - Holland – There are organizations on a big and small scale able to have space in an particular country with a high energy requirement «How small scale and large scale organisations can all have their place in an expensive, full, intensive, rational and humid country»

2008 – Greece - Biological Agriculture and maintenance of the terrestrial and sea ecosystems - Organic Agriculture and Conservation of Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems

As previewed in the subtitle, agriculture in marginal lands will be the main focus, a long consequence of anthropic activity already addressed by many economists like Thomas Robert Malthus (inspirer of the well known J.M. Keynes and D. Ricardo).

Reserve of “Calanchi di Atri” wants to improve the representation of our region, Abruzzo, rich of agricultural traditions updated in a continuous evolving market.

In conclusion this meeting will be a concrete opportunity to learn something more about our organic products and a chance to discover great natural and historical wonders.

The theme Sustainable growth in the marginal lands will be explained through meetings over European examples of biological legislation and techniques, stressing the importance of cooperations between producers. The Reserve of the Calanchi will represent Abruzzo and Italy in an European market continuously evolving, in this way farms and operators will have a concrete opportunity to discover new techniques and market channels.

During the week farms taking part to the event will expose to sell their own products in the beautiful garden of the Ducal Stables of our Town (we’ve still to chose the day as to be more secure about weather, the day will be decided 10days before the meeting).

The meeting will be sponsored by Avalon, an international not for profit organisation, established in 1991 in the Netherlands and active in the field of organic agriculture and

sustainable rural development. Avalon supports rural communities in the Central and Eastern European region and beyond in building sustainable rural societies, thus strengthening nature and the environment, social conditions and the local economy. In cooperation with local organisations, governments, universities and associated experts Avalon has activated a wide range of projects on the cutting edge of organic agriculture and nature conservation, always in close cooperation with local partners.

Over the years Avalon's activities contributed to the promotion and strengthening of organic farming, agri-environmental policy and market development in more than twenty five countries. Another result is the establishment of a vast network of over 120 actors in the field of organic agriculture, nature conservation, biodiversity and sustainable rural development. This network links people who are active in Avalon projects with each other and with professionals on EU and international level. Avalon facilitates this network by providing communication and capacity building tools, and by (co-) organizing and supporting a variety of international events and trainings (including this ENOAS event). The Network Programme is financially supported by the EU-DG Environment. (see [www.avalon.nl](http://www.avalon.nl))



# Activities and Week-Plan

The subscription fee which includes local transportation, accommodation and food is 150€ per person

## Day 02.09.2009 Welcome day

Arriving in Atri (Teramo - Abruzzo)  
Visit of the old town

### Morning

Departure from Atri to Anversa degli Abruzzi Reserve – Also called “the hearth of Abruzzo”  
Visit of a Donkey Breeding Farm – Asinomania

## Day 03.09.2009 - Crops and Cultures over the Calanchi of Atri

### Morning

Azienda Cerniero - Milk and cheese production  
Azienda Cacciatore  
Lunch

### Afternoon

Journey along the river Sagittario canyon  
Meeting between local agricultural associations

### Afternoon

Guided tour of Natural Reserve area

### Evening

Dinner

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Journey in the historic centre  
Dinner

## Day 07.09.2009 - Project Cogecstre - Agriculture and Biodiversity

### Morning

Journey in the Natural Regional Reserve - Lake of Penne (Pescara - Abruzzo)  
Lunch

## Day 04.09.2009 – Milk and cheese, Atri

### Morning

Azienda Forese - Milk  
Lunch on the beach

### Afternoon

Visit of Campo Imperatore, the southernmost glacier in Europe on the highest mountain of the Apennines  
Working group over the importance of the mountains in agriculture and sustainable development of the area  
Meeting with University of Teramo researchers

### Afternoon

“La transumanza” – Ancient Shepherd ways

### Evening

Dinner

### Evening

Dinner on the beach

## Day 05.09.2009 – Cereals, Pineto (Teramo - Abruzzo)

### Morning

Azienda Candelori – A Mill sample  
Pastificio Rossi&Tascioni – Pasta producers  
Lunch – Azienda De Ascentiis “pizza time”

## Day 08.09.2009 – Olive and medicinal plants

### Morning

Organic-medicinal plants in the Garden of Propezzano (Notaresco - Teramo) – A collection of medicinal plant species linked to a monastery  
Visit and lunch in S.Giacomo di Atri – A small rural village of the territory of Atri

### Afternoon

Visit of Cape Cerrano Marine Reserve, discovering the P. Halepensis Pinewood and its Roman past

### Afternoon

Visit Az.Agricola “Antonio Capanna Piscé” - Olive oil production  
Azienda Vitivinicola “Il poeta” – Wine production  
Final considerations – Meeting among authorities

### Evening

Dinner on the beach

### Evening

Dinner

## Day 06.09.2009 - Donkey farm

Farewells and final day

# APPLICATION FORM

**Title**.....  
**Name**.....  
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# **ATTENTION**

**Deadline is established on 20 August 2009**

**For students, payment of 150€ must be directed to:**

Soc.Coop. Pacha Mama

Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Teramo

Agenzia di Teramo Stazione

Codice IBAN: IT14J0606015301CC0580014996

**For external farmers and enterprises coming for the exposé day, price comprehending 7 nights in B&B, lessons, and stand (already mounted by our municipality) is 200€. It's supposed in this case to provide product and information to get the stand place.**



# How to reach us:

We've a travel support to buy ticket and get in Atri please call: +39-339-1592242

You can plan your travel alone by considering these points of reference:

## Terrestrial ways:

By highway A14 : exit Atri-Pineto / A24 from Rome

By train: Pescara Railway Station (Pescara-Atri by bus)

## Airways:

Airport of Pescara (20km from Atri)  
Airport of Ancona (130km from Atri)  
Airport of Rome (250km from Atri)  
Airport of Bologna (350km from Atri)  
Airport of Bari (350km from Atri)



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