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Coldigioco/Le Montagne di San Francesco

The Democratic Ecology in Coldigioco is a geological, educational and artistic project of the Paolo Monti Archive in Italy. Monti documented the Italian landscape for its geological research and teaching.

Coldigioco Geological Observatory Promotes Research, Education, and the Arts.

Dear Friends of Coldigioco,

In its 14 year, the Coldigioco Geological Observatory (Italy) continues to promote research, education and the arts. Our Coldigioco Geological Observatory has received visitors from several countries and hosted a number of research and educational projects.

Penn State University's new International Geology Course was taught by Professor Emeritus Dennis Kent and Professor Giovanni Muttoni. Kent and Muttoni (Italy) authored Italian stratigraphy books and completed decades of research in the Umbria-Marche region. Students studied stratigraphy, paleomagnetism, and tectonics. Great course. Congratulations, Dennis and Giovanni! Thanks for your support!

The Sorbo Collegiate (Italian) Secondary School (Gubbio) visited the Coldigioco Geological Observatory. Students presented their research projects, which were awarded by students from Coldigioco Geological Observatory.

Continuing our commitment to scientific education, a team from the National Geographic Society visited at Coldigioco while documenting Penn State University's new International Geology Course. Coldigioco was featured in the National Geographic Society magazine (Italy) and in a National Geographic Society documentary.

In addition to geological research, our nonprofit **Associazione Le Montagne di San Francesco** continues to promote the arts. Coldigioco has hosted and private lessons in classical guitar (Lorenzo Ferretti). The Coldigioco Geological Observatory has also hosted several lectures on education about the history and geology of the Marche region.

As a Research Collaborator, we are excited to have accepted the **Coldigioco Geological Observatory** into our **Geoscience Research Projects**. If you want to contribute to our mission of research and education, we welcome and appreciate your support.

Penn State's International Geology Field Course is Launched at Coldigioco

International Geoscience Course in Coldigioco Kent Francesco del Mt and Jean Muttoni, (Italy) have left together with Penn State faculty, students, and alumni. Great course! Thanks for your support!

Doctoral students participating in the International Geology Course at the Accademia Lincea of the Vatican Society of the Lincean Colleg. This course was led by Professors Dennis Kent and Giovanni Muttoni (Italy) and Alex Wolfe.

International Geoscience Course

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National Geographic Team Documents Finance Research Project

A National Geographic crew from Volume Press (Italy) recently visited doctoral student Dom Bonifacione Ma (left) on the Pure Finance Curtin Grant application at Coldigioco.

The crew of Dom Bonifacione's (left) field documentary and academic research is described in the October 2023 issue of National Geographic Magazine (Italy). Dom Bonifacione is a doctoral student in Curtin University's Pure Finance and Pure Mathematics.

Columbia University GeoStudents Explore the Mountains of Saint Francis

Students from Columbia University were introduced to dynamic geology on Mt Nerone (Italy) by Professor Dennis Kent. Kent accompanied by Professors Giovanni Muttoni and Alex Wolfe.

Geomorphography Field Training School Attracts International Grad Students

The GeoMorphography Field Training School was organized by Senior Lecturer Alex Wolfe (Queens College, City University of New York) and Columbia University, University of Maryland, and graduate students from Queens College, Lehman College, Hunter College, Stony Brook, Siena, France, Switzerland, Canada, China, and Ukraine.

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Special Lectures at Austrian Academy of Sciences and University of Trieste

Two Coldigioco's new lectures in the May 2023 meeting of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and University of Trieste. Dr. Giovanni Muttoni (Italy) and Dr. Antonio Montanari (Italy) and Prof. Pompeo Moneta (a guy) the Academy curator in Vienna. *A Coldigioco lecture in the Frasassi Caves (Italy) by Professor Alex Wolfe and Johnathan Lee. Photo by Dom Bonifacione.*

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Christian Hubert and Sandro Moretti also gave lectures and lead lessons about Assisi's ground and the 97 discovery of Giotto's frescoes in the Lower Church of Assisi's Basilica of Saint Francis. Once they are all connected, the Assisi's Basilica will be the only place in the world where they are able to find the Giotto's drilling of an ancient Roman Villa.
(Photo by Dom Wolfe)

Teatro di Gnosis Presenta.... Gioco and Drama Classes

TEATRO MESTICA 2023/24 Gaspare
Sandro, Simone, Gianfranco, Gianluca
In dedication to Gaspare, Sandro, Simone, Gianfranco and the artists who helped change the centre for the world.

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L'Associazione Le Montagne di San Francesco (LMDSF) is the non-profit Association established in 2012 which makes it possible to support geological research, education, art, theatrical productions, and cultural events. Donations to the Association allow us to maintain the Geological Observatory of Coldigioco and to provide researchers and students the opportunity to study and experience this unique setting with 250 million years of Earth history available for study in the Apennines.

Please support Coldigioco's unique mission of education, research, and art.

Make a Donation to LMDSF

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2. US Tax Deductible

Make online donation through CAFAmerica (US $500 minimum) or you can mail a check to CAFAmerica with Gift Form. Please notify **Sandro** of your donation.

We greatly appreciate the many Friends of Coldigioco whose support makes it possible to continue to do geological research in the Mountains of Saint Francis, to teach geology and environmental studies, and to bring art and theater to the Marche Region.

Tante grazie!

Walter and Milly Alvarez

Paula Metallo and **Sandro Montanari**

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Piazzeta Pierina

Coldigioco residents Harry Laswell and Sharon Adlis together with Pierina Bonci (right) at the inauguration of the piazzeta named in her honor in September. Pierina and the Bonci family were longtime Coldigioco residents, and she continues to stay connected through her small family-run knitting business in Coldigioco.

Paula's Garden

Our Co-Director Paula Metallo is returning Coldigioco to the soil with her productive vegetable garden. The fresh produce contributes to the Italian movement of "Zero Kilometro" which encourages usage of local foods that do not travel far from where they are grown.

Welcome, Oreste!

We welcome Oreste, Coldigioco's newest resident (right). Oreste fulfills a lifelong dream since childhood of Sandro Montanari to have his own donkey, a dream that began long ago (left).

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