



February 2011: the WMPA co-organizes an event in Aínsa (Spain), with CERAI and Slowfood

The WMPA, in relation with the CERAI (spanish NGO), Slowfood and the municipality of Aínsa (in the spanish Pyrenees), co-organizes the 4th and 5th of February 2011, the Days of Ainsa. It is a cross-border event that aims to bring together elected representatives, farmers, chefs, associations, experts etc. from the french and the spanish sides of the Pyrenees, around the valorization of mountain produces and of human activities, in order to initiate a cross-border pilot project within the Pyrenean massif.

The event will take place in parallel with the traditional Ferieta of Ainsa, which will set the 5th and 6th of February, and where the inhabitants of the region and elsewhere will admire autochtonous livestock races and taste and buy local products.

The participants (about 40 persons) of the Days of Ainsa are going to meet to discuss about valorization of local products, cook with products km 0, non-food craft industry, architecture and landscape, and about biodiversity protection. They will talk about possible cross-border

projects, including mountainous areas and the Pyrenean foothills.

The program is the following:

Friday, 4th of February:

- 10h: reception of the participants
- 11h (2 workshops): 1) participative workshop on the valorization of mountain products + 2) participative workshop on the valorization of non-food craft industry
- 15h30: round table on the sustainable mountain tourism
- 17h30: herbal teas and mountain liqueurs
- 18h: restauration and gastronomy in the mountains, followed by 4 cooking workshops which will lead to a collective diner

Saturday, 5th of February:

- 10h: conference on the georeferencing of activities in the mountains

- 11h: break with wine, pastry and mountain products

- 11h30 (2 workshops): 1) workshop on the valorization of the architectural patrimony + 2) workshop on the valorization of the natural and landscape patrimony

-13h30: close and proposition of future actions in order to move forward and create a cross-border pilot project within the Pyrenean massif, which will be presented to the European Union. The CERAI and the WMPA will present initiatives to be discussed and supported

- Free afternoon in the Ferieta

Sunday, 6th of February:

Ferieta of Aínsa

Program of the Ferieta of Aínsa (in spanish):

www.turismosobarbe.com/agenda/?p=7480



Aínsa (Spain, Aragon)



The local actors of the 3rd World Meeting thanked for their contribution to that event

The 13th of December 2010, 2 days after the International Mountain Day, all the local actors of the 3rd World Meeting of Mountain People of Oloron (organizers of workshops, hosts, persons in charge of the promotion of cultural activities, facilitators) were invited by the WMPA at the Valley Center - IPHB. Jean Lassalle, the president, Pierre Gondard and Didier Hervé welcomed them to thank them for their contribution to that event. Indeed, the success of the World Meeting is due to the collaboration of all and to the initiatives of each, in order to welcome our hosts in the best conditions. The very positive comments we received from the WMPA delegates once they were back in their countries is fully shared by the nearly

200 personnes that have acted locally, often very soberly. The ones who have hosted participants have been particularly happy of the moments of personal exchanges they have had. Some of these contacts continue and could lead to actions of support. This moment of the 13th of December was the occasion to give a global overview of the World Meeting to the ones who had known the Meeting only through the activities that they had organized in their village. The presentation of the Manifesto and of the motions to the UNESCO the 4th of October was unknown from many and has impressed them. The presentation of the accounts was also a surprise because 1) the cost of the Meeting week were high

(414.000€), 2) this cost was integrally covered, 3) the amount of the local participation, notably of voluntary hosts, activities, lunches offered during the visits in the valleys and the sponsoring received locally, accounts for 26.000€ . Of course, according to the local customs, the sharing of cheese and loving cup has closed this episode of the 3rd World Meeting of Mountain People.



After Oloron: The motion on anti-uranium mining in Meghalaya (North-Est of India), adopted in Oloron during the 3rd Encounter of WMPA, raised the level of advocacy to the assembly level. To date, the Indian government is slowing the pressure of pro-mining but acknowledge the people's voices to be heard before embarking on the path of uranium mining. *Information given by Mayfereen Ryntathiang, India*

The UNESCO wants to create a mountain center in Russia

The UNESCO has proposed the creation of an International Center on the Sustainable Development of Mountain Territories, in Vladikavkaz (Federation of Russia).

This issue will be part of the discus-

sions during the 186th session of the UNESCO Executive Council.

Regarding that issue, Jean Lassalle, president of the WMPA, has requested a meeting with the president of the Executive Council for the WMPA to

take part to that project.

Indeed, the WMPA is accredited to the UNESCO and such a project is in adequation with WMPA's objectives and actions.

A brand logo for Mountain Products: Samir Newa (Nepal), Vice-president of the WMPA for the thematic group « Valorization of mountain products », is working on the design of a logo for a label « Mountain Products ». Four models have been drawn and sent to the WMPA plenary board members, in order to elect to most appropriated one.





News from the WMPA Morocco

The board members of the WMPA Morocco, the regional and provincial board of the WMPA and the members, have organized two meetings:

The 21st of December 2010: The board organized a meeting with the tribes of Zayan in Khénifra, in the presence of the president of the municipality. The themes of the meeting were:

- explanation of the program Green Morocco

- mobilization of mountain people to face up to the challenges and the constraints

- creation of a tribe committee for the follow-up of development projects.

The 22nd of Decembre 2010: The regional board of the Middle Atlas, in relation with the associaiton Tizi Ifris

and the provincial delegate for agriculture, organized a meeting with the tribes of Ait Sgougou in Mrirt. The objective of the meeting was the explanation of the program Green Morocco, and explanation of techniques for planting and fattening.

Information received from Ajghough Mohammed (president of the WMPA board for the Middle Atlas, Morocco)

The 27/11/2010, issue of Kabyl identity cards

The 27th of November 2010 has been a symbolic day for the Kabyls. It is under the aegis of the Anavad (provisional Kabyl government), that has been issued for the first time a Kabyl identity card. This took place in the headquarters of the Anavad, in Paris, which was just opening its doors to the public for the first time.

A large step toward the recognition of the Kabyl identity has been made. Each Kabyl can henceforth acquire a Kabyl identity card.

The meeting started at 2 p.m., with a presentation from 4 ministers of the Anavad: M. Arezki Boussaid, minister of Institutions, Administration and Security ; M. Mouloud Merhab, minister of Dialogue and Mediation with Civil Society ; Ms. Djamila Amgoud, minister of Culture and M. Idir Djouder, mi-

nister of Finances, Economy and Land Planning.

There was in the Anavad a good atmosphere, combined with the pride and honour of being among the first people to receive the Kabyle identity card. The ones who were there, some from far away, have not stopped to smile, and lots of emotion could be read on their faces.

At 5 p.m, the Prèident of A n a v a d , Mass Ferhat M e h e n n i , arrived. After having greeted everybody, he pronounced a discourse in

which he qualified this date as historic. In the name of the Anavad, he urged all the Kabyls to get their identity card. « *This card, he said, is our pride; it suggests other even more promising initiatives* ». He added that « *Today, we are among us, tomorrow, we will have our place among the nations* » before concluding « *long life to the Kabyls and long life to the Kabyl government* ».



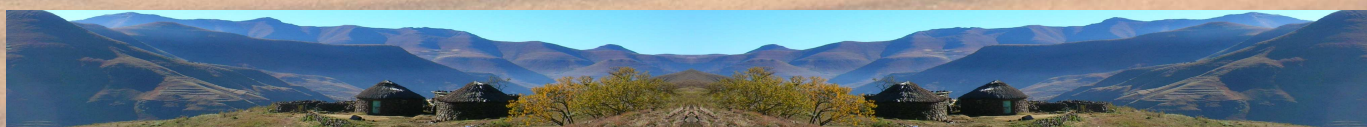
Issue of the first identity cards for Kabyls

A meeting organized by the Malian members of the WMPA blocked by the narco-terrorists and the central administration of Bamako

Ibrahim AG Mohamed Assaleh, deputy of the Malian National Assembly, elected in Bourem (Northern Mali) and member of the WMPA plenary board, wanted to organize an encounter, through the network « advocacy for peace, security and development in the northern regions of Mali », in

order to discuss to following issues: 1) social cohesion, 2) terrorism and illicit traffics, and 3) youth in the current context of insecurity (assessment, stakes and perspectives). This meeting was blocked by the narco-terrorists and by the central administration of Bamako. Hence, the encounter has

been postponed. Ibrahim AG Mohammed Assaleh wished this information to be transmitted to all the WMPA members.





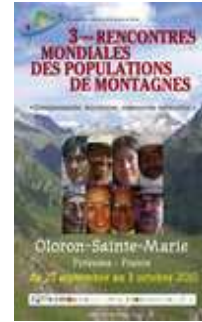
Visit the blog of the 3rd Encounter of the WMPA (Oloron, France)

A blog about the 3rd Encounter of the WMPA (Oloron Sainte Marie, 25th of September - 3rd of October 2010) has been created in order to group all the information and the documents related to that event. For the moment the blog is only in french. You can find the program, reports from the workshops, interviews of the participants, the Mani-

festo of Oloron, the motions adopted as well as photos, videos and the articles that have been published in newspapers.

Address of the blog:

<http://rencontres-montagnesdumonde-oloron.blogspot.com/>



Agreement between Foundation for Human Progress and WMPA

The 22nd of December, Marie Mazalto, Nicolas Krausz and Pierre Gondard met to take stock of the closing of the agreement with the FHP, of which purpose was: "Support to the redaction of case studies on the theme : "Communities, territories and management of natural resources" and the preparation of the 3rd World Encounter of the Mountain People". On the WMPA's side, Nicolas and Jean Bourliaud were responsible for the agreement. Marie Mazalto wrote a paper of theoretical framing (about 40 pages) about the issue of the program, and ensured the coordination with the authors of about 12 case study : 7 ECA-DIM (Multiple dimensions case studies) are finished:

1) Culture and Nature in the Amazonia, Revitalization of traditional health sys-

tems for the recuperation of the indigenous people's health (Didier M. Lacaze)

2) Mining industry on a large scale in the province of Jujuy, Argentina (Roger Moreau)

3) Apolobamba Natural reserve in the Bolivian Andean cordillera : alpacas' livestock production threatened by gold extraction ? (Marie Mazalto)

4) Controversial mining project jeopardizes glaciers, water and agricultural development in the Valley del río Huayco, North of Chile (Chili Sustentable)

5) Pasture management in the highlands of Lesotho : at the crossroads between livestock production and natural resources' conservation (Ophélie Robi-

neau)

6) Itombwe forest: socio-economic stakes and nature conservation in the Congolese context (Didier de Failly and Jean-Marie Bantu, BEST-Board of Scientific and Technical Studies, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo)

7) Common management of pasture, water and forest in Aspe, Ossau and Baretous valleys. Atlantic Pyrenees, France (Marie Mazalto and Didier Hervé).

4 are on the process of being finished (1 for Bolivia, 3 for Himalaya). The next step in the return of the results of that program to the FHP, and, we hope, a publication of a book.



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This WMPA newsletter was created at the beginning of 2011, in order to enhance exchanges of information within the different massifs and keep all the WMPA's members updated about activities and events which take place in different mountainous areas of the world.

In order to keep on writing this newsletter, please send information about your activities, actions, meetings, encounters within your own massifs to Ophélie Robineau, Vice-president of the WMPA in charge of the communication, at robineauophelie@gmail.com

Thank you!

