

## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL IDEA COMPETITION:

**Conservation and Enhancement of the Landscape, Geological, and Environmental Heritage of Parco Naturale Regionale di Piana Crixia, with particular attention to the area of the “Stone Mushroom”, situated in the Province of Savona - Regione Liguria - Italy**

### Competition Sponsor:

- *Municipality of Piana Crixia*, Via Chiarlone 47 tel +39/019/570021 Fax: +39/019/570022.  
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### Other Sponsoring Authorities:

- *Region of Liguria* - Servizio Parchi ed Aree Protette, Via d’Annunzio 113 – 16121 Genova
- *University of Genoa, Faculty of Architecture, Polis Department*, Applied Geomorphology Laboratory, Geosites Documentation Center, Stradone S. Agostino 37, 16123 Genova  
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### Art. 1 – TOPIC

The object of the present announcement is an idea competition at international level and is articulated according to two aims:

- A) Promotion of the landscape and cultural resources in Piana Crixia Park and in the Municipality, for instance:
- Advertising and promotional proposals (such as logo, gadgets, improvement of the poster design, etc.)
  - Recovery and reorganization of significant areas
  - Environmental education and fruition activities.
- B) Proposals regarding projects aimed at the conservation, enhancement, and fruition of the geological site called “Fungo di Piana Crixia” (“Mushroom of Piana Crixia”).

### Art. 2 - LOCATION

The Municipality of Piana Crixia, situated in the middle stretch of Val Bormida di Spigno, at the border between Liguria and Piedmont, encloses the whole homonymous Regional Protected Area of Piana Crixia Park, whose southern border follows the SP road of Colle di Cadibona from Frazione Pontevecchio up to Frazione San Massimo, and goes a little beyond it. The Park territory covers an area of 8 sq. km and is situated on the left slope of Rio Madonna, affluent of the River Bormida, near the town of Pontevecchio.

For further information, please go to the web site: <http://www.parks.it/parco.piana.crixia/index.html>

### Art. 3 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The participation to the present competition is free. Three participation categories have been established:

- A) **Professional category:** individuals or groups. It is necessary to specify the category you belong to in the entry registration form and it is compulsory to consider both the aims mentioned in art. 1
- B) **Students’ category:** individuals, groups, or grades. Please specify in the entry registration form the school or the university you belong to. The entrants will be free to choose one aim or both aims mentioned in art. 1
- C) **Others:** meaning the individuals and all the cultural associations (for instance: ONLUS or NPO organizations, persons with a Degree Certificate, the subjects which are not enrolled in professional categories, etc.). The entrants will be free to choose one of the aims or both aims mentioned in art. 1

In case of a group, the entrants will have to appoint a group leader; in case of grades, please specify where do you come from and the person in charge. All the members of the group or grades, with equal rights, are endowed the paternity of the proposals and of the project presented in the competition.

An entrant cannot belong to more than one group or category.

#### **Art. 4 – INELIGIBILITY**

The following subjects cannot take part in the competition:

- The competition judges, their partners, their relatives and kinship until the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree included;
- The persons having any kind of continuous and attested working and collaboration relationship with the competition judges;
- The persons participating in the drawing up of the announcement and of the attached documents;
- The employees and the administrators of the Authority sponsoring the present competition.

#### **Art. 5 - ENTRIES**

The participants must directly submit or send (by mail or courier) the entry registration form no later than **30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004** (the date of the departure postmark will be considered valid. In any case, the forms received after 10 days from the deadline will be not accepted) at the following address and with the following phrase:

*Comune di Piana Crixia – settore tecnico – Ufficio del Parco  
“Concorso internazionale di idee per la Conservazione e la Valorizzazione e del patrimonio paesistico,  
geologico ambientale del Parco Naturale Regionale di Piana Crixia, con particolare attenzione all’area  
del “Fungo”  
Via Chiarlone n° 47 –17058 - Piana Crixia - Savona – Italia*

The participants belonging to category A will have to attach to the entry registration form (Attachment 1) the receipt of the payment of Euros 40,00 on the post office account n. 13596176 by indicating as payment details - Concorso internazionale di idee per il Parco di Piana Crixia.

#### **Art. 6 - USEFUL DOCUMENTS**

The participants will have at their disposal the materials listed in the ATTACHMENT II, where also the acquisition procedures are explained.

#### **Art.7 – COMPETITION PAPERS**

The competition papers, settled in number and size, must be written preferably in Italian or English.

- The project papers will have to be no more than n° **20 tables UNI A3 size paper** (42 x 29,7 cm). The tables must contain the project graphic schemes like planimetries, sketches, perspectives, and any other form of representation considered adequate to illustrate the project choices. Moreover, n° 1 plastic-coated and vertical Table 100 x 70 size is required, including the summary of the papers, which might be used for the following exhibit.
- A **typewritten report**<sup>1</sup> from a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 7 pages in UNI A4 size paper (21 x 29.7 cm) will have to be attached to the papers and will have to contain the planning criteria and the adopted solutions.
- Moreover, a **CD** containing all the material that has been handed in – saved in pdf format – is required.

Each paper and the first page of the report will have to be marked with an alphanumeric code of 8 figures, which must be placed at the bottom on the right of each table. The first letter of the code must correspond to the category you belong to, that is **A**) for the “Professional category”; **B**) for the “Students’ Category”; **C**) for the category “Others and Associations”. The data and the signature of the entrants (or of the group leader in case a group is participating) will be placed into an opaque and sealed envelope marked with the same code, to hand in with the other papers. Such envelope will be open only after the project papers have been analyzed by the competition judges.

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<sup>1</sup> Edge 3 cm for each side; Font Times New Roman 12

The papers will have to be gathered in only one container and must be submitted no later than **30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2005** (the date of the departure postmark will be considered valid. In any case, the forms received after 10 days from the deadline will be not accepted). Each container will have to carry the phrase and the address mentioned in art. 5.

### **Art. 8 – COMPETITION JUDGES**

The competition judges will include 5 effective members:

- \_ A member of the Municipality of Piana Crixia, as the President;
- \_ A member of the Regione Liguria – Servizio Parchi e Aree Protette;
- \_ A member of the faculty of Architecture of the University of Genoa – POLIS Department;
- \_ Two experts in the field chosen by the Competition Sponsor.

Moreover, there are 3 temporary members in case some effective member should be replaced.

The decisions of the competition judges are final and can be taken, by a majority, exclusively when all the judges are present. A member of the Municipality of Piana Crixia will carry out the secretary activities.

### **Art.9 - COMPETITION OUTCOME AND PRIZES**

The competition will close with a merit-system classification and with the attribution of n°3 prizes and n° 2 honorable mentions for each category. The competition judges will open the sealed envelopes of all the entrants and will check the documents after analyzing all the projects and choosing the winners.

The Prizes will be awarded in the following manner:

#### **CATEGORY A): PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY**

- \_ 1<sup>st</sup> place            5.000,00 \_
- \_ 2<sup>nd</sup> place            3.000,00 \_
- \_ 3<sup>rd</sup> place            1.500,00 \_
- \_ N° 2 honorable mentions with a refund of 300,00 \_ each

#### **CATEGORY B): STUDENTS' CATEGORY**

- \_ 1<sup>st</sup> place            1.500,00 \_
- \_ 2<sup>nd</sup> place            1.000,00 \_
- \_ 3<sup>rd</sup> place            750,00 \_
- \_ N° 2 honorable mentions with a weekend stay (2 nights half board) for a maximum of 4 persons, in an accommodation structure of Piana Crixia (excluding the journey)

#### **CATEGORY C): OTHERS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

- \_ 1<sup>st</sup> place            1.500,00 \_
- \_ 2<sup>nd</sup> place            1.000,00 \_
- \_ 3<sup>rd</sup> place            750,00 \_
- \_ N° 2 honorable mentions with a weekend stay (2 nights half board) for a maximum of 4 persons, in an accommodation structure of Piana Crixia (excluding the journey)

Within 60 days from the end of the works of the competition judges, the official results will be notified by personal communication and via Internet to all the winners.

In case of exclusion of a winner, he/she will be replaced by the first entrant following him/her in the classification.

Should all the projects of a category be not suitable, the competition judges reserve the right not to award prizes and to use the resulting sums to award further honorable mentions to the other categories.

### **Art.10 - EXHIBIT AND PUBLICATION OF THE PROJECTS**

The Competition Sponsor will display the proposals of the entrants through an exhibit of the projects, eventually followed by a publication of the meritorious projects.

The participation to the competition is valid as an authorization to the exhibit of the project and to its publication without charges for the authors.

Except for the copyright, the winning ideas become property of the Competition Sponsor which may use them as it sees fit.

#### **Art.11 – RETURN OF THE PROJECTS**

Within the 60 days following the closing of the exhibit, all the papers of the entrants, except the ones belonging to the 15 winners and those chosen by the competition judges as meritorious, will be available for pick up at the entrants' expenses.

After such period, the Competition Sponsor will no longer be in charge of their conservation.

#### **Art.12 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPETITION RULES**

By entering and taking part to the competition, all entrants agree to the terms of the Announcement.

#### **Art.13 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

According to L. 675/96 and to the enforcing regulations regarding the protection of individuals, the personal data collected by the Public Authority, holder of the processing, will be solely used for purposes regarding the idea competition, with respect to the provisions in force.

#### **Art.14 - REGULARITY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The present Announcement has been drawn up according to what established by L. 109/94 and by the enforcing regulations approved by D.P.R. 554/99.