

LUBRIANO, A SCHOOL OF BEEKEEPING IN THE TERRITORY OF ECOMUSEUM “TUSCIA RUPESTRE”

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The Natural History Museum of Lubriano (www.museolubriano.com) has been active since 2009 and overlooks the spectacular landscape of the Valley of the Badlands. The headquarters and the hiking trail are born on the initiative of the Municipality of Lubriano (VT), to enhance the traditions associated with the use of herbs and wild fruits and to promote the sustainable management of water springs, local plants, fauna and geomorphology. The museum organizes tours and educational workshops and open sessions on specific topics with the help of experts. In the 2011 in the museum has been founded the School of Beekeeping "Michener". Today the school is the only one in Italy established by a public authority (Municipality Lubriano) with DGC n. 105 of 29/10/2012. The school organizes theoretical and practical courses of organic beekeeping also with a cooperation with Honey Research Centre - Department of Biology, University of Rome Tor Vergata, beekeepers, agronomist and veterinarians (ASL Viterbo - FNOVI). The school has a didactic apiari settled in the external part of Museum. The aim of the school is to spread the cultural and tecnica knowledge about bees, and help to promote tourism in the territory of Ecomuseum “Tuscia Rupestre” (www.emtr.it).

In the period November 2011 / March 2014 were recorded 134 entries from all over Italy, and in particular from Lazio, Umbria, Tuscany, Marche, Liguria, Abruzzo, Campania, Basilicata, Puglia and Sicily. There was a significant percentage of students coming from the territory of the province of Viterbo and residents in the town of Lubriano. Excellent response in terms of practical activities (amateur and professional) are initiated after attending the courses. In 2012 he began a collaboration, now permanent, with the Agricultural Institute "F.lli Agosti" of Bagnoregio, for the promotion of beekeeping in the subiet program for the students.

The activities of the school of beekeeping "Michener", are raising public awareness on the problems of managing of bee colonies too, with particular reference to the impact of human activities on the life bees and negative consequences in terms of pollination of plants, and the relative poverty of plant biodiversity.