

# **LA PRIMO SCHOOL**

## **TRAINERS' BIOGRAPHIES**



### **Chiara Ferracini - University Professor**

Chiara Ferracini is an Associate Professor at the Department of Agricultural, Forest, and Food Sciences at the University of Turin.

She teaches courses in Forest Entomology, Management of Invasive Exotic Insects, and Wildlife Planning. Her research focuses primarily on the monitoring and application of biological and integrated pest management strategies against emerging insects of agro-forestry and urban interest, with particular attention to invasive exotic species; the implementation of classical and conservation biological control programs; and the monitoring of beneficial insects and their related ecosystem services.

She is a Corresponding Member of the Academy of Agriculture of Turin and the Italian Entomological Society, a member of the Italian Entomological Society's working group on invasive species, and a member of the working group on exotic invasive animal species established by the Piedmont Region.

She is the author and co-author of numerous articles published in scientific journals in her field and serves as the scientific coordinator for multiple national and international research projects.



### **Alberto Cora - INAF Collaborator**

Passionate about astronomy since childhood, he began his work as a science communicator in 1983. After earning a degree in Physics from the University of Turin, he strengthened his connection to research in 1989 by

joining the Astrophysical Observatory of Turin (INAF-OATo), with which he continues to collaborate.

In addition to his scientific work, he has served as secretary for the Italian Astronomical Society (Piedmont and Aosta Valley sections) and contributed to numerous major projects. He has also applied his expertise for the benefit of the community: between 2015 and 2017, he participated as an expert in drafting the regional law to combat light pollution.



### ***Renato Lombardo - Medical Doctor and Botany Enthusiast***

Medical Doctor with extensive experience in the local area, Renato Lombardo has dedicated much of his career to the care of the community. Today, having concluded his clinical practice, he focuses full-time on ethno-anthropographic research, publishing several essays on the subject.

Alongside his long-standing passion for botany, he has conducted in-depth studies of the flora of Valle Grana. In particular, his research and publications on wild orchids have established him as an authoritative reference for the biodiversity of the area and one of the leading experts on the subject.



### ***Beekeepers from Valle Grana***

A group of eight beekeepers has been involved by the Ecomuseo since September 2025 to develop a service for the promotion and distribution of honey from the valley's various producers, through a shared and self-managed stand called "Fidete de l'abeio."

The project, funded under the "+Api" call by the CRC Foundation, aims to spread knowledge and raise awareness about the essential role of pollinating insects, such as bees. At the same time, it seeks to highlight the work of beekeepers and encourage their collaboration.

The various producers, located throughout Valle Grana, will be available to share their expertise, guiding participants to discover everything that goes into their work.

## ***ECOMUSEUM COLLABORATORS' BIOGRAPHIES***



### ***Barbara Barberis - Architect and Coordinator of the Ecomuseo Terra del Castelmagno***

Barbara Barberis is a professional registered with the Order of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects, and Conservators of the Province of Cuneo.

In 1993, she earned her diploma as a surveyor at the “Francesco Gallo” State Technical Institute for Surveyors in Cuneo, with a score of 52/60. In 1998, she graduated in Architecture from the Politecnico di Torino, Mondovì campus, with a grade of 108/110, presenting a thesis on restoration focused on the study and enhancement of the façades of Piazza Maggiore in Mondovì.

After gaining experience in design studios, since 2000 she has collaborated in managing project activities and resources for the Cultural Association La Cevitou.

Since 2007, she has directed the Ecomuseo Terra del Castelmagno, overseeing design, coordination, institutional relations, accounting, reporting, grants, sponsorships, and communications.



### ***Noemi Silvestro - Nature Guide and Tour Leader***

Graduated in Linguistic Mediation, she combines her communication skills with her work as a hiking guide and tour leader. In her professional career, she has developed a strong collaboration with the Ecomuseo Terra del Castelmagno, overseeing several significant projects. Among these, EXPA (Experiences for Passionate People) stands out, the well-known

annual event that attracts a large audience of art, nature, and local culture enthusiasts to Valle Grana.



### ***Federica Rosso - Nature Guide***

She holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences and a master's degree in Evolution of Animal and Human Behavior, completing her university studies with a thesis on the presence of wolves in the Mandria Nature Park. Her professional profile is further enriched by training as a nature guide and as a pet therapy practitioner, reflecting her two great passions: nature and animals.

Since 2025, she has collaborated with the Ecomuseo Terra del Castelmagno, working on projects focused on biodiversity and local culture, such as the "Fidete de l'Abeio" initiative.