Ruralia Society, with the cooperation of other scientific organizations, Georgofili Academy, Agriculture Academy of Torino, is organizing a symposium on “Architecture and Landscape in the ethnic minority territories” which will take place in Alagna Valsesia (VC- Italy) the 7-8 and 9th September 2018.

Alagna, an alpine village at the foot of Monte Rosa, hosted an important Walser colony which left important and recognizable finger prints not only in Alagna, but in the whole upper Val Sesia

RURALIA, a scientific society focused on the knowledge, conservation and valorization of the rural architecture and landscape, will, in 2018, be 20 years old. To celebrate this anniversary there will be with an international symposium relevant to the present time. The gathering of participants from different regions across Europe is expected to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

The event is designed as a scientific 2 day conference with call for abstracts, oral presentations and posters. Technical tours to special significant sites in the area are organized on the third day.

**Official languages will be Italian and English.**

The conference will take place at the Unione Alagnese Theater located in the Alagna centre close to the church.

The Theater is a significant XIX sec building well preserved outside and inside in its original state.

Special rooms will be available to create working to groups on specific topics in order to build up reasearch projects.

Not far from the Unione Alagnese theater there is the Walser Museum which will give theparticipants an opportunity to learn about the architecture and Walser civilization.
ARCHITECTURE

Building typologies
Materials and construction techniques
Philosophies for protection, recovery actions and their sustainability
Protection, reuse and valorisation evaluation of experiences and case studies

LANDSCAPE

Landscape formation and evolution, physical and anthropic aspects
Agricultural systems and landscape
Political, religious, monastic, military aspects
Protection and valorisation policies

KEY DATES

15th February 2018 Registration abstract presentation open
30th April 2018 Dead line abstract submission
30th April 2018 Abstract authors notification
15th July 2018 Deadline for papers forwarding

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

All authors wishing to present papers at the congress are required to submit their abstract using the abstract submission system.

Only abstracts submitted using the online submission will be considered for the congress. Abstracts are required in Italian or English.

Abstracts should not contain any tables or figures.

Presentations will be accepted as oral presentations or posters. Please indicate your preference upon submission.

Upon submission, authors are further required to select one possible session where they think their work fits in best.

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Authors will be informed by 15th April whether their abstracts have been accepted.

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Preliminary programme:

7th September 2018

8.30-9.30 Registration
9.30-13.00 Conference sessions
13.00-14.00 lunch break
14.00-17.30 conference sessions
17.30-18.30 Posters Session
20.00 Official tipical dinner

8th September 2018

9.00-13.00 Conference sessions
13.00-14.00 lunch break
14.00-17.00 conference sessions
17.00-17.30 Closing
17.30-18.30 RURALIA members meeting

9th September 2018

9.00-18.00 visit to Walser Museum in Alagna;
 excursion to a typical Walser village;
 excursion to historical monuments