

## Report on Research Project under the IDEA League Student Grant

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Information about the research stay			
Host university		Politecnico di Milano	
Research topic		Exploring the historical footprint of Urban Agriculture in Milan	
Dates of research stay		From	01.04.2018 To 31.09.2018
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Summary of research project (200 words max.)
<p>As a good example of my research, Milan experience learning will be one chapter in my dissertation. Milan is a representative metropolitan in Italy even Europe with a long agriculture history, at the same time, the development of urban agriculture in Milan always comes with the combination of protection and support of agricultural heritage. In this research project, first, I chose several related urban agriculture projects, e.g., The Parco Agricolo Sud Milano, MUSA Museum. Through fieldworks and interviews, I investigated the current situations and business model. Then via the “systemic approach” proposed by Prof. Scazzosi’s team, I analyzed the spatial structure, historical background, sensory evaluation, social perception towards urban agriculture of the Metropolitan City of Milan. Finally, I settled down to the <i>Cascina Linterno</i>, a typical traditional farmstead in the Lombardy region to recognize the tangible and intangible heritage there separately. Additionally, one of the representative intangible heritages: <i>Marcita</i> Meadow System was highlighted and emphasized.</p> <p>The urban agriculture model in Milan to some extent should be promoted and extension practiced, it has the potential to protect and inherit the local agricultural culture.</p>

## Experience Report

*(Please tell us about your personal experience at the host university and give us an evaluation of the benefits of the research stay for the course of your studies)*

The lab of Research and International Documentation for Landscape is a welcoming group, my overall experience of working is very positive, all the colleagues there inspired me a lot. During my stay, I gathered plenty of data, documents and reference materials, which were totally necessary for my dissertation. I also cooperated with other PhD students there towards some topics and will continue to have those conversations.

The experience at Politecnico di Milano extended my thought on agronomy, heritage preservation, urban agriculture project management, and rural/urban planning. I really appreciate this exchange opportunity.

## Picture

*(Please provide a picture of you at the host university)*



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