



My experience as winner of the ‘Piemonte Visual Contest 2015-2016’ in the category Digital Maps is the result of a process which dates back to 2013, when I first experienced the use of the free licensed GIS software, in order to both increase my professional skills and follow a lifetime passion. In addition to my job, indeed, I work as Mountain Bike Guide and I am therefore particularly interested in maps which trace cycling paths.

After obtaining the ECDL-GIS Certificate at the ‘Politecnico di Torino L.a.r.t.u. test center’ I kept on using the QGIS software to create graphic representations of some of my works, at times simply to further extend my knowledge of the wide opportunities offered by Open Street Map and other free softwares which use OSM maps.

The idea to take part in the ‘Piemonte Visual contest’ was born out of these two passions of mine (maps and bike). I chose to represent digitally a cycling path including easy dirt tracks, to this day partially signalled but not accessible, which connects Racconigi to Moncalieri, by using open data and on site metric surveys.



During the project, in February 2016, I attended the ‘Maptime’ in Milan, organised by the ‘Politecnico di Milano’, where some GIS based projects have been presented and work on OSM has been carried out cooperatively. This meeting helped me understand that the contest was a unique opportunity to deepen skills and knowledge in a field that I would not have analysed otherwise.

You can have a look at my project at <http://pistaverde.altervista.org/>

It aims at fostering citizens’ contribution in valuing, promoting and monitoring the path by enabling them to download the gpx track, leave comments and upload pictures.

The maps on the website provide the user with information about points of interest, public transport and accommodation in the interested areas and include georeferenced pictures.

For further info about datas and softwares please visit the section “dati utilizzati” of the website.

I’ll be happy to share ideas and solutions to create webmaps with anyone who might be interested.



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