

Vitantonio Dell'Orto, Professional Nature Photographer & Writer

Curriculum Vitae

Vitantonio Dell'Orto (Legnano, Italy, 1962) is a full-time professional Nature photographer and writer since the 2000, year during which he won the 1° Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by "Oasis" magazine, both in "Landscape" and "Flowers" categories. He was between the awarded photographer in each of the four following editions. Afterwards he got other awards, also international ones, between which the 2nd Prize in the section "Journalism" in the Nature Literature Award "Parco Majella".

During the years he published reportages, photos and covers in the main specialized magazines. His pictures appeared in several books. Between the other various collaborations the one with the company Lem Art Group stands out, for the production of calendars, posters and stationery with worldwide distribution.

He has published two photographic books: "Le Forme Incerte - The Uncertain Shapes" (2001) and "My Sweden – Tales from an Italian photographer in the North" (2010), both by Pubblinova Ed. Negri.

Since the 2007 he lives in Sweden, in Särna (Dalarna).

Publications

Ha pubblicato articoli completi, copertine e immagini sulle riviste Oasis, Asferico, Piemonte Parchi, Rivista della Natura, Oltre, Tutti Fotografi, Fotografia Reflex, Amici di Casa, I Viaggi di Repubblica, Partiamo, Riflessi (rivista di Trenitalia), Agriturismo natura e sapori, Vivere la Montagna (Svizzera), Animali (Svizzera), Camera Natura (Svezia), Aftonbladet Söndag (Svezia), Ute Magasinet (Svezia), Dala-Demokraten (Svezia), Terre Sauvage (Francia).

Regular Columns

- From the **2004** to the **2008** he has been a regular columnist for Oasis magazine. 71 columns in 20 issues.
- From the **2008** to the **2009** he wrote the regular column "Through the mirror" on Asferico magazine.

Complete Articles (text and/or pictures)

2012

72. "It's Lemming time", on Rivista della Natura n. 02-12, Apr.12

2011

71. "Nights in colors (Northern Lights)", on Rivista della Natura n. 05-11, Oct.11

70. "The Swan Lake", on Rivista della Natura 01-11, Feb.11

2010

69. "The White Stork", on Piemonte Parchi n.195, May 10

68. "The Birch", (photos), on Piemonte Parchi n.193, Mar.10

67. "Animals in the Snow", on Vivere la Montagna Jan.10

2009

66. "Trills from the North. Waxwings", on Vivere la Montagna Nov.09

65. "The Falcons of Holy Spirit", (photos), on Piemonte Parchi n.189, Nov.09

64. "Orchids, The Flowers of Gods", (photos), on Piemonte Parchi n.184, Apr.09

2008

63. "The Thousand-colored Land. Provençal Ochres", (photos), on Piemonte Parchi n.180, Nov.08

62. "Little Lappland. North-west Dalarna", on Vivere la Montagna Jul./Aug.08

61. "Little Lappland. North-west Dalarna", on Asferico magazine n.27, Apr.08

2007

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- 60. **"The Chamois"**, on Vivere la Montagna Dic.07
- 59. **"Sami: people of sun and wind"**, on **Oasis** n. 170, May 07
- 58. **"The Reindeer"**, on Vivere la Montagna Feb.07
- 57. **"The uncertain Shapes of Nature"**, interview and portfolio on **Tutti Fotografi** 03/07, and cover.
- 56. **"The Wolf"**, (text) on Vivere la Montagna Gen.07

2006

- 55. **"The Ibex"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Oct.06
- 54. **"Invitation to close up photography"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna, Mar.06
- 53. **"Bewitched by the Aurora: Patricia Cower and the Northern Lights"**, on **Oasis** n.164, Mar/Apr.06
- 52. **"Photographing the wood"**, on Vivere la Montagna Feb.06
- 51. **"Columbine and alpine Columbine"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Feb.06

2005

- 50. **"The Color of the Water"**, Portfolio on **Oasis** n.162, Sep/Oct.05
- 49. **"Wings on the cliff - Seabirds colonies"**, on Vivere la Montagna Sep.05
- 48. **"Bewitched by the Aurora: Patricia Cower and the Northern Lights"**, on Vivere la Montagna Jul/Aug.05
- 47. **"The mountain Lily - Paradisia liliastrum"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Jul/Aug.05
- 46. **"Texel of the Birds"**, on **Oasis** n.161, Jul/Aug.05
- 45. **"Carolina and the other - Seals of the North Sea"**, on **Oasis** n.161, Jul/Aug.05
- 44. **"A Garden for Sibilla; the Norcia's Pian Grande"**, on Vivere la Montagna Jun.05
- 43. **"The White Stork"**, on Vivere la Montagna Jun.05
- 42. **"The Steppe's Lake: Neusiedler See"**, on Vivere la Montagna May.05
- 41. **"Butterworts"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna May.05
- 40. **"Tulips Fields"**, on Vivere la Montagna Apr.05
- 39. **"The Swallow"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Apr.05
- 38. **"Texel of the Birds"**, on Vivere la Montagna Mar.05
- 37. **"The Primrose"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Mar.05
- 36. **"Carolina and the other - Seals of the North Sea"**, on Piemonte Parchi n. 145, Apr.05
- 35. **"Gerald Durrell and the Jersey Trust"**, on Vivere la Montagna Feb.05
- 34. **"Weasel, Beech and Pine Martens"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Feb.05
- 33. **"Lofoten Islands"**, on Vivere la Montagna Jan.05
- 32. **"The Snail"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Jan.05

2004

- 31. **"Camargue"**, on Vivere la Montagna Dec.04
- 30. **"Taking pictures in the frost"**, on Vivere la Montagna Nov.04, and cover
- 29. **"The Yak"**, on Vivere la Montagna Oct.04 (text)
- 28. **"The French Basque Country"**, on Vivere la Montagna Oct.04
- 27. **"Lofoten Islands"** on Piemonte Parchi n. 139, Oct.04.
- 26. **"Animals in white"** on Piemonte Parchi n. 139, Oct.04 (text)
- 25. **"The Alpine Chough"**, (text), on Vivere la Montagna Sep.04
- 24. **"Lapland Fall"**, on Vivere la Montagna Sep.04, and cover
- 23. **"Vesterålen Islands"**, on Vivere la Montagna Aug.04
- 22. **"The Color of the Scent, the lands of Lavender"**, on Vivere la Montagna July 04
- 21. **"Engadina and Val Roseg: the wildlife garden"**, on Vivere la Montagna June 04
- 20. **"The Fox"**, on Vivere la Montagna June 04
- 19. **"Ordesa: the Grand Canyon of Europe"**, on Vivere la Montagna May 04
- 18. **"Frederic Mistral"** on Piemonte Parchi n. 136 (pictures)
- 17. **"Early Spring Blooming"**, on Vivere la Montagna Feb.04
- 16. **"Mountain Photography"**, on Vivere la Montagna Apr.04

2003

- 15. **"The Tundra"**, on Vivere la Montagna Dec.03
- 14. **"The Lynx"**, on Vivere la Montagna Dec.03
- 13. **"The Wolf"** on swiss magazine Animali, Sep.03
- 12. **"Fjords: the Mountain in the Sea"** with cover, on swiss magazine Vivere la Montagna Jun.03
- 11. **"Cultivating Colors"** with cover, on Oltre Jun.03
- 10. **"The Toads Sabbath"**, on Piemonte Parchi n.127
- 9. **"Life in the wood"** with cover, on Oltre Apr.03
- 8. **"Gerald Durrell and the Jersey Trust"**, on Piemonte Parchi n.125
- 7. **"Taking pictures at 20 below zero"** with cover, on Fotografia Reflex Feb.03

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6. "**Early Spring Blooming**", on Oltre Feb.03

2002

5. "**Wild Orchids**" with cover, on Oltre n.74.
4. "**Ice Hotel** (Sweden)", on Partiamo March 02

2001

3. Portfolio "**The Uncertain Shapes**", on Asferico n.8
2. "**Photographing in Norway – Vesterålen Islands**", on Oasis n.04/01.

1999

1. "**Varanger Peninsula (Norway)**" with cover, on Asferico n.2 (with Francesco Velletta)

Scientific Publications & Contributions

2007

"**New Orchids Reports** for Appennino Pavese", Thomas Abeli - Gilberto Parolo - Vitantonio Dell'Orto, Archivio Geobotanico, International Journal of geobotany ecology and taxonomy 10 (1-2) 2007: 89-92

2006

"**Interesting Orchids Reports** for Appennino Pavese", Thomas Abeli - Gilberto Parolo - Vitantonio Dell'Orto, Archivio Geobotanico, International Journal of geobotany ecology and taxonomy 9 (1-2) 2006: 71-74

Books

2010

"My Sweden", Pubblinova Ed. Negri.

2001

"The Uncertain Shapes", Pubblinova Ed. Negri.

Books - Contributions

2011

40. "**Respiro la montagna**", Dario Ferrandi. foreword.
39. "Mountain and Nature Photo Contest **Memorial Marial Luisa XXI**".

2010

38. "**As Nature intended**", PAN Parks Foundation, with cover.

2009

37. "**Animals in Ticino II**", Luca Bettosini, Fontana Ed. (CH).
36. "**Lagoons, estuaries and deltas**", in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
35. "**Italian Habitats**", in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
34. "**International Nature Photography Competition Asferico 2009**", AFNI

2008

33. "**Wildfowl of Parco Agricolo Sud Milano**" - Provincia di Milano, with cover.
32. "**Fiumi e boschi ripari**" in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
31. "**Gardens**", in the Cube Book series, Ed. WhiteStar.
30. "**Mammals of the Alps**", Lorenzo Luchetta, Ed. Nordpress.

2007

29. "**Boschi montani di conifere**" in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
28. "**Dominio pelagico**" in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
27. "**Laghi vulcanici**" in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
26. "**International Nature Photography Competition Asferico 2007**", AFNI
25. "**Flowers**", in the Cube Book series, Ed. WhiteStar.

2006

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24. **"Timeless Europe"**, Edizioni WhiteStar.
23. **"Magie di Natura - portfolio 3"**, made by SICF - Pubblinova Ed. Negri.
22. **"Belpaese Natura - portfolio 1"**, Pubblinova Ed. Negri.
21. **"Laghetti di alta quota"** in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
20. **"Ghiaioni e rupi di montagna"** in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
19. **"Le faggete appenniniche"**, with cover, in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
18. **"The Sky"**, in the Cube Book series, Ed. WhiteStar.
17. **"Mountain in the pocket vol. 4"**, Luca Bettosini, Fontana Ed. (CH).
16. **"Colli Euganei"**, Gianni Schinezos, Input Edizioni.
15. **"Footpaths in Ticino"**, Luca Bettosini, Fontana Ed. (CH).

2005

14. **"Europa Natura Portfolio 1 - Nature Photography in Europe"**, Aa.Vv., Pubblinova Ed. Negri (as member of the Publishing Committee).
13. **"Suggerimenti e immagini di un viaggio"**, Comunità Montana Valli Curone, Grue and Ossoia (AL).
12. **"I Prati Aridi"** in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
11. **"Ambienti Nivali"** in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
10. **"Pozze, Stagni e Paludi"**, with cover, in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.
9. **"Cats"**, in the Cube Book series, Ed. WhiteStar.

2004

8. **"Words & Images on the Nature"** Piemonte Parchi magazine.

2003

7. **"Trekking in Ticino, Vol. 3"**, Luca Bettosini, ed. Fontana (CH) and Associazione Vivere la Montagna.
6. **"La Montagna nel Ticino, Immagini ed Emozioni"**, Luca Bettosini, ed. Fontana (CH) and Associazione Vivere la Montagna.
5. **"La Macchia Mediterranea"** in the series "Quaderni Habitat", by the Natural History Museum of Friuli, and the Ministry of Environment.

2002

4. **"L'Avifauna della Bassa Padovana dagli anni '50 al 2000"**, Angelo Ferro, Provincia di Padova.

2001

3. **"Magie di Natura – portfolio 2"** Texts and pictures, made by SICF - Pubblinova Ed. Negri

1997

2. Text of **"What the river Po reveals"** by Luigi Meroni e Sergio Luzzini - Pubblinova Ed. Negri.

1996

1. **"The Magic of the Nature"** (texts and pictures), made by SICF - Pubblinova Ed. Negri.

on the Web

- Contribution to **Nadir.it**, the Italian web magazine of photography (www.nadir.it).
- **Sguardi Online** (www.nital.it/sguardi/) from Nikon Italy hosted him in its **Showcase** in its issue nr. 50.

Collaborations

2009 -

Collaboration with the company Photogem for the online sales of fine art prints.

2002-2004

Collaboration with **Lem Art Group** for the production of [calendars](#), [diaries](#), [posters](#), postcards, greeting cards and stationery with worldwide distribution.

2003

Collaboration with **Museo Cantonale di Lugano** (CH), for didactic publications.

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2002

Collaboration with **Wishop** for the production of a line of greeting cards under the brand **Supreme**.
Collaboration with [Provincia of Padova](#) for the production of educational and didactic literature.

Awards

2010

Four pictures highly commended in the 21st edition of the International contest Memorial Maria Luisa (Spain), in the categories: "Biodiversity", "Vegetable World", "Mountain Landscape" and "Abstract".

2009

Runner-up prize in the 3rd International Nature Photo Competition Asferico 2009, section "Plants".

2007

Highly commended in the 1st International Nature Photo Competition Asferico 2007, section "Composition and form".

2006

Runner-up Prize in the section "Journalism" in the Nature Literature Award "Parco Majella", for the article "Bewitched by Northern Lights" on Oasis 164 (mar/apr 06).

2003

4th Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by Oasis magazine: Tenth place in section "Flowers & Plants".

2002

Overall Winner of the XV Edition of the ANG's Nature Photography Competition organized by Associació de Naturalistes de Girona, Spain.

2001

World Champion of Nature Photography with the FIAF nature photography italian team, in the F.I.A.P. Nature Biennial that took place in Johannesburg, South Africa.

2nd Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by Oasis magazine: Third place in section "Flowers & Plants"

2nd Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by Oasis magazine: Fourth place in section "Light & Nature".

2000

Winner in section "Landscapes" in 1st Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by Oasis magazine.

Winner in section "Flowers & Plants" in 1st Italian Nature Photography Gran Prix Award organized by Oasis magazine.

Exhibitions

Hereafter a list of the main exhibitions gave (or joined) in the past.

2008 - 2011

- Permanent personal exhibition at Njupeskärsserveringen, by the Fulufjället Naturum Visitor Center, Dalarna.
- Permanent personal exhibition at Särna Turist Office, Dalarna.

2011

- Personal exhibition "Winter Symphony" from February 12 to March 4 at the Museum of Porphyry in Älvdalen (Dalarna). An event made in cooperation with Mora municipality within the initiatives for the Vinterfest, a main international music festival which is yearly celebrated in the region.

2009

2004

- Participation to "12th Mundial Fotofestival" in Rovinj (Croatia), in the exhibition of World Cup F.I.A.F. winning pictures in the editions of F.I.A.P. Nature Biennial.
- Photo exhibition "Photosynthesis" with virtual community Fotodialoghi, at SpazioPer, Borgomanero (NO).

2002

- At the Civic Aquarium of Milan in the group exhibition of Italian Society for Wildlife Photography (SICF).
Personal Portfolio, in the initiatives connected to 1st Nature Photography contest managed by the town of

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- Participation in Cogne (I) to Internazionale Competition Asferico exhibition, within the "Stambecco d'oro" Nature Film Festival.

2008

- Participation to the exhibition "Flowing Life", 5-21 May 2008, together with Photofarm photographers, University of Milano, Biology Department, Zoology Museum.

2007

- Participation in Comacchio to the exhibition of **Internazionale Competition Asferico 2007**, within the International Birdwatching Fair 2007.

2006

- Participation in Mora (Sweden) to the exhibition **"Italian looks on Nature"**, together with the other authors of the series Fotografi per Natura by Pubblinova Ed. Negri, 4 October to 30 Novembre 2006.
- Personal Exhibition "A Photographer for Nature", at Riserva Naturale dell'Orecchiella, in Appennino Tosco - Emiliano National Park (LU), in collaboration with Corpo Forestale dello Stato.
- Participation in Gällivare (Swedish Lapland), to the exhibition **"Italian looks on Nature"**, local Museum, together with the other authors of the series Fotografi per Natura by Pubblinova Ed. Negri, 10 June to 31 August 2006.

Avolasca (AL).

- Exhibition "Natura Mundi", in Cremona, a collection of portfolios by the authors that won the F.I.A.P. Nature Biennial that took place in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Personal Exhibition in Merano, in collaboration with Fotoclub Immagine and Merano Commune, in the cultural events connected to the 20° Meranflora Fair.
- Personal Exhibition "The Uncertain Shapes", in collaboration with Triuggio Commune.
- Personal Exhibition "The Uncertain Shapes" in Civic Aquarium of Milan.

2001

- Personal Exhibition "The Uncertain Shapes" at the Gallery Arctic Color, Porjus (Norrbottens Lan, Sweden)

Slide Shows & Lectures

2011

- "Sweden, a love story", produced by Ferdinando Giaquinto, during the event "Literary Scandinavian Landscapes", Villa Delfina within Duemilalibri, culture and book festival, Gallarate (VA).

2010

- "Sweden, a love story", produced by Ferdinando Giaquinto, at Filmstudio90, Varese, Italy.

2009

- "Forest", at the Fulufjället National Park Naturum Visitors Center, Dalarna.

2008

- "Mountains: a brief journey through seasons", at the Fulufjället National Park Naturum Visitors Center, Dalarna.

2006

- "Lapland", at Visitor Center of Riserva Naturale dell'Orecchiella, in Appennino Tosco - Emiliano National Park.
- "South to North: two Europes, one Nature", in Gällivare, Swedish Lapland, with opening speech at vernissage of the exhibition **"Italian looks on**

2003

- "Wings, petals and more Holland", Caponago (MI), "Circolo Fotografico Riflessi".

2002

- "Arctic: the hard paradise", at Parco Fluviale del Po e dell'Orba, in Bosco Marengo (AL), in a series of lectures on biodiversity.
- "Provence & Camargue", in Triuggio(MI).
- "Lapland", Caponago (MI), "Circolo Fotografico Riflessi".
- "Lapland", Brignano Frascata (AL).
- "The Uncertain Shapes", in Merano (BZ), in the cultural events connected to the 20° Meranflora Fair.
- "Lapland", in Merano (BZ), in the cultural events connected to the 20° Meranflora Fair.
- "The Uncertain Shapes" in Triuggio (MI).
- "The Uncertain Shapes" in Civic Aquarium of Milan.

2001

- "Lofoten e Vesterålen Islands (Norway)", in Busto Arsizio (VA) in collaboration with LIPU for the events of "Busto Summer 2001".

2000

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Nature", local Museum

- "Lappland", Circolo Fotoamatori Biella.
- "Lappland", C.A.I. Italian Alpine Club, Bolzano, in the Auditorium Roen.
- "Lappland", Photoclub "Immagine", Voghera (PV).

2005

- "Lappland", Photoclub "El Pavejon", Castelfranco Veneto (TV), Galleria Teatro Accademico.

2004

- Speech with Slide-show about Nature Photography at the Convention "Communicating Bio-diversity" managed by Maiella National Park, Caramanico Terme (PE).
- "Lappland", Photoclub "L'immagine", Borgomanero (NO).

- "Lappland", in Triuggio (MI), together with Francesco Velletta.

1999

- "Varanger Peninsula (Norway)", in Canegrate (MI), in collaboration with LIPU (together with Francesco Velletta)
- "Varanger Peninsula (Norway)", in Assago (MI) together with Francesco Velletta.

1996

- "Brenne (France)", in Civic Aquarium of Milan.

Courses & Workshops

Hereafter a list of the main photo courses gave in the past.

2011

- "A quiet nature weekend", workshop on landscape photography, Oasi Cervara (TV).

2010

- Autumn Photoweekend, Idre (Sweden), with Idre Fjäll and the Pernilla Wiberg Hotel

2009

- Autumn Photoweekend, Idre (Sweden), with Idre Fjäll and the Pernilla Wiberg Hotel
- Nature Week "Biowatching & Photography", Särna (Sweden), with Cascina Picus.

2008

- Workshop "Tundra", Särna (Sweden).

2006

- Course "The Nature Photography", 6 days for Insubria University in Varese, together with Luigi Meroni e Sergio Luzzini.

2002

- Workshop "Wild Flowers & Landscape", 2 days for Fotoclub Immagine in Merano.

2001

- Workshop "Wildlife Photography" for Gruppo Fotografico "Il Grifone", in collaboration with Oasi of Sant'Alessio (PV). 2 days.

1998

- Course "The Nature Photography", managed by Circolo Fotografico of Rozzano (MI), for Rozzano Commune. 5 theory lessons and 2 days on the field. Together with Francesco Velletta.

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