

## Annual Activity Report for 2012



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### All in all...

2012 was the first full calendar year of activity of the Association, which was formally established in May 2011.

The series of initiatives brought about during 2011 originated from the idea of connecting several locations in Italy and in Europe with of the thread of the **Participatory Night Sky Monitoring** and with our trip to an important European event about light pollution. This led to a schedule of events spanning from Matera, in Southern Italy, up to Osnabrueck, Northern Germany, with quite a fast pace (21 events in seven months) and with an *on the road* style. 2012 was a bit more laid back...still, we proposed various events on a national scale, and broadened the topics we are engaged in, both on the cultural side and on the environmental side.

For what concerns **cultural** initiatives, while maintaining our promotional activity on the ancient hand ball game of “palla a 21/palla eh!”, we had the chance to cooperate with several organizations active in the musical field, ranging from the recovery of heritage related to a small village marching band, to the promotion of live concerts with young bands in Tuscany.

In the **environmental** field, we proposed some new ideas to raise awareness on the issue of light pollution within the BuioMetria Partecipativa project. For example, we have been included in the program for environmental education in high schools in the Province of Livorno, and we created a patchwork poster about the project, which was presented in an art exhibition. In addition to the topic of light pollution and night sky quality - which now represents a historical asset of the association - we started to consider the issue of sustainable mobility. This topic is not new *per se* to members of the association, which has several environmental engineers in its team. However, it is interesting that the topic was introduced in the context of an association focused on awareness raising. As all new topics which we decide to address, some time will be needed to see how it will develop.

The other significant element was represented by the two days of meetings which were organized in November on the integration of **culture, environment and free innovation** as a driver for local development. This was, in fact, the second edition of an event which we organized back in 2008 and which served as a think tank for several of the ideas which later led to the creation of Attivarti.org. The meetings were extremely stimulating, proposing contributions from an extremely diverse panel of speakers, from scientific researchers to shepherds...all providing their experience in relation to culture, environment, and innovation. Furthermore, the meeting was an opportunity to note that some ideas which in 2008 were shared as potential developments in the promotion and protection of lesser known cultural and environmental assets, eventually developed, and became operational.

Last but not least, the initiatives which took place during 2012 have highlighted that Attivarti.org

can operate at its best in a collaborative model, involving at least another subject (typically another non-profit association), which can benefit in their activities of the experience gained by Attivarti.org and the network created by the association in the past six years.

We remind you that you can **support** the Association through donation during our events, with bank transfer, on-line and through PayPal.

For further details, please visit <http://www.attivarti.org/support>

Our e-mail address for inquiries and comments is [info@attivarti.org](mailto:info@attivarti.org)

### ***For more information***

We refer you to the following web sites. All of these have an “English” section in the top-level menu:

- [www.attivarti.org](http://www.attivarti.org)
- [www.buiometriapartecipativa.org](http://www.buiometriapartecipativa.org)
- [www.toscanastellata.org](http://www.toscanastellata.org)
- [www.palla21.it](http://www.palla21.it)
- [www.attivarti.org/filarmonicatorniella](http://www.attivarti.org/filarmonicatorniella)

**note that for the BuioMetria Partecipativa (participatory night sky monitoring) project a dedicated report is also available and can be found on the BuioMetria Partecipativa web site**

### ***2012 initiatives***

#### ***February***

- Start up of the “Toscana Stellata” (i.e. “Starry Tuscany”) network, in co-operation with a coordination of Tuscan stargazer associations, and the Natural History Museum in Livorno

#### ***March***

- Moderators of a conference on the promotion of the ancient game of *Palla 21/Palla Eh!*
- A presentation we made in November 2011 was published in the Pianeta Galileo proceedings.

#### ***April***

- Revamping of the web site Participatory Night Sky Monitoring web site.
- Participation to the CLIC calibration campaign of (Cabauw Lightmeter InterComparison) in the Netherlands by sending an SQM-sensor for the measurement of light pollution.

#### ***May***

- Support for the organization of the centennial celebration for the Associazione Filarmonica Popolare Torniella, an association managing a small village marching band which was re-united for this event. Attivarti.org supported the setup of the photo exhibition and created a dedicated web site: <http://www.attivarti.org/filarmonicatorniella>.
- Participation to the Greening Camp promoted by the Environmental Ministry of Italy and Italia Camp, with an intervention called “Let’s save the other half of the landscape”, related to light pollution and night sky quality.

## ***July***

- The new version of the web site dedicated to the game of palla a 21/palla eh! was launched
- Start of the summer Campaign for Night Sky Monitoring in the Follonica area, lasting up to the end of September.
- A memorandum of understanding was signed with ANCITEL Toscana for the promotion of the Autoincomune.it car sharing project

## ***Agosto***

- Participation to the “Festa della Luna di Arcidosso” (Moon festival in Arcidosso, near Grosseto) with an event related to stargazing and night sky quality.
- Contribution to the charity evening *Roccastrada for Moglia*, in Torniella, to support the reconstruction of one of the municipalities hit by an earthquake in May in the between Lombardia and Emilia-Romagna.
- Braies (near Bozen, South Tyrol) – Participation at the first *Dolomite Star Party* with two lectures on night sky quality and light pollution
- Festambiente, Rispeccia near Grosseto – organization of a stand for demonstrations of construction of the ball used in the ancient game of palla a 21/palla eh!, by two ball constructors from Torniella and Ciciano (two of the villages where the game is played)
- Boccheggiano, Grosseto – Participation to an educational stargazing night organized by two local associations (Associazione Quattro Gatti and dell'Associazione Astrofili Follonichesi)
- Beijing – invited poster presentation, providing a summary of four years of activity in awareness raising and data collection on light pollution.

## ***October***

- Participation at the Follonica section of the art exhibition "La città visibile" (“The visible city”), promoted by Fondazione Grosseto Cultura, a cultural foundation operating in Southern Tuscany.

## ***November***

- Monticiano and Massa Marittima: we held the two-day conference on the topic of “Culture, Environment, and Open Innovation as opportunities for local development through the intergration of diverse resources”

## ***December***

- Florence: simposyum on the protection of night landscape in Tuscany and the update of the Tuscan master plan on energy and environment, proposing a participatory analysis of the documentation.
- Opening of the first Buiometria Partecipativa pick-up point in Sardinia (namely, in Alghero), in cooperation with Biblioteca Popolare San Michele, a public Library.
- Farma Valley – support in the organization of the live performance for Simposio, a local rock band, - in cooperation with Pro Loco Piloni Torniella
- Farma Valley – supporto to the promotion of the New Year's Eve, in cooperation with Pro Loco Piloni Torniella