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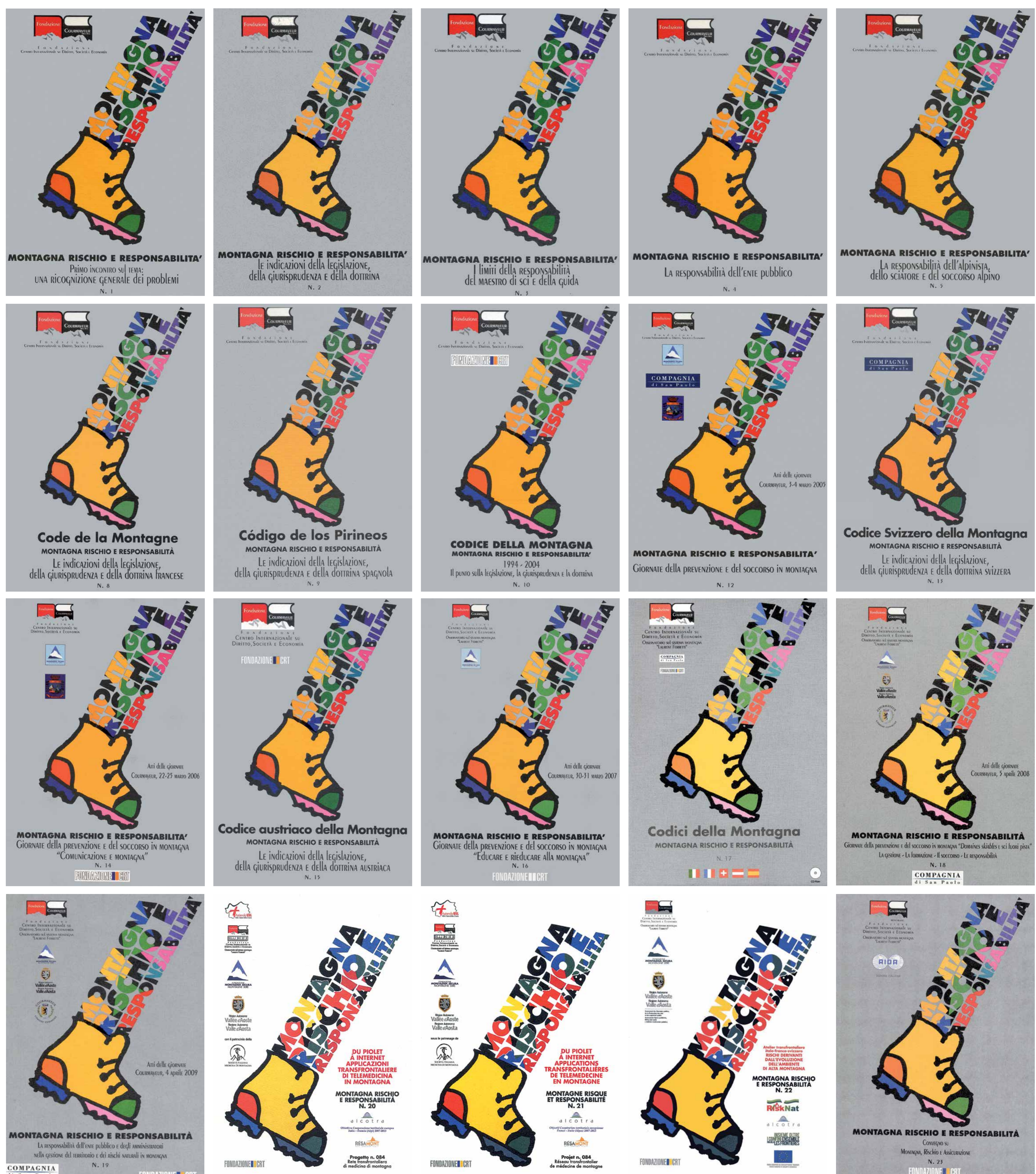
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The multi-year research programme entitled *Montagna, Rischio e Responsabilità* (Mountain, Risk and Responsibility) was promoted by the Courmayeur Mont Blanc Foundation and kicked off in 1993. Over the past twenty years, the Foundation has been recognised nationally and internationally, and earned a leadership position in the field.

The process began by putting together a general overview of the issues at hand. In 1994 the Foundation dealt with the responsibilities of ski instructors and mountain guides; in 1995 it investigated the responsibility of public bodies, in 1996 it tackled the subject of mountaineering, skiing and alpine rescue services, and in 1997 it explored the issue of insurance.

The Foundation has continued to work relentlessly since then, delving into the question of risk and responsibility in mountain areas, encompassing a variety of different standpoints and opting for a multi-disciplinary approach that has brought together professionals from many different backgrounds who have been able to interact, share and seek concrete solutions to the day-to-day problems faced by people operating in mountain districts.

The Foundation has staged conferences on purely legal aspects as well as meetings focussing on issues typically confronted by mountain professionals, including the 2002 conference entitled *"L'Alta Montagna: alpinismo e agonismo, responsabilità e sicurezza"* (High mountains: mountaineering and professional sport, responsibility and safety).

Agendas have covered topics of particular relevance to public administrations, such the conference held in 2009 on *"La Responsabilità dell'ente pubblico e degli amministratori nella gestione del territorio e dei rischi naturali in montagna"* (Liability of public bodies and administrators in the management of local areas and natural risks in mountain areas), and telemedicine (focussing especially on legislation in the field of mountain medicine in France, Italy and Switzerland), entailing a comparative legal study and an international Résamont Seminar *"Du piolet à internet. Applicazioni transfrontaliere di telemedicina in montagna"* (From the piolet to the Internet: cross-border applications of telemedicine in mountain areas) in 2010.

Events centred on accident prevention and rescue in mountain districts organised jointly at the Montagna Sicura (Safe Mountains) Foundation and Alpine Rescue Department of the Guardia di Finanza (Italian Finance Police) have delved into specific topics ranging from communications in mountain districts to education and re-habilitation, *domaine skiables* (ski areas), and off-piste skiing.

The proceedings of all conferences and events have been published to enable the results to be shared with the public at large. Year after year, these events have been supported by a growing corpus of legislation, case law and jurisprudence relating to various countries. In addition to the existing Italian, French, Spanish, Swiss and Austrian codes, a multi-media CD-ROM version of all the Mountain Codes was published in 2008. So far, 23 volumes of *"Montagna, Rischio e responsabilità"* (Mountain, Risk and Responsibility) have been published.

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