



OPEN FIELD DAY “AZIENDA AGRICOLA MANNUCCI DROANDI”

On June 19, 2018 at the Mannucci Droandi farm, the Open Day was held, an information activity planned within the Solmacc project, a European project that involves three countries, Italy, Germany and Sweden and four farms for each nation.



Project Solmacc (photo D. Fontanive).

The meeting was held in the presence of the farm manager Roberto Droandi.



Participants to Azienda Mannucci Droandi (Foto D. Fontanive).

The project was presented by Daniele Fontanive, AIAB coordinator of the Solmacc project.

In presenting the program he recalled that there are 12 farms involved, four for three different countries (Italy, Germany and Sweden), and on how the encouragement of innovative agricultural practices can be useful for the conservation of the environment and how many farms, although varied and different from each other can collaborate in a project to conserve the environment in different territories. In the list of objectives of the project greater



emphasis was given to the interventions made in the farm, limiting the processing and management of woodlands and hedgerows in the farm context.

The inspection in the field, conducted by the owner Roberto Droandi, allowed to illustrate the methods of implementation of the methods of implementation of good agricultural practices (proposed by the project especially in the management of agroforestation and minimum tillage, in particular permanent grassing).



Wheat, wooded areas, vineyard and permanent grassing, Farm Mannucci Droandi (photo by D. Fontanive).

The agricultural management of the vineyards provides for minimum work between the rows, in addition to normal phytosanitary management during the various stages of ripening of the grapes. The grassing of the vineyard and the olive grove is natural and has been managed in this way for about 20-30 years depending on the plots.

Only in dry years, when the soil becomes too compact, do we open the soil to ventilate it. The vineyards, olive groves and arable land are completely surrounded by wooded areas consisting mainly of oak, acacia, grouper, oak and holm-oak. All the species present are natural and the owner of the farm is responsible only for the maintenance of this wealth that greatly increases biodiversity.

The farm leads areas to arable land where it cultivates ancient seeds, areas with vegetable crops, olive groves, vineyards where there are up to 11 local varieties (Leaf Wide, Barsagliana, Pugnitello, etc ...) as well as common varieties for the area such as Sangiovese and Canaiolo.

The meeting was attended by 10 people, were raised by the participants several comments and questions in relation to the technical and economic aspects of the project, and on the management of the farm.



Vineyards (photo by D. Fontanive).



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