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The 18th Edition of the Danilo Re Memorial - a Great success in the Vanoise National Park

The Danilo Re Memorial, the trophy of the alpine protected areas, was held in Pralognan-la-Vanoise from 17th to 20th January this year.

This event was introduced 18 years ago by the *Marguareis* Natural Park in Italy in memory of Danilo Re, a park ranger at that park who died in the course of his duties, and of all other colleagues who have lost their lives in this way.

This year it was organised by the Vanoise National Park in collaboration with ALPARC (the Alpine Network of Protected Areas*), the commune of Pralognan-la-Vanoise and many other local players. The event was an out-and-out success. Thanks to the conviviality which reigned at the Memorial both the participants from the protected areas of the alpine arc and the inhabitants and visitors enjoyed being together at this warm and friendly event.

150 participants from 6 different countries

The Danilo Re Memorial brought together the staff of the protected areas of the alpine arc around sporting values - team spirit, conviviality and mutual aid - but also around exchanges during the **seminar** organised by ALPARC on 18th January on the theme "From Monitoring to Local Education".

150 participants from 6 alpine countries defended their protected area in four **sports events** (Mountaineering ski, Nordic skiing, giant slalom and rifle shooting). The best results were obtained by the team n° 1 from the Triglav National Park (Slovenia).

Pralognan-la-Vanoise, an appropriate location for this event

The running of the event was made much smoother by the grouping of all the Danilo Re Memorial sports events and activities in Pralognan-la-Vanoise, thanks to the facilities of the commune. The participants also enjoyed the convivial atmosphere of the village resort of Pralognan-la-Vanoise

Sporting and Festive

The Danilo Re Memorial also sets out to be a festive occasion and so the staff of the protected areas shared a friendly musical evening with the inhabitants of Pralognan at the alpine buffet on the Thursday. This was preceded by a **torch-lit ski descent** by the instructors of the French Ski School. The presentation **of the trophies** by Emmanuel Michau, director of the Vanoise National Park, was followed by a festive evening with music by the group of musicians of the Marguareis Nature Park. Next year the 19th edition of the Danilo Re Memorial will be organised by the Adamello Brenta Natural Park in Italy

* ALPARC groups together the totality of the protected areas of the alpine arc

