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## Alcatraz: the TOD-ASPO gathering

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*Nate Hagens gives his presentation at the "Peak Summit" in Alcatraz. 114 slides in 45 minutes for what may be a true world record in information concentration.*

The joint TOD-ASPO summit in Alcatraz, Italy, is over. It was held on the 27-28 June 2009, with the participation of more than fifty people that came mainly from Europe, but also from the US and even from Australia. The participants exchanged views on such subjects as resource depletion, oil and gas, energy security, climate change, complexity, the collapse of the Roman Empire, economic trends, and how to catch monkeys (the last item as part of Nate Hagens talk).

The idea of the summit was to do something more informal and more friendly than the standard ASPO conference. The idea was also to get together people who, so far, had only managed to speak to each other via the internet. It worked: the meeting was very lively, interesting and participated.

The success of the meeting was also helped by the friendly atmosphere and the good food (and good wine) provided by the staff of the "Libera Università di Alcatraz", located between Perugia and Gubbio, among hills and forest in the heart of Italy.



Alcatraz University from the Italian hillside

The meeting was jointly organized by Ugo Bardi and Rembrandt Koppelaar, with much help from other people. As soon as possible, we'll see to make the presentations available on line. More than one of the participants said that we should do it again next year. Maybe that could be done, we'll see.



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