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Felix Dazza joined me last fall to hunt whitetails in West Virginia and when he discovered my involvement in the National Bowhunter Education Program he arranged for me to teach the first NBEF workshop in Italy. Felix and Victorio Brizzi arranged for the class to take place at the Agricontri Game Preserve located outside of Todi, Italy.

It was enlightening to share experiences and knowledge with 15 bowhunters who had little exposure to the sport. Their desire to learn and gain information was evident throughout the two days. Felix served as an effective translator. Questions were numerous and many of the participants were new to the sport, yet several had been bowhunting for many years. Since everyone was staying at the facility, the dialogue continued after the formal class sessions ended.

Ethics and responsibility were not new to them since Victorio had been emphasizing these principles in his articles for Italian hunting magazines. However, the specifics were absorbed as totally new facts and information. Victorio is also the president of a bowhunting club called L' Eredità Perduta which translates appropriately to the Lost Heritage. Both Victorio and Felix will be certified as instructors while Victorio will also become the coordinator for the NBEF in Italy. The NBEF will be well represented by both these individuals.

Fifty percent of the Italian population is considered against hunting. Not only will it be difficult for bowhunting to grow abroad but changing some of the hunting traditions will need to be accomplished. Through the representation of the NBEF in Italy, the sport of bowhunting, as well as the benefit to hunting in general, will continue growing.

The NBEF has become the recognized organization for bowhunter education in the U.S. and in many foreign countries, including Italy.

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