



29th Regional Fair of Winter Black Truffle

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A conference on the subject of “A New Approach on cultivation of Winter Black Truffles” will be held in Aqualagna (Corso Roma, old town centre) on Sunday 19th February at 10:00 am, at the “Palazzo della Cultura” on the occasion of the 29th Regional fair of Winter Black Truffles.

This event is a great opportunity for people who wish to try truffle cultivation or those who are dealing with their own truffle plantation and need advice to improve it. Spanish and French experts lectured a few years ago. This year, the Italian expert Emidio Angellozzi from Roccafluvione (Ascoli Piceno) will give a presentation. Emidio is the owner of the renowned company “Angellozzi Tartuficoltura” that owns 35 ha of a productive truffle plantation and 45 ha of a brand new plantation.

As well as being renowned, these plantations are also very productive. It is said that, during best seasons, they produce almost 1,000 kg of Winter Black Truffles. The members of the Angellozzi family have been chosen as lecturers as they are the inventors of a cultivation method drawn from local practices. They have always been truffle hunters, but instead of working with their dogs, they used their hoes, since Winter Black Truffles were easy to be recognised (as it is said,

they make themselves visibly spotted on the ground). When local agriculture practices, as well as grazing and maintenance of forests, disappeared a few years ago, even truffle harvests encountered some difficulties. Therefore, the Angellozzi family began to plant and put in place a method based on three fundamental aspects, different from the usual way of working: type of pruning, truffle ground hoeing, and irrigation type.

On the occasion of the conference, these three aspects will be explained in detail and in a practical manner by offering interesting opportunities to those willing to undertake such method in their own truffle plantation. What is the effectiveness of this approach? “We can talk about certainty in effectiveness and production - explains Gianluigi Gregori, from the experimental Centre of truffle cultivation ASSAM, Marche Region - I have studied this practice in detail and we can say that their method has a scientific ground. It is about a complete cultivation method, a really new approach to Winter Black Truffle cultivation that guarantees the anticipation of plantation production and productivity.”

The conference is organised by FITA (Federazione Italiana Tartuficoltori Associati) and ANCT (Associazione Nazionale Conduuttori Tartufaie) that are located in Acquafredda, with associates of the main Italian “truffle” regions.

Introduction greetings by mayor Andrea Pierotti, Catria-Nerone “Comunità Montana”

President Massimo Ciabocchi, ASSAM sole administrator Gianluca Carrabs, director of Marche Agriculture Department Cristina Martellini. ANCT president Paolo Topi, and FITA President Umberto Bernardini will speak and then introduce the lecturer Emidio Angellozzi.

Gianluigi Gregori will be the conference moderator. Because of heavy snowfalls, “la Fiera del Tartufo” will not take place in piazza Mattei as usual, but inside “Mercato Coperto”, the native place where truffles market would take place weekly, while in the “Palazzo del Gusto” halls, Pro Loco will propose a promotional menu on Winter Black Truffles. “Snow is making us discover historical places of our tradition and truffles.” Mercato Coperto was built in the 1960s especially for truffles trade, which would take place weekly, then we will open up all “Palazzo



del Gusto” halls, including the beautiful pink stone cellar.

The Carnival of Truffle with truffles launching from floats will be postponed to a later date, most likely in March, when a Carnival day is permitted according to tradition, despite the liturgical season of penance.

