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To all bamboo lovers,

Our Association's main event, the European Rodmakers Gathering will take place in May: it is an occasion to meet, exchange ideas and opinions but above all to see old and new friends.

The 2020 European Gathering, the 16th in IBRA's history, will take place at l'Hotel Rizzi Acquacharme in Boario Terme (BG) (<https://www.rizziaquacharme.it/>) on **Saturday 23th and Sunday 24th May**. On **Friday 21th May** we will all fish together and test our rods on the Oglio River. We have attached the programme.

This year the board as organized the gathering focusing on the guest of honor:

Edward Barder



Edward Barder developed his love for angling from his father, Richard, in the 1960s and 70s.

In the late 1980s, Edward left his position as the manager of a tackle shop to join the staff of Hardy's at 61 Pall Mall, London. There, he had the rare opportunity to handle and appraise rods made by all of the original American masters, as well as the best contemporary work from Europe and the UK. During this time he continued to refine his rod-making craft. In 1990, with the purchase of the original workshop equipment used by Clifford Constable (maker of Dermot Wilson's 'Wallop Brook' range of rods), the Edward Barder Rod Company was established.

The Edward Barder Rod Company is located at a historic mill at the confluence of the Lambourn and the Kennet in Berkshire and the branch of the Lambourn that flows nine feet away from the workshop provides visitors with running water on which to try out a rod or two.

At the moment we are working on the logistics of the gathering and as soon as we are ready we will send you more information regarding the booking of the meals and accommodation.

Best regards

The President
Gabriele Gori