



# International Bodyguard & Security Services Association

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## **Appointment in Bari / ITALY on February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

The IBSSA course about VIP security saw twinkle one more time the stars Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI, Roberto GOBBI and Roberto De RONZI in their wonderful performances.

The students, who were on the point of attending the first level and met the teachers for the very first time, were surprised for the great work developed during the 3-days seminar. Some of them admitted: "...I imagined that the course was simpler and less structured, I mean very superficial..." Everyone changed his mind, as soon as the first lesson started, discovering that the nice small old man GSB – as he likes to call himself – made us totally slave away, showing first his great physical endurance, an excellent delivery as well as an excellent exposition of the self-defence techniques.

As you can imagine the suggestion, the atmosphere, the charm of the role and all the rest were a precious frame to the course that, held in that way, gave a very serious and organized mark in all details. The accommodation place, honestly, was not quite satisfactory.

In spite of everything, except the lesson in the gym at the well-known master Vito SIMMI, the quarry-firing ground – where the most of exercises took place – and the surrounding landscape remembered the typical scenery of the old Far West.

In fact, both the escort on foot and by car, the simulated aggressions close to reality, and the descent and climbing with the rope, and dynamic shooting toward targets were previously studied in detail by our teachers so that creating at best real situations of efficacy.

During these three days the two groups of first and second level took turns in exercises that the teachers, from time to time, presented. GSB for the self-defence and VIP escort techniques, Roberto De RONZI for escorting on foot and by car, as well as descent with rope and Roberto GOBBI for the study of legislation and for tactical and dynamic shooting.

Advice provided us were well considered and much scope was given to the practical situations to allow the present people to live more experiences similar to the reality.

We test the protection and defence of VIP with ambushed in hotel, in the streets, inside the lodging room and ... just think, until three in the morning and while it was raining! Running against time, against the different possibilities of attack and against the schemes that perhaps each of us had created. Nothing was left at random; as a matter of fact every small mistake was scrupulously noticed and analysed for a more complete and exhaustive positive verification.

I assure to every participant who will take part in our courses in the next future, a high professionalism of teachers, recognized also all over the world and a better knowledge of your own limits through the continuous tries that you have to face during the course. It's like "walking on the burning coals".

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