

President: Arturo Ramella, Italy

Born in 1963 in Biella (Italy) and still living in that area, as close as could possibly be, to the golden corner of his homeland in the Biellese, that is to say the ancient roman gold mine of La Bessa with its 2100 years of history.

One daughter, Martina, shares gold fever with him and she is often partner in competitions. Beloved Renza and little two boys Matteo and Filippo complete the enlarged first-family.

Founder member of Biella Goldprospectors' Association (A.B.C.d'Oro, in existence since 1987) and President from 1991 to 2009.

- "I have always worked to share my deep love for the "Golden World" with clear ideas and a lot of energy. I love working side by side with others and appreciate their contributions. My role as Vice President of the W.G.A. allowed me in past years to contribute to the development and spread of goldpanning history all over the World, together with partners of the Board as well as Committees and Delegates."

Open to new ideas and dialogue, he is on the constant lookout for new "golden friends" everywhere. A global vision of the world helps him to reach those targets.



Achievements to date include:



- Setting up of the "Museum of Gold and the Bessa" together with the Museum Association and starting of the Gold Museums World Network (2009) with Tankavaara Museum cooperation.
- Representing Italian Goldpanning throughout the World.
- Leading of Organising Committee of goldpanning competitions and meetings
- Creator of the annual, friendly OrAlp, international goldpanners' meeting on the Alps;
- Organiser of bi-annual National Italian Championships;
- CEO 2001 European Championships;
- CEO "Biella2009" World Championships;
- Designer and builder of "Victimula", the Italian Goldpanners' permanent Arena;
- WGA Secretary 2003/2005;
- WGA Vice President 2005/2009;
- Elected WGA President on August 20, 2009.