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A massive earthquake (6.2 to Richter) has striken the center of Italy near Rome in the early morning hours of 06.04.2009. Most damaged the town of L'Aquila, capitol of the Abruzzen. The IRO immediately went into alert. Already the same day, 6 dog handlers with their dogs from Italian IRO member organisations were on-site to help, 11 more followed on 07.04.2009.

On 09.04.2009 in the morning-hours the rescue-dog work had to stop due to grave after-earthquakes which made the danger of collapse to high; the work now goes on with heavy rescue-gear.