



5th IRO – Judges test and meeting Ig, Slovenia 2007

On April 13th 2007 the annual IRO judges test took place at the Slovenian Civil protection centre in Ig. This year 8 candidates from 6 nations (Japan, Netherlands, Germany, Slovenia, Austria and Columbia) had registered for the test. The judges test, which consisted of a theoretical and a practical part, was supervised by the spokesperson for training Mr. Otto Lanz (CH) and the instructor-judges Alfons Fieseler (D) and Kurt Joss (CH). After a long day of theoretical and practical examinations the assessor team was able to congratulate 3 candidates. Mrs. Digna Schoonenboom (NL), Mr. Hidehiro Murase (J) and Mr. Alois Russegger (A) will be officially be appointed as international IRO judges at the next IRO board-meeting.

Following the judges test the annual meeting of IRO judges took place from 14. – 15. April 2007 at the same location. After the welcome speeches of IRO president Dr. Wolfgang Zörner and the IRO spokesperson for training Mr. Otto Lanz important theoretical aspects of the IPO-R were discussed on the premises of the Civil protection centre. Mrs. Christiane Geritzer gave a presentation about the administrative tasks of a judge during an IRO testing event and also highlighted the proper use of IRO forms that are available for testing events. In addition to that Mr. Martin Gut explained how to fill in the newly designed forms online.

After the theoretical part practical work of dog handlers in area search (level B) was jointly assessed and discussed. The first day of the international judges meeting 2007 was closed by a final discussion and a joint dinner on invitation of the IRO.

The second day of dedicated to the practical work of the judges and gave the possibility to exchange, refresh and to deepen the knowledge and expertise of the IRO judges. So on Sunday dog handlers were judged in obedience, dexterity and tracking work (level B).

The 5th international IRO judges meeting was closed by Otto Lanz on Sunday afternoon after having handed out the new IRO judges shirts and judges identification cards.



Theory presentations in the classroom



Meeting during the judges test



Preparing for obedience and dexterity



Joint judging of area search work