



## **IRO Workshop Memorandum**

Pursuant to the task IRO had been asked to perform, the representatives of the various countries and organisations were invited to this Workshop to discuss the requirements specified for dogs deployed in different international missions. The event was arranged in Fire Department 2 of the capitol city Wiesbaden. Participants from 17 countries were present. (List can be downloaded separately)

On Friday the event was honoured by the presence of e.g. Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany, and Mr. Hildebrand Diehl, Lord Mayor of Wiesbaden. Both greeted the assembly with a warm speech, emphasising the valuable contribution rescue dogs make to the society, and wishing the participants a successful meeting. The event was also covered by the media, with a broadcast from the Workshop transmitted on the TV on Sunday.

The Workshop podium consisted of Mr. Wolf R. Dombrowsky from the University of Kiel, Mr. Wolfgang Zörner, President of IRO, Mr. Martin Gut, Member of IRO Board, Mr. Robert Young, interpreter, and Mr. Otto Lanz, Member of IRO-Board.

Mr. Wolfgang Zörner opened the Workshop wishing everybody a warm welcome. He told about the comments made in INSARAG's meeting in Singapore last autumn about the differences in the standards of the rescue dogs, with some dogs displaying rather insufficient capabilities in the missions. INSARAG has commissioned IRO to define the criteria according to which a dog could be accredited for international rescue missions. This was the purpose of the Workshop, as had been indicated in the invitation.

The programme started with a presentation given by Mr. Martin Gut, Headquarters Adjutant, titled "Comparison of submitted mission readiness tests." His material was based on the 12 replies received by IRO to the enquiry sent to 49 organisations concerning the tests performed by the organisations to screen the dogs for international missions. Mr. Gut had drawn up a clear overall presentation of the rules and regulations described in the replies. He emphasised that the purpose of the presentation was not to be a ranking of the tests.

Mr. Gut's presentation was a thorough analysis of the replies. He had gathered information about e.g. the duration of the test, judges, the size of the disaster area, the number of searches, the duration of search work, the number of figurants, and special features. In addition, some participants presented to the meeting their national mission readiness tests of rescue dog teams for international missions.

A few model tests were briefly demonstrated in the meeting. The fact that these tests represented not only European but also other organisations from e.g. Colombia, New Zealand and Singapore, increased the significance of the demonstrations.

In his conclusion, Mr. Wolf R. Dombrowsky who acted as the Workshop Moderator noted that the presented tests can be used as a basis in defining the final test system.

With so many different viewpoints and experiences represented in the Workshop, the discussion was very lively. Naturally different geographical and climatic conditions also influence the views of the various organisations. One thing everybody agreed on is that the main task of rescue dogs is area search, about 80%, and only 20% involves disaster search. The task at hand was to draw up the requirements for disaster search.

The Workshop proceeded under Mr. Wolfgang Zörner's competent leadership with knowledgeable and experienced delegates presenting grounds for their views. This provided a wide and versatile basis for the fine-tuning of the test requirements to produce a comprehensive overview. The judges officiating at the test events shall be experienced judges, and one judge should preferably be invited from a different organisation/country.

Mr. Martin Gut will prepare a comparison between the national rules and regulations presented in the meeting and the standards produced by the Workshop. This will allow the analysis of the accreditation bases applied by the different organisations to dogs eligible for international missions. These standards specify the minimum requirements and the organisations may define more thorough test procedures for their national accreditation process.

The proposal for the Mission Readiness Test will be delivered to all participants of the workshop by the end of March, at the latest, with a request for comments by the end of April. IRO will forward the results to INSARAG by the end of May. A proposal will also be submitted to INSARAG to discuss the test procedure in the INSARAG Team Leaders' Meeting in Tallinn in the autumn of 2005.

**Workshop on behalf of INSARAG, Wiesbaden - 2005**

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