

TRAINING

Symposium and Workshops

7th International Rescue Dog Symposium

30 Apr – 05 May 1997

Vienna – Vösendorf, Austria

The IRO itself organized a symposium for the first time after the original sponsor, the Austrian Rescue Dog Brigade, cancelled at the last moment.

A total of 196 participants were registered for the symposium at the City Club Hotel near Vienna and represented Australia, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Canada, the Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Slovenia and the USA.

The IRO also offered an International Training Week for the first time, held immediately before the symposium at the military training area "Tritolwerk", north of Vienna Neustadt. The overwhelming response to this offer exceeded all expectations and tested the limits of the organizers. 85 dog handlers, observers and trainers representing 14 countries took advantage of the chance to exchange experiences and to get a practical taste of new training methods.

Theme:

The Rescue Dog on Mission

"Cooperation between Governmental Organisations, and Non-Governmental Organisations"

Participants were offered the opportunity to summarize the mission activities of their NRO at the beginning of the symposium, followed by a report on the Training Week. Lectures regarding the actual symposium theme followed:

Speakers:

Bogers Dr.	Jan	NL	The Weak-Link in the Rescue Dog team: the Dog Handler
Bremer	Christa	D	The Significance of the Rescue Dog Discipline in Canine-Related Organisations Today
Fält Dr.	Lars	S	Reading the Rescue Dog's Body Language
Fieseler	Alfons	D	Differing Aspects of Training Executive Working Dogs and Rescue Dogs
Friedsam	Gerd	D	The Obstacles to Cooperation between Governmental and Private Organisations in Disaster Relief
Fürstenhofer	Norbert	A	International Disaster Relief by Governmental and Private Organisations
Gantenbein	Ruedi	CH	High Alpine Area Search
Gibson	Robert	NZ	The Mission Leader of Rescue Dog Teams
Holler Dr.	Karin	A	Practical Canine First Aid
Kampenhuber	Franz	A	The Significance of Tracking on Missions for Rescue Dogs and Executive Working Dogs
Kreiner Dr.	Michael	A	The Possibility of Cooperation between Military and Rescue Dogs during Disaster Relief

Konrad Dr.	Heinz	A	The Work of Private Rescue Dog Organisations as seen by the Austrian National Warning Centers
Kühn Dr.	Isabella	D	Rescue Dog Missions and Rescue Dog Competitions
Necak Prof.	Dusan	SLO	Developing the Rescue Dog Discipline in formerly Communist Countries.
Pernsteiner	Michael	A	Testing Rescue Dogs for Disaster Relief Missions
Schnyder	Kilian	CH	The Rescue Dog Discipline in Private and Governmental Organisations
Steinparz	Karl	A	Public Relations in the Rescue Dog Discipline
Strasser	Eberhard	A	Rescue Dog Work from the International Perspective (FCI-IRO)
Tüchler	Franz	A	Area Search and Testing Standards
Ungerer Prof.	Dietrich	D	Test-Stress as Near-Real Training
Ziemen	Eric	D	Biological Fundamentals of Cooperation between Man and Dog
Zörner Dr.	Wolfgang	A	The FCI – IRO – Rescue Dog Testing Standards and Rescue Dog Mission Experiences