

Czech teams were the big winners of the Rescue Dog World Championship

3x Gold for Czech Republic – 1x Gold for Austria – Team-ranking won by Hungary

With three winners in the disciplines tracking, area search and water search the Czech rescue-dog teams were the most successful at the 15th IRO Rescue Dog World Championship in Craiova/Romania held from 02. – 06.07.2009. Gold medallist in rubble search was an Austrian. Team-ranking was won by the Hungarians (see results attached).

After the award ceremony on Sunday, July 5th 2009, Dr. Wolfgang Zörner, President of the IRO „International Rescue-Dog Organisation“, stated an even tighter spectrum of performance at this World Championship. The results were partially extremely narrow and despite of the hot and very sticky weather one could see many well working dogs.

According to the IRO-president, World Championships are a high level intermediate stage for the mission readiness test, which can only be passed by the best rescue-dog teams in order to then being ready for international mission.

Zörner: „A world championship match about 60 percent of the performance capacity we need from dogs within deployment.“

There were 120 volunteers to help at the World Championship in Craiova/Romania. Another 200 policemen looked after a smooth course of the event. 76 rescue dog teams from 13 nations took part at the World Championship.

Infos about the IRO Rescue Dog World Championship: www.sardog.ro



