

Symposiums and Workshops

8th International Rescue Dog Symposium

17 May 2001 - 20 May 2001

Maspalomas – Gran Canaria, Spain

After the planned symposium in Switzerland 1999 was cancelled by its organizer, REDOG, due to too few registrations, the Spanish organizer ANGPS tried its hand.

The symposium on the Canary Islands offered participants not only interesting rescue dog related lectures, but also the possibility of getting to know the beauty of the islands and spending a few days of fun in the sun. A total of 105 participants from A, AND, CH, D, E, FIN, ISL, KOR, N, RU, S, SLO, UK and USA took advantage of the offer.

While preparing the symposium, the sponsoring NRO suffered the unexpected death of its president, who had been responsible for most of the coordinating and supervising activities. The Head Office of the IRO was able to step in and help wrap up preparations, especially the bureaucratic area.

A film from Austria (AFDRU) regarding the earthquake mission in August 1999 in Turkey, which resulted in the rescue of two children, was especially impressive for the participants. The two youths rescued in the film had been invited to a week's vacation on Gran Canaria by the IRO and gave a report to the symposium telling how they had experienced the earthquake, their subsequent rescue, and how they had dealt with the lingering memories and how they had influenced their lives.

Speakers:

Andersson	Birger	S	Methods of Training Rescue Dogs and Testing in Sweden
Borchelt	Diana	D	The Stress of Rescue Dog Teams and Working under Extreme Emotional Pressure
Canelo	Manuel	E	Earthquake Mission, El Salvador, January 2001
Choi	John K.H.	KO	The Importance of Training Rescue Dogs to Search for Corpses and Presentation of the Computer Software AIMS
Dombrowsky	Dr. Wolf R.	D	Earthquakes and Disaster Aid as Seen by the Victims.
Feltmann-Schröder	Gudrun	D	Communication between Man and Dog
Fernandez	Wenceslao	E	The Rescue Dog Discipline in Spain
Frycklund	Yvonne	S	The Swedish Team Mission in Turkey, August 1999
Geritzer	Christiane	A	The IRO and its Activities
Greiner	Gotthilf	D	Are the structures of the rescue dog discipline (e.g. in Germany) up-to-date and reconcilable with the humanitarian objectives of the rescue dog discipline
Kühn	Detlef	D	Earthquake Missions in Greece and Turkey in 1999
Lanz	Otto	CH	The IRO – Test of Mission Readiness for Disaster Search Dogs on International IRO missions
Marschall Mag.	Michaela	A	Ethics and Cultural Sensitivity on International Missions
Müller	Peter	D	The Way to International Missions as seen by a logistician
Necak Prof.	Dusan	SLO	Insights from the IRO Earthquake Workshop 2000
Wagner Dr.	Horst	A	Mission Preparation, Vaccination Difficulties and First Aid for Dogs on mission
Zörner Dr.	Wolfgang	A	Earthquake missions in Taiwan in 1999 and India 2001