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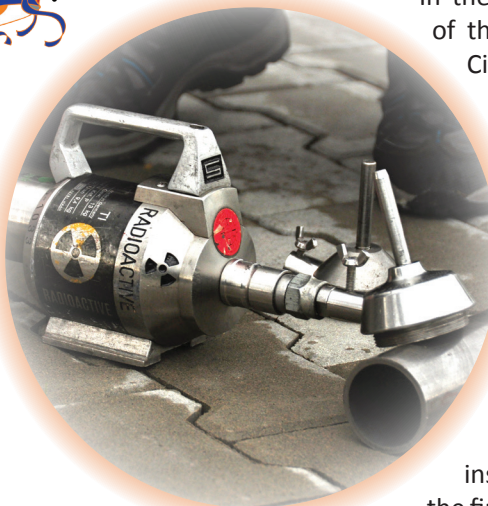
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In the first half of September employees of the Control Chemical Laboratories of Civil Protection dealing with issues of radiation protection and radiation measurement participated in the common exercise with chemical laboratories of the Czech Republic in the premises of the Population Protection Institute (PPI) Lázně Bohdaneč CZ. The exercise focused on dealing with emergencies involving radiation threat. All arrangements were done by the expert workers of PPI. The institute is the organisational part of the fire rescue brigade directorate general.

The whole exercise took place within outer and inside premises of the institute. In outer areas measurements of terrain areal gamma activity by In situ method were executed with semiconductor Ge detectors with high resolution of gamma spectrometric peaks placed on suitable stands 1 m above the ground in distances of 30, 20, and 10 m from the source of radiation that was radionuclide Caesium 137. Read more on pages 24 and 25.

The article titled *Why Forming Civil Protection Units Using Volunteers for the Needs of the Territory?*

is the response to the series of articles *Telling it Straight* where in its third part the author described the methods of forming civil protection units for the needs of the territory in conditions of the District Office of the town of Poprad. In the district the units were created by means of issuing decrees imposing duty to form a civil protection unit by legal entities and entrepreneurs made of their employees. Each district has different conditions and not all enterprises lasted out involved in civil protection system or good relations with their management were not kept. In these districts other way has been chosen to form the units. For example in Senica where the tasks of civil protection are fulfilled using volunteers. Read more about such way of forming civil protection units in the column *Views – Experience – Attitudes* on pages 45 and 46.



Cooperation of the integrated rescue system rescue services in the Slovak Republic on the site of an emergency is one of the basic preconditions of early and effective help giving to those in distress. Even though the Integrated Rescue System of the Slovak Republic celebrates 15 years of its existence, there are still problems remaining in it that limit its full effectiveness. One of these problems is cooperation of the rescue services on the site of a major incident. The article titled *Cooperation of the IRS Rescue Services in Major Incidents* resumes the article published in issue no. 2 of Civil Protection journal. It adds to issues of creation of the integrated rescue system rescue services type operations when dealing with major incidents. In this part attention is paid to operations of health rescue service workers. Read more on pages 53 up to 55.

