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Facilities for outdoor playing enriching spectrum of possibilities for playing and other activities are numbered among the important means of children upbringing. One of the possibilities how to enrich the world of plays is building of children playgrounds and sports fields. The area must be organized in the way that enables all children to gain various experience with

learning and at the same time it ensures security and health protection in their upbringing and education. That is why it is necessary for playground providers, teachers at nursery schools and all persons involved to have knowledge of basic playground security requirements as well as correct inspection of their condition before the children enter the playground and so to prevent injury from occurrence to children. Playground security must be at such level that we are able to eliminate as much as risks and hazards we cannot predict, as possible. Read more in the article titled **Playground Security and Inspection** on pages 15 – 19.

On May 23 – 24, 23rd International Scientific Conference on Dealing with Crisis Situations in a Specific Environment at the Faculty of Security Engineering, University of Žilina, was held. More than 120 experts from Slovakia and other European countries attended the conference. Attendance of supreme government authorities of the Slovak Republic, the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, representatives of Crisis Management Section of Mol SR, departments of security and crisis management of the Ministry of Economy SR, the Ministry of Defence SR, as well as the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, emphasized the importance of the conference. One of the key goals of the conference was to respond to changes in security environment and the tasks following from the new security strategy of the Slovak Republic. Majority of the presentations concentrated on change development that influences security perception from international and national perspective and also from the point of view of the individual population security and their protection. Read more on



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This year from April 18th to May 10th district rounds of the Civil Protection Young Rescuers Competition took place in each district. First three winning teams qualified for the regional rounds numbered 215 teams. They were held within the period from May 10 to 24 and 26 best teams qualified for the Civil Protection Young Rescuers Competition Championship. In the order the 24th championship took place from June 6 – 7, in the beautiful surroundings of the area of Sun Lakes in the Sun Hotel in the town of Senec. The aim of the competition is to check and practise knowledge gained in the curriculum of



Life and Health Protection, to be able to provide first aid, to prepare pupils for possible threats resulting from consequences of natural disasters, industrial accidents, terrorist attacks and also to teach pupils how to act and what to do in case of traffic accidents, incidents at school trips, at home, and how to call rescue services at the emergency number 112.

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