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## Digital Orthophoto Production (DOP) Coverage of Selected Areas in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

**D**igital Orthophoto Production (DOP) is considered a high-resolution coverage in the multi-resolution approach. Because of the very high cost of processing it could not be applied to the entire region or to all the areas contaminated with landmines and unexploded ordnance. Subject to the needs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center (BHMIC) and Croatian Mine Action Center (CROMAC), ITF has developed projects for DOP coverage of selected areas in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The selected areas include confirmed minefields and have been assigned high priority for demining. Other areas selected are those where the relevant digital data resources are not available. One of the key conclusions of the Technical Advisory Group was that the development of high-resolution mapping of potentially mine-infested areas should be predominantly based on aerial photos rather than on satellite images, as map precision is by far the most important consideration. This approach was also confirmed by the European Commission.

### DOP in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Through the Restricted International

Competitive Bidding for Digital Orthophoto Production in Function of Improvement of Mine-Clearance Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a joint venture of two companies from Slovenia (Geodetski Zavod Slovenije and DFG Consulting) was selected. Digital Orthophoto and digital maps to the reference scale of 1:1,000 and 1:2,500 represent a high-end solution for the process of updating the cartographic databases and development of a geo-information system for the purposes of studies, analyses, planning and mine-clearance. The target objective was the production of digital orthophotos to the scale of 1:2,500 and resolution of 0.10 m for approximately 444 sq.km., and the production of digital orthophotos to the scale 1:1,000 and resolution of 0.05 m for approximately 40 sq.km.

This coverage of very high quality will be used for:

- the reduction of mine-contaminated regions by using accurate and actual databases;
- improved planning of the mine-clearance process;
- improving information on mine-contaminated and mine-decontaminated regions; and
- actual field work.

DOP development in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina includes the Lasva river valley mine-contaminated area (including parts of municipalities Travnik, Novi Travnik, Vitez, Busovaca and Zenica) in the estimated total size of 176 sq.km. to the scale of 1:2,500 and 40 sq.km. to the scale of 1:1,000. The total cost of DOP coverage in Bosnia and Herzegovina was USD 168,947,37. The funds were provided by the US Department of State.



Figure 1: DOP of the Lasva river valley (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

DOP development in Republika Srpska includes the mine-contaminated area of the Pelagicevo municipality. The size of the area is estimated at 268 sq.km. to the scale of 1:2,500.



Figure 2: DOP of the Pelagicevo municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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### DOP Development in Croatia

Mine-infested areas in Croatia cover more than 2,000 sheets of the Croatian database map to the scale of 1:5,000. The size of the photographs was 23 x 23 and the approximate scale was 1:20,000. Every photograph covers an area of approximately 4,500 x 4,500 m.

Through the Restricted International Competitive Bidding for Digital Orthophoto Production in Function of Creation of a Geoinformation System of Mine-Clearance Process in Croatia, a joint venture of two companies from Croatia (Geofoto and Zavod za fotogrametriju) was selected. The total cost of DOP production in Croatia was EUR 200,000 (EU donation).

The objective of the tender was the production of 1:5,000 digital orthophoto maps, with the resolution of 0.25 m for approx. 100-150 sheets based on the existing materials owned by the State Geodetic Agency of Republic of Croatia. For the pilot project, an area near Karlovac was selected.

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## Kingdom of Norway Remains Devoted Supporter of Mine Action in SEE

The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) has again received the Kingdom of Norway donation for 2004 in the amount of USD 4.231,807,82. The Memorandum of Understanding was presented by H.E. Mrs. May Britt Brofoss, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Slovenia, and Jernej Cimperšek, acting director of ITF. Over the past six years, the Kingdom of Norway has donated more than USD 22.6 million and is thus the second biggest donor to ITF next to the USA.



and will enable the clearance of more than 700,000 square meters of mine-contaminated land. Also crucial is the fact that a part of the donation will be used for the rehabilitation of mine victims from the region of SEE, which will be carried out at the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Republic of Slovenia. The mine victims rehabilitation program is constantly short of funds. The legacy of mines is still one of the largest destabilization factors in the region of SEE as they hinder the return of people to their homes

The sixth donation will be used for the

support of the NGO Norwegian People's Aid demining activities in BiH and Croatia,

and hamper economic development of the region. ●

## Austria to Support Demining Activities in BiH

Austria donated more than EUR 340,000 for mine clearance activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, specifically in the district of Brčko and the Unsko-

sanski canton. The donation will enable the clearing of more than 200,000 square meters of high-priority mine-contaminated areas. The donation agreement was signed at the

Austrian Embassy between the Austrian ambassador, H.E. Dr. Ferdinand Mayrhofer-Grünbühel and the ITF acting director, Mr Jernej Cimperšek. Bosnia and Herzegovina is still the most mine-affected country in the region of South-East Europe with more than 2,000 square kilometers of suspected mine-contaminated land. This donation will contribute to the goal of clearing Bosnia and Herzegovina of mines by 2010. ●



### INCREASED CONTRIBUTION OF REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN 2004

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia has increased the budget allocation for the support of the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance in 2004 to SIT 90 million, which is a substantial improvement in comparison with SIT 75 million in the previous years. The Slovenian contribution in 2004 has been earmarked for demining and battle area clearance activities in Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Cyprus, for training to be implemented at the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Republic of Slovenia and for ITF operational costs in the region of South-East Europe.

At its 69<sup>th</sup> regular session held on April 8, 2004 the Government of the Republic of Slovenia also adopted the ITF Annual Report for 2003 and the ITF Operating Plan for 2004, once again expressing its continuous support to ITF operations.

### NEW DONATION OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Republic of Germany represented by Ambassador Hans Jochen Peters and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance represented by its acting director Jernej



Cimperšek was signed on May 6, 2004 on the ITF premises at Ig. The donation in the amount of EUR 1.7 million has been earmarked for demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro. So far Germany has contributed more than EUR 5.35 million for demining activities in SEE and remains one of the regular and biggest donors to ITF.

## Humanitarian Auction of Celebrities' Tennis Equipment

**O**n April 24-25, 2004 Portorož (Slovenia) hosted a first round Fed Cup tennis match between Slovenia and the USA. Thanks to the good relations between the Slovenian Tennis Association and the US Tennis Association, the US team donated their tennis equipment to be put up for auction. Martina Navratilova, Venus Williams, Lisa Raymond and Laura Granville donated their tracksuits and tennis rackets. The successful auction of the US Fed Cup Team items prepared by the Finance newspaper finished with a champagne toast on May 26, 2004. At his residence in Ljubljana the Ambassador of the United States

of America to the Republic of Slovenia H.E. Mr. Johnny Young extended a warm welcome to the purchasers of the tennis equipment, the representatives of ITF, the Slovenian Tennis Association, the Finance newspaper and the media. At the reception two checks were presented, each in the amount of SIT 2.5 million. On top of the proceeds of the auction the US Tennis Association added its own donation. The amount of this first check, SIT 2.5 million, was then doubled by the US DoS matching fund bringing the total to SIT 5 million. The money has been earmarked for the rehabilitation of children - mine victims from the region of SE Europe.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Night of a Thousand Dinners

**T**he 2004 Night of a Thousand Dinners fundraiser was held at Grand Hotel Union in Ljubljana on February 6, 2004. The function, which has been taking place for the past three years running, was organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovenia and attended by more than 200 guests. Altogether, nearly SIT 8.000,000 were raised.



The proceeds from the Night of a Thousand Dinners are earmarked for the rehabilitation of Albanian mine victims. The Night of a Thousand Dinners is a world-wide event held at approximately the same time in all countries with the main goal of raising mine awareness as well as funds for the eradication of mines. The Dinner in Slovenia was hosted by H.E. Mr. Johnny Young, the US



Ambassador in Slovenia, and Mr. Jernej Cimperšek of ITF. The guest of honor at the dinner was former President of the Republic of Slovenia Mr. Milan Kučan.

The presentation of the Night of a Thousand Dinners donation check was hosted by the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Mr Johnny Young, at his residence in Ljubljana on March 25, 2004. Mr. Richard A. Johnson, President of Am Cham Slovenia, presented the check in the amount of SIT 4.5 million to the ITF acting director, Mr. Jernej Cimperšek. The generous contribution by distinguished guests will be used for the rehabilitation of mine victims from Albania at the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Republic of Slovenia.

### FIFTH SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN MINE VICTIMS

The fifth summer holidays at a health resort at Debeli Rtič, Slovenia for children mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina were made possible by a US



donation to ITF. The 7-day holidays/rehabilitation from May 3-10, 2004 were organized by ITF in cooperation with the Red Cross of the Republic of Slovenia. The donation was used to fund the summer holidays/rehabilitation for 12 applicants (6 children with attendants) from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Experts from the Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation used this opportunity to check their prostheses and make the necessary replacements and repairs. On this occasion, US Ambassador in Slovenia Johnny Young visited the children on Friday, May 7,

2004. The same US donation will enable holidays/rehabilitation for another group of children from Albania and Macedonia in the autumn of 2004.



# Intermediate Report on ITF Operations until June 1, 2004

ITF got on to a great start in 2004. Until June 1, 2004 ITF succeeded in raising more than USD 21.419,585,71 (in comparison to USD 16.369,317,53 raised in the same period in 2003). The trend shows that most donor countries make contributions to ITF on a continuous

basis, which can be taken as an indication of the donors' trust and confidence. Another important achievement in the first half of the year was the securing of the fourth US matching fund donation in the amount of USD 10 million. The donors to ITF in 2004 are listed in Table 1 below.

USD 10.602,849 were carried over from 2003. ITF also expects to receive further donations in the total amount of USD 3.5 million until the end of 2004.

Adopt-a-Minefield	2004	USD 49,256.22	Demining activities on Adopt-a-Minefield sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia
	2004	USD 111,650.00	Demining activities on Adopt-a-Minefield sites in Croatia
		USD 160,906.22	
Austria	2004	USD 436,405.54	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 436,405.54	
BH MAC "Prijatelji protiv mina"	2004	USD 8,183.22	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 8,183.22	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2004	USD 2,200,000.00	Support for the BHMACH structure
		USD 2,200,000.00	
Canada	2004	USD 250,000.00	Demining activities in Cyprus
	2004	USD 149,577.59	Support of the AMAE structure
	2004	USD 1,148,396.65	Support of the Integrated Mine Action Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 1,547,974.24	
Canton Sarajevo - Ministry of Urban Planning and Environmental Protection	2004	USD 31,216.20	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 31,216.20	
Community Stari grad	2004	USD 228,827.85	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 228,827.85	
Community Vjeće Vogošća	2004	USD 12,267.94	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 12,267.94	
Czech Republic	2004	USD 49,988.00	Demining activities in Albania
		USD 49,988.00	
DanChurchAid	2004	USD 385,677.42	Demining activities in Albania
		USD 385,677.42	
Dean Haas	2004	USD 51.33	Rehabilitation of landmine victims at the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Republic of Slovenia
		USD 51.33	
Dijana Pleština	2004	USD 2,332.53	Mine Action activities in Croatia
		USD 2,332.53	
EC Delegation in Croatia	2004	USD 1,210,017.09	Demining activities in Croatia
		USD 1,210,017.09	
Elektroprivreda Mostar	2004	USD 25,134.00	Demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina
		USD 25,134.00	
European Union	2004	USD 217,424.71	Landmine Impact Survey in Bosnia and Herzegovina
	2004	USD 1,260,497.18	Support to regional co-operation in Mine Action in South East Europe - 'clearing the borders' projects
		USD 1,477,921.89	
Germany	2004	USD 739,394.93	Demining activities in Serbia and Montenegro
	2004	USD 1,336,475.07	Demining activities in BiH
		USD 2,075,870.00	
Night of a Thousand Dinners	2004	USD 35,311.17	Night of a Thousand Dinners
		USD 35,311.17	
Norway	2004	USD 4,231,807.82	Demining activities
		USD 4,231,807.82	
Rotary International District 1910-4096	2004	USD 33,660.07	Rehabilitation of landmine victims at the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Republic of Slovenia
		USD 33,660.07	
Slovenia	2004	USD 447,282.09	Support of ITF activities
		USD 447,282.09	
Switzerland	2004	USD 31,480.09	Support of demining activities
		USD 31,480.09	
United States of America	2004	USD 6,778,471.00	Support of Mine Action activities
		USD 6,778,471.00	
USARDCG-UK (the Bled workshop)	2004	USD 8,800.00	Organization of the Bled workshop
		USD 8,800.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>USD 21,419,585.71</b>	

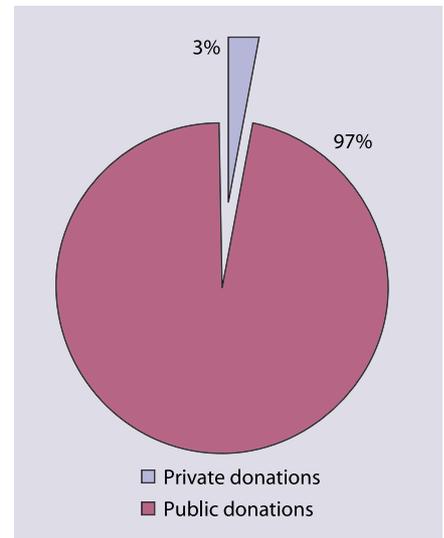


Chart 1: Comparison of private vs. public donations raised in 2004

ITF was actively involved in demining in all mine-affected countries in the SEE region. The main focus was on Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Macedonia. On a smaller scale ITF also proceeded with activities in Cyprus, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

## MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

ITF Mine Victims Assistance related efforts in 2004 were predominantly focused on:

- the rehabilitation of mine victims at the Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation, especially of those whose rehabilitation could not be carried out in their own countries; and
- providing support to national Mine Victims Assistance programs and capacities.

ITF maintains its policy that a holistic approach should be adopted in relation to rehabilitation, which should go beyond providing merely medical assistance and physical rehabilitation. Rehabilitation should also include psychological rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation and socio-economic integration of mine victims.

## The Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation (IRRS)

Until 01 June 2004, 2 victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina were rehabilitated at IRRS. Since 1998, a total of 707 mine victims have been rehabilitated at IRRS (569 from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 46 from Serbia and Montenegro

(including victims from Kosovo), 85 from Albania and 7 from Macedonia.

Rehabilitation experts from IRRS carried out two triage visits in the field in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ITF has also been strongly supporting MVA related training. 18 health care professionals from Serbia and Montenegro and 4 from Bosnia and Herzegovina have completed their training in prosthetics and orthotics. 5 students from the region (3 from BH, 1 from Macedonia, 1 from Croatia) are currently enrolled in the Orthopedic Techniques study course at the University of Ljubljana Medical School in Ljubljana. The 2004 scholarships have been provided by the US DoS/WRA.

### Support to other MVA programs

ITF and the Slovenian Red Cross organized summer holidays for 6 children mine victims from Bosnia and Herzegovina at a health resort at Debeli Rtič, Slovenia. IRRS experts examined their prostheses, and made the necessary repairs and replaced the damaged and worn parts. The summer holidays for children mine victims at Debeli Rtič took place for the fifth time and were funded from the US donation.

In 2004 the United States of America, through ITF, funded the Landmine Survivors Network program in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The program is very important for the victims as it provides direct access, necessary visits and counseling.

ITF also continues to support Mine Risk Education (MRE) projects such as the Spirit of Soccer in BiH, the Albanian Mine and Weapons Victims Association NGO and the Croatian Mine Victims Assistance Association.

ITF also donated three computers to the Dječji dom Bjelave orphanage in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SE EUROPE

In April 2004 ITF organized an informal meeting of the South-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC) during the International Conference in Šibenik. ITF is planning to organize at least two official meetings of SEEMACC in 2004 (in Croatia in June, and in Azerbaijan in the autumn).

ITF continues with the presentations of its own model of fundraising to the wider international community.

The following presentations have been held so far:

- ITF and Regional Cooperation, presented at OSCE HQ, Vienna.
- ITF Work in BiH, presented to the NATO Council in BH.
- Work of ITF, presented in the European Parliament and in the American Congress.
- ITF cooperation with the Core Group of donors, providing in-depth expertise.

## ITF Demining and Battle Area Clearance Activities by Country

ALBANIA						
Implementing Agency	Donation	Sq.m.	Mines	UXO	Location	
Danish Church Aid	European Union	25,188	462	11	Kukes region, northern Albania	

New demining tasks / projects will commence after the open bid scheduled for the end of July 2004.

ITF procured medical equipment for Kukes Hospital with the donation of the United States. The donation of the Canadian government has been used to fund the Albanian Mine Action Capacity Building and Coordination Project of the UNDP program in Albania.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA						
Implementing Agency	Donation	Sq.m.	Mines	UXO	Location	
Various	US, Austria, Slovenia, Germany, municipalities of Vogošća, Stari Grad, Hadžići, and the Elektroprivreda company	779,550	702	220	BiH	

Until the end of June 2004, 10 tenders for demining works (either open or restricted) were implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Additional 6 tenders for demining works are planned to be executed in BiH until the end of 2004.

CROATIA						
Implementing Agency	Donation	Sq.m.	Mines	UXO	Location	
Various	Adopt-a-Minefield, Rotary Club Wien Nord-ost, USA, EC Delegation in Croatia	1,002,591	74	316	Croatia	

Until the end of June 2004, only 2 tenders for demining works were implemented (out of which the tender for the US funds was cancelled due to unexpectedly high prices of certain tasks). Additional 3 tenders are planned to be executed in Croatia until the end of 2004 (for the US, EC Delegation in Croatia and Croatian funds).

MACEDONIA						
Demining/BAC results until May 30, 2004:						
Implementing Agency	Donation	Sq.m.	Mines	UXO	Location	
Macedonian Civil Protection Teams	European Agency for Reconstruction in Skopje; Slovenia	43,074	1	13	Kumanovo region	

Battle Area Clearance activities in Macedonia started in May 2004 because of the winter break and a 2 months delay due to the lack of funding for the work of the Civil Protection Teams.

On April 5, 2004 ITF and Macedonia signed the protocol for the development of capacities and transfer of the responsibility for humanitarian demining in Macedonia to the Republic of Macedonia.

SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO						
Implementing Agency	Donation	Sq.m.	Mines	UXO	Location	
Mine Action Survey Team for Kosovo (a local NGO)	United States	382,400	7	20	Kosovo	

On a restricted tender for German funds, NGO Help and the Roehll company were chosen to clear 540,000 sq.m. of suspected area. Works are scheduled to begin in July 2004. The tender for demining works funded by the EU donation will be completed at the end of July 2004.

Using the US donation, the second diver training in humanitarian underwater demining and underwater explosive ordnance disposal was held for 12 participants from the SEE region from February 20 and March 7, 2004 at the Regional Center for Underwater Demining in Bijela, Montenegro (SCG).

### CYPRUS

ITF supplied equipment for the Mine Action Cell along with detection and personal protective gear for the implementing entity (NGO) to be selected by tender. The funds in the amount of USD 250,000 were provided by the Canadian government. The Slovenian government also joined the donor community with the donation of USD 27,000 for the Cyprus demining project.

## THE CAUCASUS REGION

### ARMENIA

ITF supplied a ML-1 demining machine to the Armenian Humanitarian Demining Center. The final stage of the project was implemented in March 2004 with the completion of the training for machine operators and maintenance personnel. ITF also supports the ongoing project Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program for Armenia, which will provide the MDD component to manual demining and machine ground preparation techniques, and speed up the clearance process in Armenia. The donations were provided by the US DoS and the Humpty Dumpty Institute/Children of Armenia Fund.

### AZERBAIJAN

In Azerbaijan AzCBL (Azerbaijan Committee to Ban Landmines)/STAIRRSS finished the survey Addressing the Needs of Landmine Survivors in Azerbaijan. The survey should serve as a corner stone for new projects in relation to vocational training provided to landmine survivors.

### GEORGIA

The preliminary phase for the execution of the regional UNDP/Cranfield Middle Management Training Course in Tbilisi had been completed and the course was supposed to start in March 2004. Due to the security problem in Georgia however, the course was postponed and is now rescheduled for November 2004.

## Protocol Signed with the Republic of Macedonia

On April 5, 2004 the Macedonian Ministry of Defense - Department for Civil Protection and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance signed a Protocol for the Development of Capacities and Transfer of the Responsibility for the Human Demining Process to the Republic of Macedonia at the ITF headquarters at Ig, Slovenia. In the Protocol both sides agreed that it was necessary to improve the activities

in the process of humanitarian demining in Macedonia in order for the country to develop own resources and to transfer the responsibilities to Ministry of Defense. The Republic of Macedonia is currently restructuring its Ministry of Defense according to the NATO standards. Once the restructuring has been completed, the Ministry will establish an independent government agency for civil protection and disaster relief, which will also include a section for humanitarian demining.



### CANADA SUPPORT TO ITF ACTIVITIES IN ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND CYPRUS

At the beginning of 2004 the Government of Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance signed an agreement for the support of the Albanian Mine Action Capacity Building and Coordination project of the United Nations Development Program in Albania. As a result the Government of Canada made a donation in the amount of CAD 172,360. The agreement enables the provision of financial assistance by the Canadian government, through ITF, to

Mine Action Capacity Building and Coordination in Albania and specifically for the staffing, operational and capital costs of the AMAE main office in Tirana, as well as for the purchase of a vehicle for the AMAE Regional Office in Kukes. ITF is very happy about continued donor support and interest shown in the Mine Action program in Albania. Provided this level of funding can be sustained, the country is well on the way towards being mine-free by the end 2005. The Government of Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs and International

Trade) also donated USD 250,000 for ITF demining activities in Cyprus. The donation provided the equipment for the establishing of a Mine Action cell in Cyprus and outfitting (personal protective equipment, detectors, ...) for the contractor to be chosen for the execution of demining works. The Canadian donation also has symbolic overtones, as the first Canadian mission within the UN framework was a mission to Cyprus. Canada is among the leading nations supporting Mine Action efforts all over the world.



At the same time the VII<sup>th</sup> Letter of Agreement was signed between ITF and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a grant in a total amount of CAD 4.490,000 over the next five years, starting in 2004. The Grant will be disbursed in five installments (the first installment in amount of CAD 1.500,000 was already received) and is earmarked for support of the Integrated Mine Action Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented by the United Nations Development Programme.

### SECOND EOD UNDERWATER DEMINING COURSE

The second generation of divers successfully completed a three-week course in humanitarian underwater demining implemented at the Regional Center for Underwater Demining in Bijela (Serbia and Montenegro). Completed on March 7, 2004 the three-week specialized training was attended by 12 divers from 5 countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Russia, and Serbia and Montenegro. The participants were selected from the members of the South-East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC). This very successful course was facilitated by professors, teachers and diving instructors from Slovenia, Montenegro (SCG) and Croatia. At the closing ceremony where the divers received their certificates everyone expressed their great satisfaction with the way and the atmosphere in which the course had been conducted. For additional information please visit <http://www.rcud.cg.yu>.



# 12<sup>th</sup> Session of ITF Board of Advisors

The 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the ITF Board of Advisors was held on March 30, 2004 on the premises of the Training Center for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief at Ig, Slovenia. Mr. Jernej Cimperšek, acting director of ITF presented the ITF Annual Report for 2003 as well as the Operating Plan for 2004. Presentations were also given on the topics of the Cyprus mine problem, CROMAC Center for Testing, Development and Training, SHARE

SEE project by Handicap International, and the US Humanitarian Mine Action Strategic Plan. The Session was attended by 22 of 28 members of the Board as well as by about 30 other participants involved in Mine Action.

The main item on the agenda was the preparation for the first review conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention to be held in Nairobi later this year. All participants agreed that more detailed national



plans should be developed including the strategy and vision for solving the national mine contamination problem by the end of the decade.



### CZECH SUPPORT TO ITF CONTINUES

The Memorandum of Understanding between Czech Republic represented by Ambassador Tomaš Szunyog and International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance represented by its acting director Jernej Cimperšek was signed on the ITF premises on 28 June 2004. This is already the eighth donation to ITF. This year's donation in amount of USD 50,000 will be used for support of ITF activities in Albania. Part of the donation will thus be earmarked for support of the Mine Detection Dog unit of Danish NGO DanChurchAid and another part for organization of summer camps for 360 Albanian children by Albanian NGO Kukesi Mine and Weapons Victims Association.



### 11<sup>TH</sup> SEEMACC MEETING

The eleventh meeting of the South-Eastern Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC) was hosted by the Croatian Mine Action Center (CROMAC) in Sisak, Croatia on 29 June 2004. The meeting was attended by all SEEMACC members: Albanian Mine Action Executive (AMAE), Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center (BH MAC), Croatian Mine Action Center (CROMAC), Mine Action Center Belgrade (MAC Belgrade), Regional Center for Underwater Demining (RCUD), Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) and ITF.

The meeting was a continuation of an informal meeting/lunch held in April 2004 in Šibenik, Croatia where the future cooperation within SEEMACC was discussed.

The following items were discussed:

- Presentation of SEEMACC financial report 2001 - 2004
- Brainstorming on the future of SEEMACC:
  - review of the SEEMACC strategy by ITF
  - presentations of views on SEEMACC common projects, workshops and meetings, trainings, etc. by SEEMACC members/observers
  - how to raise financial resources and attract donors for future SEEMACC activities
- Presentation on mine detection dogs standards
- Presentation of Project Idea "Regional Journal of Mine Action".

### FOURTH US MATCHING FUND CONTRIBUTION

In November 2003 the US Congress allocated another USD 9.941,000 to ITF via the matching fund mechanism. This is already the fourth matching fund allocation for ITF activities. The first matching fund contribution in the amount of USD 28 million was received in 1998, the second in the amount of USD 14 million in 2000 and the third in the amount of USD 10 million in 2003. The Administrative Agreement was signed in Washington on 10 March 2004 by Richard G. Kidd, Director and Dennis F. Hadrick, Grants Officer of the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement within the US Department of State, and Jernej Cimperšek, Acting Director of ITF. The funds provided by the matching fund mechanism are mainly earmarked for Mine Action in South East Europe, however a lesser part will also be used in Cyprus and the Caucasus region.

# Donors

## Countries

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 Belgium  
 Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 Canada  
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 Czech Republic  
 Denmark  
 European Union  
 France  
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 Hungary  
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 Kuwait  
 Liechtenstein  
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Community Ilijaš  
 Community Stari grad  
 Community Vječe Vogošca  
 Coordinametni Donne  
 Croatia without mines  
 CROMAC  
 DAEWOO (in kind)  
 DanChurchAid  
 Dean Haas  
 Dijana Pleština  
 Diners Club Adriatic  
 EC Delegation in Croatia  
 Elektroprivreda Mostar  
 Elting Pale  
 Euromarketing Pale  
 Europa Press Holding  
 European Agency for Reconstruction  
 Fundraising event "Dobra žoga"  
 Girls Scouts  
 Global Care Unlimited  
 Handicap International  
 Islamic Conference  
 Jaki and Ščetinin, architects  
 Lions Club Zrinjevac  
 Miklošič  
 Newspaper "Finance"  
 Night of a thousand Dinners  
 Nova Ljubljanska Banka  
 Otto Bock  
 Privata  
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 Red Cross R Slovenia  
 Rehabilitation Institute RS  
 Roots of peace  
 Rotaract Club Karlovac  
 Rotary Club Ljubljana-Emona  
 Rotary Club of San Rafael  
 Rotary Club Wien-Nordost  
 Rotary International District 1910-4096  
 SIEMENS  
 SPEM  
 Swiss Federation for Mine Action  
 United Nations Development Program In Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 United States Tennis Association, Inc  
 USARDSG-UK (Bled Workshop)  
 Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation  
 Walnut Creek United Methodist Church

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**CURRENCY:** Slovenian Tolar/SIT  
**AREA:** 20,273 sq. km  
 196 SIT = 1 USD  
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**POPULATION:** 1,964,036  
**CAPITAL CITY:** Ljubljana,  
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