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Educational activity that was carried out by the head teacher of the nursery school SMŠ Lienka in Smolenice for children during staying outdoors does not by far equal Peter Opalek Memorial. But she accomplished her goal down to the last detail. Her goal was to teach children how to orientate themselves wild nature. Nature Conservation Area of Malé

Karpaty and the surroundings of the nursery school served for fulfilment of the educational goal. The truth is that according to the State Educational Programme orientation in space is explained on the elementary level and a child of preschool age should be able to tell where is right side, where is left side, where is upwards and downwards, they are able to understand words of underneath and beneath etc. They are able to describe their home place, the way from home to school and they recognize right and left hands. Topics concerning the orientation in wild nature are gone over in 4<sup>th</sup> year of the primary school in classes of natural history. In the author's opinion if the given issue is brought to children in playful form and is appropriate to their age, there is no reason to avoid this topic. The earlier the child learns about it, the easier they will cope with crisis situation in future. It is obvious if they find themselves in it, they are able to call an adult person for help. Read more on pages 37 to 38.

**“Danger to population in municipalities has a various character and it is not possible to give comprehensive instructions what to do in all possible emergency events. But in our power is to draw attention to possible hazards, to give brief instruction how to prepare for possible threat and what to do when an emergency occurs...”** pointed out in his

speech the mayor of Velky Folkmar municipality, district of the town of Gelnica. Evaluation and analysis of the emergency event effects that may occur on the territory of municipalities



show that the panic arisen together with ignorance how to organize rescue works, often causes much more losses on lives and harm to property than the emergency event itself. In worldwide advanced countries significant emphasis is put on prevention and raising of public awareness, on their preparedness for the case of an emergency occurrence. Read more on pages 22 to 25.

**Joint Czech-Slovak expert database of hazardous chemical substances has major preventive character mainly but also it can be used at the site of response to an emergency by all respective basic units of the integrated rescue system quickly and effectively. Each thought-out investment in improvement of security level and higher and more quality protection of rescuers themselves and also population will surely pay. Improvement of the security level and protection quality and level is of course never ending demanding and complex process. New and improved technical and technological measures will always**



**need besides other things considerable financial means for the measures implementation. That is why it would be right that the issued academic thought will be thoroughly and carefully reviewed at a joint meeting of the experts from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Read more on pages 46 to 50.**