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By discovering radioactivity mankind secured bigger comfort in many fields of life, but at the same time they have opened Pandora’s Box bringing about big risks in the form of nuclear accidents. They pertain to the most dangerous emergencies; they pose a threat to human life and their harmful effects persist for decades. That is why quick evacuation is necessary to minimize

injuries and prevent from lethal effects of a nuclear accident. System of complex evacuation provision in response to an accident at the nuclear facility includes the number of processes. These processes may be influenced by several factors such as warning system, scope of an accident and leak of radioactive substance, way of population protection, transport means availability, number and site of evacuated persons, evacuation budget, shelter capacity, hospital capacity and environmental regulations for the respective areas. Read more on pages 11 – 14.

Representatives of Die Johanniter from Germany, Civil Protection of Styria Government (in German Steiermark), Air Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and Samaritans Association of the Slovak Republic decided to develop the air evacuation module titled EUROCARE Flight & Shelter two years ago, and so improve response capacities to disasters wherever they occur in the world. The last condition for the project termination was deployment of the module in the exercise in environment close to real deployment. It was fulfilled at the exercise in Danish Tinglev and German Rendsburg. At present the module has already been registered in the database of CECIS modules in Brussels and is capable of real deployment in case of need of European citizen evacuation from crisis areas, all round the world, back to Europe. Such deployment includes health-care and psychosocial services and a consular assistance. Read more on pages 34 – 35.



Last year Civil Protection journal dealt with issues of mushroom poisoning. Yearly in Slovakia there are hundreds of cases of mistaking poisonous species for edible ones. The public is little informed about these risks in months of June



till October in particular. Similar situation is in public awareness of plant poisoning risks. The same applies to school system. Children and teachers are literally surrounded by poisonous plants at their activities. On our territory approximately 400 plant species with poisonous properties with various levels of toxicity occur. It is common we meet them in wild nature, at schools and homes, at a workplace, in social premises,

gardens and parks. Many of the poisonous species were used in natural healing in the past and at present they cannot be used for their toxicity. Other ones are approved official drugs exclusively under medical supervision. To fulfil a blank space on the map of vital information for teachers, children and their parents the following article has been compiled you will find on pages 47 – 49.