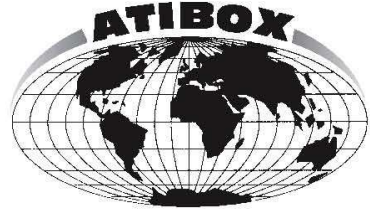


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ATIBOX TRACKING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 8th and 9th November 2008 at EMMEN/Switzerland

The commune of Emmen is situated near Lucerne, in a green environment with many meadows and farms, beautifully framed by the Rigi and Pilatus and the Central Suisse mountains in the background.

The teams from Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Austria, the Czech Republic and Switzerland arrived as from the middle of the week so that humans and animals could get acquainted with the tracking grounds.

As an ATIBOX Committee Member I was satisfied as to the excellent organization of the ATIBOX Tracking Championship as well on the grounds as in the central basis. Heart-felt thanks to the president of the organization, Peter Bigler, and to his many assistants. Conductors and spectators were guided by "pilotes" to the tracking grounds, where at any time a catering van provided for the well-being of everyone. The festive evening on Saturday was well attended and a lively exchange of ideas took place.

All participants found an excellent and, above all, homogeneous tracking ground on grass. On Saturday, the weather was sunny and even quite warm at midday, whereas on Sunday the sky stayed grey almost all the day.

Gotthard Susat from Austria judged the Classes FH 1 and FH 2 and Peter Reding from Switzerland the Champion Class.

All 11 participants of the FH 1-Class successfully passed the trial. The first place, with 99 points, went to **Peter Glaser** with **Dante v. Kurler Busch** from Germany, followed by **René Stadelmann** with **Octavio v. Buchhorn** with 97 points and on the third place **Rita Bertozzi** with **Fiona v. Spilltozzi** with 96 points.

Nine teams started in the FH 2-Class, of which 4 succeeded. The first place was reached by **Therese Köhle**, Switzerland, and **Argus del Primo Cavaliere**, with 97 points, followed by **Claus Jacobsen** with **Dyrup-Box's Ascha** from Denmark. The third place, with 78 points, was shared by **Georgine Zyka**, from Austria, with **Joe v. Königsberg** and **Burkhard Thurau**, from Germany, with **Capone v. Haui's**.

In the world champion class started 15 teams. The German teams came off extremely well as they obtained the first four places. With 95 points **Herbert Fuchs** with **Ferry v. Henneberger Schloss** became World Champion, followed by **Stefan Burtscheidt** with **Ilas v. Grossherzogtum Hessen** and **Michaela Bayer** with **Limone v. Monsalvat**.

An introduction into the "World of Tracking" for tracking novices, by Otto Krütli, and a presentation of army dogs performing protection exercises set a further highlight to this very successful event.

I express my personal congratulations and those of **ATIBOX** to the World Champion Herbert Fuchs from Germany with his Ferry v. Henneberger Schloss as well as to all other participants for their performance with their four-legged companions.

You may find all results and photos on the ATIBOX website.

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