

HQ NRDC-ITA Celebrates Its Sixth International Day

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The Headquarters of the NRDC-ITA celebrated its annual international day in style on Saturday 5th July 2008. The event which is now in its sixth year is designed to be a celebration of the unique and diverse culture that makes up the Headquarters. It is a chance for the staff, their families and the local population to discover and sample the delights of this multi cultural Headquarters first hand and to demonstrate their national identities. This year's event was deemed by many to be the most successful so far, with all nations providing extravagant and entertaining stands from which to demonstrate their customs, traditions and delicacies. The day started with a welcome speech from

the Commander of the NRDC-ITA who declared the celebrations open and welcomed everyone to the Headquarters, he reminded the spectators of the importance of multi nationalism particularly within the NATO context, he encouraged everyone to enjoy themselves and to explore the different activities on offer. The Commander also reminded people of the charitable nature of the event and encouraged people to give generously. The day also provided the opportunity to further enhance our own international ties and to express appreciation for the efforts of our International colleagues. The German contingent presented Col Puckett and Lt Col Rosenstein of the United States Army with their German Proficiency Badges for their outstanding contributions whilst serving within the NRDC-ITA. This was just one example of many events during the day that served to demonstrate the international cooperation that exists within the Headquarters. Throughout the day there were parades, dancers, music and entertainment from the various different nations. The drink flowed and the different national dishes available were all both plentiful and delicious. We were treated to an historic car rally, a pony show and entertainment for the young and old alike, it was truly a day for all to enjoy. The celebration was a huge success and typified the character of this Headquarters; one of diversity yet underpinned by unity. We were hugely fortunate to yet again be exposed to the rich colour of national traditions and customs that are hall marks of the NRDC-ITA. Our thanks go out to all of those whose efforts made the day possible. In particular the Support Brigade for all their hardwork in erecting the tents and ensuring that the day ran so smoothly.





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