

### **Passing away of Karl Göltenboth**

*On May 1, Karl Göltenboth (1920 - 2010) passed away. After working for about 20 years in the police, he was offered the opportunity to take over the management of an American inquiry agency in Switzerland. After another five years in that position, he acquired an information bureau in St. Gallen, improved it and finally founded an international private investigator's office.*

*Always striving to gain a good reputation to this profession, which attracted many dreamers, he founded together with German, Austrian, French and Italian colleagues, the IKD, the International Federation of Associations of Private Detectives (Internationale Kommission der Detektiv-Verbände), an umbrella organization of full-time detectives. In the following years, over 20 national associations from Europe and overseas joined this organization.*

*As Secretary General, he led the IKD during eight years. This position was profitable to him personally and on business. To mention in particular the awarding of Spanish Civil Merit by the Spanish government and a personal welcome by today's Spanish King Juan Carlos on his country estate outside of Madrid.*

*When he retired from active professional life, he sold the company to Hanspeter Widmer, who manages the company still under the original name.*