



# INTERNATIONAL BODYGUARD & SECURITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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## Report of the IBSSA President

### ANNEX 1

My dear Friends, honoured IBSSA members,

Since our last meeting in October 2015 / Budapest a heavy Year is over, and as You may know we planned this Congress already in November 2016, but due to the Election Campaign and changing the President of US it was necessary to postpone the event to February 2017!

This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that we have our Congress in the USA, but since the last one we had a very dynamic development and IBSSA is growing day-by-day, many new members join us, new cooperation and activities!

All our active members and partner organisations received a lot of information during this Year by the IBSSA WEB sites on different languages like English, Hungarian, French and some others.

We have nearly 10 different Facebook sites as well!

We were and are always an open organisation, there are no secrets and many reports about our permanently growing activities and events are published on the WEB and FB.

*Therefore I would like to draw Your attention only to the most important subjects:*

Our “Partnership for Security” program is growing and it is foreseen that at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference we will have more partners participating than ever before. Of course behind those representations there is hard work, we signed the agreement of cooperation with numerous International and National Organisations and it is very important, because SECURITY is more and more important worldwide and we face many new factors and problems globally! The problems are global so to fight them we need a very large international cooperation; we believe this is our main task in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Most of our activities are related to this subject.

Our training system is now one of the best internationally recognised systems and we know that there are many things to develop, but it is already a great result that many new active training centres are operating, like in the USA, in the Netherlands, Romania, Macedonia, Croatia, Hungary, Israel, Switzerland, Latvia, Serbia and some other countries.

We are proud of our world famous master teachers and instructors worldwide, there are more than hundred well-trained experts whom we can count on!

We have some really famous new Master Teachers like the Italian Antonio la Salandra, who is the first foreigner teacher after 510 Years of the Swiss Guard of Vatican!

Of course I have to mention our old Master Teachers, who make an excellent work, like Dr. Rony Kluger (Israel), Karl DelaGuerra (USA), Tony Schiena (USA), Branislav Jovchevski (Macedonia), Ronan Chatellier (France), Bogdan Vukosavljevic (Slovenia), Mike Csoke (Canada), Orlando Mardner (GB), Dr. Miklós Varga (Hungary), János Hülber (Austria), and many others from the fields of shooting, close combat, driving, close protection, etc.!

Since some very important leaders of IBSSA passed away, it was necessary to appoint new active well-qualified members, so in Netherlands now Ilias Kontis is reorganising and leading IBSSA activities with the assistance of Nico Waerts.

There are new areas, where probably IBSSA is opening and will be growing in the future, like Latin America, where we have some active new members with great security companies – therefore we appointed Jose Manuel Gonzalez Testino from Venezuela as Vice President of the Executive Committee of IBSSA for Latin America.

Our Diving Division became very active with the leadership of Dr. Attila Kutas, Instructor in Miami area, and I hope that many members will have the opportunity to dive during this event!



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An internationally very important new department of the IBSSA is the Anti-Human Trafficking Bureau – established and led by Karl DelaGuerra, and I am proud to report that within a few months about 20 Representatives joined the network as responsible persons for their countries. Mr. DelaGuerra will have a report about the subject during the International Conference on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February in Sarasota.

Dr. Rony Kluger – President of the IBSSA International Sport Federation (ISF) will have a separate report about the activities of the federation, but it is also promising that new members of the ISF leadership brought new activities and new sports into IBSSA ISF. You could also find reports about those events on the WEB sites.

I must also report about the cooperation with IAPA and Europolice Federation, which is better and better; more and more events are organised together and it applies also concerning the 5<sup>th</sup> Partnership for Security Conference. We are close working together on the subject for Traffic Security and Urban Security! The President of IAPA, Zoltán Hossó will also have information about the development of IAPA during the coming Conference!

The role of Private Security Companies and Associations is also very important in Crime Prevention; therefore in many countries we started closer cooperation with the Police about this matter! For instance in Hungary in the main Police and Security Newspapers we have permanent publicities about those subjects and information, but we use the WEB site and FB as well!

Concerning the financial situation of IBSSA there is no good news, because with the growing activities we have not enough incomes! The payment of the membership fees is not enough! Many members can not or just do not fulfil their obligations, but we know that the economical situation in many countries are very bad. We could only survive, because some member companies and wealthy members are supporting our work and activities by taking over the expenses of travel and event organisation. So this time special thanks to Mr. Jose Manuel Gonzalez Testino, who made it possible to organise this high level event. And in 2015 the Hungarian Transport Authority supported the 4<sup>th</sup> Partnership for Security International Conference in Budapest.

Last year we started together with some other international organisations the new International Award System for Security – the Order of Security, which is a great prestige and success worldwide. During the coming Award Ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> February some personalities for outstanding service of Security will be honoured too!

### Some words about the future:

- IBSSA together with IAPA and Knights of Malta (KMFAP) starts a new program: “Orphans for Animal Rescue” – We hope that this program will be welcomed internationally and many organisations will join!
- In 2017 we are planning a European and Balkan Conference in Serbia!
- Instead of the International Special Security Training “SEC-tember” – and according to the decision of the last Congress – centrally we organise only Instructor and Master Teacher qualification and re-qualification courses in the future.
- IBSSA also plans to organise special weekend trainings with world famous instructors and stars, such as: Tony Schiena, Adrian Paul, Antonio la Salandra, Semmy Schilt and some other VIP’s.

I wish You all good health and much success for the realisation of our mutual future plans!

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