

Address by the President

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Dear Members of IBSSA,

The global economic crisis and natural disasters impressed a stigma upon the past year – since the last IBSSA Congress.

Generally in such circumstances security deteriorates, which – in principle – would have a positive impact on the security sector as well as its workers and firms.

Unfortunately this is not the case, the crisis influences everyone, IBSSA member corporates went bankrupt and most members can not afford to pay the membership fee either – even if they wish to do so!

In terms of IBSSA, which is a dynamically growing organisation, this means that although the increasing tasks and activities in more countries with more events signify heavy costs, while revenue fell!

And still, I can report about significant achievements!

IBSSA continued moving further ahead on the road what it started earlier,

- The activities of IBSSA in the various regions continue to develop, it is especially significant in the Balkan region, where an extremely successful conference was organised this year for the 3rd time. IBSSA is increasingly active in the United States and in the Caribbean region – whose flagship is our member country: Trinidad and Tobago.

- Our educational activities made an outstanding step forward, new and modern training centres were opened in Arizona – USA, in Hungary, and in numerous other countries of the world. New internationally recognised Master Teachers were engaged in the activities of the Education and Qualification Department of IBSSA, and in September 2010 we organised with huge success the IX. "SEC-tember" International Special Security Advanced Training in Budapest, Hungary, where 14 countries were represented.

- IBSSA further developed its cooperation with IPA (International Police Association), IAPA (International Auxiliary Police Association), IUPA (International Union of Police Associations), EFUS (European Forum for Urban Safety) and other professional federations in the fields of training and education, crime prevention and rescue operations. Outstanding among these the IBSSA – IUPA collaboration in the United States, and also the IBSSA – IPA – IAPA cooperation in the Balkan Region, which was manifested in several actions over the past year.

- It is also a significant achievement that the "Bodyguard" and "Security specialist" trainings of IBSSA have been accredited by a growing number of countries in the world, and the IBSSA Certificate and Passport help many people to take a job in more and more countries – because these documents are accepted as proof of qualification. This means the international recognition for an international organisation!

- We are proud to our members, who become active in more and more areas, so there are Corporate Members of IBSSA excelling in the field of Diplomatic Security, many others guarantee the safety of world stars. Our members had the opportunity to do security work at Formula 1 in several locations, they secured many New Year's Eve concerts and Opera Balls. They attended the security work of global sport-events. Our Belgian corporate member is involved in the post-disaster activities in Haiti as well as in the protection work against piracy off the coast of Africa. They excel in the training of K9 security dogs too.

- IBSSA also has members, who secure the expulsion and repatriation of illegal immigrants throughout Europe, while others are specialised in the discharge of explosive devices and inspect venues. All this shows how significantly changes our world and gives more and more tasks for the security sphere too.

- The IBSSA Congress in 2010 was organised in Cambodia with the hope that we manage to make known and strengthen our association's presence in the Asian continent. Unfortunately the crisis has prevented many of our members – due to the high flight ticket prices – to attend this event.

- We consider settlement security, fight against drugs and crime prevention invariably as priority task. Within this also prominent the activities of the IBSSA Vehicle Protection Department, where the number of vehicle theft has been restrained significantly, and our special car and motor driving trainings reduce the number of accidents.

- The activities of IBSSA International Sport Federation develop more and more as well, which is marked by many martial arts seminars and competitions, however more frequently many professional tournaments and shooting championships were also organised in cooperation with other federations in numerous countries of the world.

- Remarkably is the activity, which is carried out by our Dutch members in the field of children rehabilitation, who are victims of crime, or we participate in many countries in such programs that help criminals – after serving their time in prison – to integrate into society.

I could itemize through pages what we have done in nearly 120 countries of the world in various fields of security, but it is not necessary, because on the Internet, at the International as well as at numerous national sites of IBSSA hundreds of detailed news and reports can be found every year, and for 2 years shortly using Facebook our articles reach more and more places.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks for that several hundred man team, who have been working tirelessly for years in a country, a region, or as leaders of a professional field without any compensations. With the help of these people IBSSA manages to come closer to resolve significant social problems, and to make our wider world and closer milieu safer and more liveable!

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