

My dear Friends, members of IBSSA and our partners,

I inform you with great pleasure that the 2nd issue of our official magazine „Bodyguard and Security“ has recently been published. The two issues complete each other and introduce jointly the activity of IBSSA regarding the different subjects and fields.

It is a smashing result that today IBSSA is represented in more than 100 countries. The two issues together show well the past 12 years of IBSSA.

After establishing IBSSA our primary functions were to organise sport events for the civil security sphere, so we created IBSSA – ISF (International Sport Federation), which became a dynamically developing federation by now and organised numerous martial arts festivals, professional sport and bodyguard championships, training camps and special trainings.

In the security training and qualification beside the training of security guards, bodyguards, CP specialists, experts, instructors and master teachers it is also possible to receive academic, Ph.D. degrees in numerous educational institutes, which have co-operation contract with IBSSA, or which are managed by our association. IBSSA runs trainings in many countries throughout the world.

We achieved significant successes on international and also national levels regarding the mutual co-operation with civil security organisations and professional law enforcement institutions. One of our results is that the police consider all representatives of the civil security sphere as partners in the field of crime prevention and safe-keeping of the order. This matter is true and current especially in the fields of city and settlement security, event security, guarding facilities, and vehicle protection. In all these subjects the function of the competent IBSSA departments and sections is more than outstanding.

Years ago arm-in-arm with the international narcotic enforcement associations we took a hand more and more actively in the fight against drugs. Upon initiation and also with participation of IBSSA numerous drug prevention organisations were established worldwide, we regularly organise events of this issue, publish magazines and professional brochures.

The rescue coordinating, disaster recovery and humanitarian activities of IBSSA's affiliated organisations is significant in several countries, which turned the attention of numerous Knight Orders to IBSSA and so fruitful co-operation could grow up with these Orders by now.

The terrorist attacks in 2001 brought momentous changes in the life of IBSSA as well, the Antiterrorist Department of IBSSA was established and with immediate effect we also reformed our education system – in which since then the studies on counter-terrorism take an important place all around the world.

Considering the new forms of crime in the 21st Century the activities of IBSSA in the fields of information security and computer science are more and more important. Within the confines of these activities the new accreditation work – adequate to international norms – is started as well.

Security monitoring and qualification of enterprises is also in progress.

In the year 2006 IBSSA turned to a new – but not less important – topic, which is the security of children and family. Certainly this subject cannot be separated from the terror threats, the general crimes, and from the fight against drugs and alcoholism.

IBSSA, in cooperation with its partners like “Mission Europa”, International Family Organisations and Knight Orders, will organise a special conference on security of children and family in September 2006 in Budapest / Hungary.

This year we plan the start-up of a new European Drug Prevention Institute and also to distribute numerous brochures for the primary school students. We intend to egg all people to live a healthy life and within that to go in for sports.

Of course all the above-mentioned things are far from it to cover that enormous way, which was walked by IBSSA from its establishment in 1994, and are dwarfed by the new challenges of the new era. There are plenty of new tasks to do!

Hereby I would like to express my thanks for all of you, who contributed in any way to the success of IBSSA, and so today we can rightly state that IBSSA is the leading international association of the world in the field of civil security.

In the future we are also looking for such members and partners of IBSSA, who intend to support our organisation, and are ready to secure and ameliorate our life, milieu and world.

We await your proposals previous to the 11th Congress of IBSSA in 2006.

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