



# International Bodyguard & Security Services Association

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## Executive President's report

Dear friends, dear IBSSA members,

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of IBSSA! Welcome to Austria, a more and more active country in IBSSA! Welcome Cynthia Rothrock and all honorary guests!

When reporting you about the period since last congress we are in a very difficult but also easy situation. There are so many important things done, that it would need a very long speech to report about everything and probably it would be still not complete. On the other hand it is easy to report because following the positive tradition and methods of IBSSA all reports and minutes are open, they were published on the Internet at [www.ibssa.org](http://www.ibssa.org), on the frequently issued CD-Rom and in the IBSSA magazines.

It means that anyone was interested about the development, news, what happened during the various events could find the respective information.

Therefore I believe it is enough just to summarize the most important milestones of our development in this period:

1. As a result of the hard work, many trips and exchange of opinion, discussions more and more members shared the work of the leadership and became active members of it. Thanks for those, because many of the following results would not be possible without their work and support!

2. I am honoured to announce, that H.R.H. Prince Michael James Alexander Stewart of Albany accepted the invitation to the position of Honorary President of IBSSA.

3. It is also a great honour and recognition for IBSSA that some VIP members of IBSSA were conferred to Knight of Malta by the "Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knight of Malta". These are: Sir Alexander CACH – Czech Republic, Sir László BARÁTH and Sir János MÉSZÁROS – Hungary, and Sir Eriks GRINBERGS – Latvia. Sir General Francesco FERRARA, Sir Mike FARAONE and Sir Giuseppe Del CIMA – from Italy, Sir Levente GYENES – Hungary and Sir Constantin BUZATU – Romania became Knight Commander of the Federation.

Dr. Giuseppe MORABITO – Chairman of the Diplomatic Department became "Knight of the Great Cross", Prof. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dr. Rony KLUGER – General Secretary, Dr. Marko NICOVIC – Vice President were honoured by the Federation and they became "Knight of Malta" and Sir George POPPER (Hungary) – Executive President of IBSSA was conferred to Knight Grand Officer.

Some very high officials from the "Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knight of Malta" became Honorary Members of IBSSA as a further result of the fruitful cooperation between the two federations.

4. Some other important IBSSA leaders and members were awarded Honorary Doctoral titles and other high degrees by the Pro-Deo University, International Budo Academy, Israeli College for Security and Investigation, International Informatization Academy, etc. Congratulation for all of them!

5. As another very positive result, the cooperation with "International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association" had a great development. Some Country Representatives of IBSSA became members in INEOA. The "Center for Narcotics Information Support" (C-NIS) was set up in Budapest headed by Mr. J.L. MACZKO (Canada) – Chairman of the Narcotic Policy Department of IBSSA. Many events were organised in Central Europe against drugs by IBSSA or IBSSA support. This period again some leaders and members participated at the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Drug Conference in the USA and those completed ILEA, DEA, HIDTEA and other law enforcement training seminars. High recognition for us that Dr. Marco NICOVIC – Vice President was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of INEOA and J.L. MACZKO became member of the Board of Directors of INEOA.

6. Dr. Levente GYENES, the International Coordinator of IBSSA for Europe, who is one of the main supporter of IBSSA was elected Vice President of the International Protocol Federation and President of the European Protocol Federation. He will set up an European Protocol Institute in Hungary. As his field in which he defended his Doctoral Degree is Protocol in security work, this institute will serve and support all training seminars with experts and materials.

7. Dr. George POPPER, Executive President of IBSSA was elected Vice President of the Executive Committee of CIP-UIOF (International Projects Center – International Union of Family Organisations). He offered officially that IBSSA will coordinate and assure security for all future events those organisations.

8. After the tragic event of 11<sup>th</sup> September last year IBSSA was one of the first international organisations who declared full solidarity and support for the USA and all victims of terror.

The Antiterrorist Department of IBSSA was set up with immediate effect and since that time many antiterrorist lectures and trainings were organised by IBSSA in many countries. Especially high-level trainings were held by our international expert team: GSB, Roberto GOBBI, Roberto De RONZI from Italy, Rony KLUGER from Israel in Macedonia, Italy and Hungary. Our other team of experts with Miki VARGA and Zsolt ZÓLYOMI from Hungary were mainly active in the Central and Eastern European region.

9. The most active department like usually the Education and Qualification Department was very successful during this period. Many trainings were held on different level and different subject in Italy, Israel, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Austria, France, etc.

I am sure my colleagues will add some information about this field.

10. IBSSA Technical Department has some new members from Israel and Switzerland; we hope they start the real work now.

11. IBSSA Legal Department has started its work. Dr. Eriks GRINBERGS – Chairman of the department has prepared a report on the work of the department in 2001 and he also mentioned the plans for the future.

12. IBSSA Informatics Security Department last year started serious work with the leadership of the representatives of the institute of the Hungarian Ministry of Defence.

13. The Quality Control Department with Swedish leadership had some meetings and we hope soon the concrete work will start. Of course this kind of activity needs very professional preparations.

The same is valid for the company qualification question.

14. Head of the Event Security Department, Dr. George LASZ offered his new book about event security for IBSSA. The book will be published soon in English.

Dr. George LASZ, a former high police officer, today owner of IN-KAL Security Co. - a company, which is assuring a yearly 300 events. They are participating the Olympic Games' project and Founder of the Museum of Hooliganism.

15. With the leadership of Dr. Ilie BOTOS – Head of the IBSSA Regional Research Center in Cluj-Napoca very important activities started.

16. Now the most remarkable things for the end. IBSSA Italy and Professor Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Congratulation Spartaco for his conferring to Knight of Malta, the Knight of Culture awards and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Samurai Magazine! Thank you for your hard work, without it, we would not be today who we are. Special thank for your diplomacy and teaching during your trips worldwide. Thanks for the Sportivo-IBSSA Magazine, which is already published since 3 years more and more colourful.

The organizing of the 1<sup>st</sup> IBSSA Martial Arts World Festival in Mestre/Venice at December 2001 was a great success with over 1500 participants from 20 countries. The 1<sup>st</sup> Martial Arts Festival was produced by a great cooperation between Dr. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI and Dr. Rony KLUGER with a great organisation of the Italian team and both of their hard work. This was a symbolic start and gave a great push to the IBSSA International Sport Federation.

17. It is my duty to thank the very active work of the IBSSA Hungarian Section leadership, they organised international bodyguard balls, shooting championships, international training camps, and they held monthly club meetings with special lectures and guests. In Hungary now in 3 monthly magazines there are permanent IBSSA news sections.

18. In close connection with all above with the very hard work of the board members and some Country Representatives of IBSSA was recently registered in Romania, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Macedonia and there are new representations in Slovenia, Venezuela, Gambia, Singapore and in the Caribbean Isles (Trinidad and Tobago.)

19. Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC – Director of Savoy Security d.o.o. Ljubljana – was appointed by the Board of Directors to Country Representative of IBSSA for Slovenia and International Coordinator of IBSSA for Former Yugoslavian Republics. He started a very active work in the region and organised the 1<sup>st</sup> IBSSA Bodyguard Training Course in Ljubljana/Slovenia.

20. Finances are still a big problem! You can see the profit and loss statements, balance sheet and audit report about 2001. They are self-explanatory. Big deficit again!

More work, more activities, more events, better information for members, CD, publications, communication, IBSSA logo materials, awards, presents, supports, etc. more and more expensive. I must underline again, that the deficit is financed mainly by some board members and the deficit would be 10 times higher without the support of some active members. We hope that in the near future the balance will be positive and we will be able to reimburse.

It is easy to understand in this situation why the Board decided to stop unnecessary compromises. We must keep our rules and regulations. During this congress all officers who did not pay membership or did not do any work will lose their positions and titles, some of them their membership as well. During the congress new officials will be appointed.

All position holders must be verified as three years paid members, according to the decisions of the Board.

21. Finally thanks for all staff members and our General Secretary, Dr. Rony KLUGER – Israel for the hard work. As a result of Adi POPPER's work in the last year the IBSSA Homepage on the Internet was more and more informative and actual. Please help his work by giving more information to him. Thanks Erika the Secretary of the HQ, who became already a photographer and journalist of IBSSA.

Of course many other members and officers of IBSSA helped the work to build the international federation and to fill it with more and more important values. Thanks for all of you and we calculate with your support and active work in the future as well.

We wish a better future and more professionalism in the security field.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors  
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