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Report on the IBSSA International OPEN Shooting Championships 15th June 2002, Ljubljana / Slovenia

Dr. George POPPER, G.O.K.M. (HUN) – Executive President of IBSSA was invited as honorary guest of the IBSSA International OPEN Shooting Championships by Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC (SVN) – International Coordinator of IBSSA for Former Yugoslavian Republics and Country Representative of IBSSA for Slovenia. This successful and professional event was organised by SAVOY Bodyguard Training Center – IBSSA Official Training Center in Slovenia – on the 15th June 2002, in Ljubljana / Slovenia with approximately 50 participants from 8 countries – Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and the USA.

The goal of this shooting championship was to bring the IBSSA members together and also the foreign participants to socialize and to know each other better, also to test the skill and ability of the competitors with solving simulated "real world" self-defence scenarios and of course to decide, who will be awarded the title of "The best shooter of 2002" in a certain category. The participants were divided by caliber of the gun (7.65, 9 mm, 45 ACP, Revolver) – in Open and Bodyguard division and they had to complete 8 stages according to IDPA Rules.

At 11.00 Dr. George POPPER, G.O.K.M. – Executive President of IBSSA welcomed the contestants, in a few words he introduced the goals and activities of IBSSA to the present contestants, wished everybody success and fair fights and finally opened the championship. Then Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC informed the participants about the rules and regulations of the championship. In spite of the hot weather everyone felt extremely well at the shooting ground. All contestants fulfilled the tasks successfully and the competition resulted in accident-free at 17.00.

Chief referee: Mr. Boro LICINA (SVN) – Shooting Instructor, Firearms Instructor of Smith & Wesson Academy

Bodyguard division - 7.65 mm

Winner:	Mr. Gyula SIRA (HUN)	Director of Huség 2000 Ltd.
Second:	Mr. Boris VUKOSAVLJEVIC (SVN)	Instructor, Director of SAVOY Security d.o.o. Ljubljana
Third:	Mr. János LAUB (HUN)	General Manager of Controll & Bodyguard Team Ltd.
Bodyguard division – 9 mm		
Winner:	Mr. Chad THOMPSON (USA)	UNMIK Police Special Operations, Regional Protection Unit
Second:	Mr. Helmuth HOFBAUER (AUT)	Bodyguard
Third:	Mr. Terry WHITE (USA)	UNMIK Police Special Operations, Regional Protection Unit
Bodyguard division – 45 ACP		
Winner:	Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC (SVN)	Instructor, Director of SAVOY Bodyguard Training Center
Second:	Dr. Olivér L. RÓZSA (USA)	Instructor, Owner of Protective Force Security Ltd.

The awards and diplomas were handed over to the winners by Dr. George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA and Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC – Chief of the Organising Committee, International Coordinator of IBSSA for Former Yugoslavian Republics and Country Representative of IBSSA for Slovenia.

After this professional event an IBSSA Sayonara Party was organised for all contestants at the ESCAPE Music Bar.

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