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Report of the President about the 25 years of IBSSA

ANNEX 1

Dear IBSSA Members, Dear Friends,

in the history of IBSSA we have reached a “quarter century” milestone. Our 25-year-old organization is developing steadily, its significance, rank and recognition is growing spectacularly throughout the world. We are going to organize our 22nd Annual Congress, for the first time in Valletta, Malta, and on this occasion the related “Partnership for Security” International Joint Conference of IBSSA – IAPA – IPA will be held for the 7th time.

In a few words about the beginnings:

On the 7th April 1994 – during the founding congress in Budapest, Hungary – 12 individuals and 2 companies (*from 8 countries of 5 continents, namely: Spain, France, Hungary, USA, Egypt, Germany, South Africa and Great Britain*) agreed to establish the International Bodyguard and Security Services Association to which no similar organisation existed in the security industry, although there were many companies, which organised international trade fairs, security exhibitions and safety congresses.

The following fact led to the founding of IBSSA: albeit the issue of security is of increasing importance worldwide, the private security sphere employs ten times more people than the police, and this sector didn't have any independent international professional organisation, though globalisation required more extensive international cooperation and coordination.

Therefore, IBSSA was formed as a non-profit NGO, *registered in France on the 15th June 1994, then in the USA on the 25th February 2000.*

Let's review where IBSSA has come in the past 25 years:

I would like to highlight only the most significant events and results, as we regularly inform our members and partners about our programs and current news on our official WEB site, Facebook and in other media. In some countries, including Hungary, the printed security and police press also reports consistently about our activities, thanks to the Detektor Plusz Magazine, and the Hekus Magazine.

First, let me share the latest, momentous news with the Congress members:

- **the enormous progress in the history of IBSSA has been accomplished, for which we had been working intensively for a while, using time and energy: the United Nations (UN) recognized and registered IBSSA as a non-profit NGO,**
- **and the ECOSOC (*United Nations Economic and Social Council*) consultative status membership of the IBSSA is also in the process, for which we have fulfilled all the requirements.**

As a result, we can personally take part in the activities of the United Nations and its organizations in the direct representation of IBSSA, which we have already been practicing through the IFNGO (*International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations*) membership of the IBSSA.

The latest Congress – held in Tel Aviv, Israel in March 2018 – according to our Statutes, was also the General Assembly, with the task to elect every five years the new management of the IBSSA. Of course, we expected that the well-performing board members will be re-elected if the membership evaluated their work positively.



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The Congress in Israel unanimously re-elected and elected the following members for the next 5 years:

The newly elected Board of Directors:

President	Prof. George POPPER (Hungary)
General Secretary	Dr. Rony KLUGER (Israel)
Chairman	Mr. Karl DELAGUERRA (USA)
1 st Vice President	Dr. Marko NICOVIC (Serbia)
Vice President	Mr. Stephen CHEE (Singapore)
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Honorary Founding President	His Royal Highness Prince Adan Czartoryski BORBON (Spain)
Honorary Vice President for American continent	H.E. Dr. Joey DEMAIO (USA)

Chairman of the Executive Committee:

Dr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC (Slovenia)

Members of the Auditing Committee for the next 5 years:

Mr. John BOKOTEY (Ukraine)
Dr. László REINDL (Hungary)
Dr. Oliver ROZSA (USA)

I would like to offer to your attention the following list, in which I highlight those IBSSA activities we can be genuinely proud of and found a significant international response:

The International Bodyguard and Security Services Association (IBSSA) is now present in more than 120 countries around the world and is involved in professional security training in nearly 40 countries. Our association has become the most important non-profit professional organization in the civil security sphere.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York in 2001, IBSSA was the first to integrate counter-terrorism training into its education system.

More than 10 years ago, the pirate' attacks and hostage of ships around Somalia's coast were in the news almost every day. The IBSSA Belgium team reacted immediately to the challenge, and with the approval of the competent international organizations, offered armed protection to the merchant ships crossing the area. To date, more than 200 ships have been protected against the pirates' attacks.

Illegal migration has been a major problem for many years in Europe. As a civil organization, the IBSSA members were the first to be commissioned to ensure the return home by air of refugees expelled from the United States and Great Britain, and today there is a Hungarian team too, which also does the same activity from other states of Europe upon request. It is obvious that only well-trained and specially qualified professionals can do this job, as the expelled try everything to prevent the return: they pretend being ill, roughly insult the security staff accompanying them, and assault is not rare either.



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Human trafficking and modern slavery have become the most profitable business in the underworld, and are intertwined tight with drug smuggling, prostitution and terrorism. In February 2017, the IBSSA established the network of AHTB (*Anti Human Trafficking Bureau*), which is now operating in 27 countries, to assist and cooperate closely with law enforcement agencies. These offices collect information and discover international contexts in the fields of human trafficking and illegal migration. In 2017, in Mexico and the Dominican Republic successful actions have already been carried out – at the initiative of IBSSA-AHTB local offices – in which many abducted and captured prostitution-induced girls, including numerous juveniles were released and the criminal gangs were eradicated.

Several years ago, a Hungarian IBSSA team travelled to Greece and – like a movie action – rescued three Hungarian student girls and an Italian from a band detaining and prostituting them. The Greek police couldn't be involved, because at first, the criminals brought Greek policemen to the girls. Furthermore, there was a chance that if the solution was sought through the Hungarian police, it could take so long that the girls would disappear, or be sold or killed by then. Since the successful action was in the international press headlines, three weeks later the Greek police with a comprehensive action rescued more hundreds of girls by eliminating the international gang.

Other news related to this topic, that the former Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic and Minister of the Interior, Mr. Robert Kalinak, on the official diplomatic channel, in his letter – written to Karl DelaGuerra, head of the IBSSA-AHTB and myself as the IBSSA President in 2018 – confirmed the establishment of the Slovak IBSSA-AHTB office and approved the appointment of Mr. Ján Culka, as chief of the IBSSA-AHTB in Slovakia. Mr. Kalinak also stated that he appreciates the IBSSA's activities in this regard, because in Slovakia the highlight question is combating illegal migration and human trafficking, where they seriously count on the effective support of such NGOs.

In Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of crisis, to relieve soldiers and security forces and to support their work, civilian security persons provide the protection of objects, as well as accompanying various aid and other shipments in more and more places. Companies, coordinating such activities, only accept the UK SIA and/or the IBSSA qualifications, so it is not enough if workers have only a general guard card from any European state. It is a pleasure and special recognition for us that IBSSA membership card and professional qualification are immediately promoted and entrusted with training or management tasks, which not only represents prestige, but also leads to higher wages.

Of course, the above activities almost without exception are armed services. The shooting training of IBSSA is organised by world-known situational training instructors. In the IBSSA, competitors have been making significant results worldwide at shooting competitions of the police and other organizations for years.

The IBSSA world-famous Master Teachers are involved in the training of professional law enforcement organizations and special forces in many countries. So, in Hungary the close combat and self-defence system of the TEK (*Counter-Terror Centre*) – which was also taken over by the EU similar organizations – was developed and is managed by Soke István Kelemen 10. Dan Jiu Jitsu master, a founding member of the IBSSA. Dr. Rony Kluger, from Israel, General Secretary of the IBSSA, prepares trainers of military and other law enforcement agencies in several countries besides Italy. The American Karl DelaGuerra (Charlotte, NC) is training the SWAT trainers in the United States. Tony Schiena, also an American, does not only train American experts on a regular basis, but has also participated in the preparation and training of Kurdish forces, fighting against the Islamic State.

The IBSSA Instructors and Master Teachers constantly train the army's and the police's special forces in many countries, such as Italy, Macedonia, Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and other Caribbean countries. There is no organization in Hungary, where our instructors, especially for close combat, wouldn't be present. In addition to the few examples, our instructors include the world-famous British Eddie Stone, or the well-known swordsman from the "Highlander" movie, the main star Adrian Paul.



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In terms of training, it has great significance, that our Education and Qualification Department has developed and mandated the requirements, that each of our training seminar needs to comply with and has also created a separate body for verifying these courses. In the coordination and organization of this activity an outstanding work was done by Dr. Bogdan Vukosavljevic, who – in the meantime – gained a Ph.D. degree in terrorism at the UN University of Belgrade, where he currently works as a tutor. IBSSA signed a cooperation agreement with the UN University of Belgrade, the North Carolina University's Antiterrorist Department and several other higher education institutions.

In Hungary, with the assistance of IBSSA, the MBVMSZ (*Hungarian Employers' Association of Security Companies*) was formed, with the active participation of several IBSSA member companies and IBSSA is well represented in the management of the organization. Similar successes have been achieved by IBSSA in other countries, such as Serbia, Slovakia, Latvia, Mexico, etc.

Seven years ago, at the initiative of IBSSA, the “Partnership for Security” program was established, which has had six international conferences on more continents so far. The cooperation has started with the IPA (*International Police Association*) and IAPA (*International Auxiliary Police Association*) organizations since then, nowadays nearly 100 other organizations, including universities, NGOs, sports organizations, Knightly Orders and media personalities joined the initiative. I must highlight, that in this program the cooperation with IAPA is outstanding, special thanks to Dr. Zoltan Hossó, President of IAPA, who has honoured all the events of IBSSA in recent years with his presence.

More than 50 organizations announced their participation in the 6th “Partnership for Security” International Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel on the 21st March 2018.

IBSSA and IAPA launched a new project in 2017: OAR (*Orphans for Animal Rescue*), to which many joined in the past year and with the support of these organizations and others, we have organised programs three times, where children visited the Green Island Animal Hospital in Törökbálint, and they were happy to walk around the orphan dogs and have learned how to care for and feed animals. Experts' opinion and conclusion is that the behaviour of children with difficulty has greatly improved during the programs.

IBSSA Diver training is ongoing in Miami, Florida at all levels – by our diving instructor Dr. Attila Kutas. At the end of the training, the successful participants will get a PADI degree. The training program includes: diving to underwater wrecks, encountering dolphins, sharks, rays, giant turtles, underwater harsh hunting, and taking underwater videos and photos about training and experiences.

We are planning to organize special training sessions on the weekends with the guidance of our world-famous IBSSA Master Teachers. Among the inviting foreign star trainers are: Semmy Schilt - four-time heavyweight K1 World Champion, Adrian Paul - movie star, Tony Schiena - movie star, three-time karate world champion and trainer, Rigan Machado - founder of Brazil Jiu Jitsu and film star, and last but not least Antonio La Salandra - the main instructor of the Vatican Swiss Guard (*who is the first and non-Swiss trainer during the 512 years' history of the Swiss Guard*) and others.

In 2015, upon the initiative of IBSSA, with the support of IAPA and several other international security organizations, a new system of honours was established to recognize the outstanding performance of security professionals and companies. In terms of its nature, it was registered as a non-profit international organization called the International Order of Knights of Security (*namely Order of Security*).

There were several reasons for its creation: we increasingly perceive that the need for security has never been as urgent as it is today, because the safety of people is constantly decreasing, as security risks and dangers have multiplied. Security has a huge challenge for individuals and society at national and international levels. Across the world, more and more professionals are employed by law enforcement agencies and the private security sector. At the same time, the profession's rank is growing steadily. The



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security profession rightly demands the recognition of exceptional performance and successful professional career at international level. So, I would like to point out that the OoS award system is NON-profit, and according to the organization's statutes, the additional amounts on the account must be spent on supporting IBSSA security trainings.

Of course, we need to speak about the economic issues as well. In February 2018, our International Auditing Committee, ratified by the Congress, completed IBSSA's comprehensive economic and financial audits about 2015, 2016, 2017 and as revealed in the report to the Congress, everything was found to be in the utmost order. However, it was emphasized again that, as in previous years, the deficit is unchanged, which is due to the fact that increasing activity involves increasing costs, too. While on the revenue side the membership fee obedience is still inappropriate. The deficit reduction is only explained by the fact that the IBSSA's senior executives carry out their activities without charge, and most of the time they finance for themselves travel and transportation costs, or the members give special support for our events.

At the end of January 2018, the IBSSA North American Conference was held in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. In addition to IBSSA representatives and members from North and South Carolina, Florida, Indiana and Mexico, the President of IAPA, representatives of the US Police, Sheriff's Office, FBI and many other law enforcement and secret service organizations attended the event. The first day of the two-day event focused on IBSSA's position and development. The second day was hosted by the University of Charlotte, where the fiery and actual issue of human trafficking was discussed by prestigious professionals.

The IBSSA – ISF (*International Sport Federation*) activities are also increasing – more and more martial arts and shooting trainings are organised under the leadership of Dr. Rony Kluger (Israel), President, and Dr. Nico Waerts (Netherlands), General Secretary of ISF.

Finally, another great news from last year that the Government of Mexico adopted the Executive Protection Specialist program of IBSSA Mexico. On the 24th April 2018, the Commissioner of the Mexico Federal Protection Service, in association with ASIS International and the IBSSA, signed into policy the formal adoption of the IBSSA standards and training program for all licensed bodyguards in Mexico. The ceremony was held at the Mexico City Convention Center during the very popular Security Expo Mexico.

The following IBSSA officials in Mexico were present at the signing ceremony, who played an intricate role in creating the IBSSA program that has been launched to prominence in the country:

- Mr. Ivan Ivanovich, Country Representative of IBSSA for Mexico, Instructor of VIP Protection
- Mr. Pablo Ortiz-Monasterio, IBSSA Instructor of High Performance Driving, owner of AS3 Security Driving
- Mr. Gonzalo Senosiain, IBSSA Instructor of Combat Shooting, owner of Combat MF

Ivan, Pablo and Gonzalo are all successful company owners in Mexico and a few years ago decided to come together and begin a unique collaboration under the banner of IBSSA. This resulted in their creation of the Executive Protection Specialist (EPS) program and training, which was initially adopted by ASIS Mexico as their organizational standard for executive protection. Then, from that platform, they have succeeded in having the IBSSA EPS course officially adopted as the first-ever national EP standard in Mexico.

Dear Friends,

please accept my report without completeness in the name of the Board of Directors. I think, we can be truly proud of our achievements and successes.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Prof. George Popper
President of IBSSA

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