

International Bodyguard & Security Services Association

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Report of the Board of Directors by The Executive President for the 7th IBSSA Congress

Dear Delegates, Members, Friends,

According to the decisions of the 5th Congress held in 1998 at Budapest the new leadership started a very active and professional work to change the character of IBSSA into a real professional international association that represents all civil companies on the field of security worldwide. The 6th Congress held in Caorle/Italy last year already proved that we are on the right way.

Based on the results of previous years many important steps were taken. The most important of all above is that now IBSSA through its various ways of communication and publications has reached its targeted audience! As we are an open International Association, all of our reports, minutes, proposals etc. are published and available on our website, CD-Rom and in the monthly issued bilingual IBSSA magazine, "Sportivo Magazine". Many national IBSSA organizations have already started publishing local IBSSA news in their native language (IBSSA Slovakia, IBSSA Hungary, IBSSA Austria, IBSSA Poland etc.). Parallel with our international and national magazines and improved various ways of communication we still distribute information via mail, fax, letter etc.!

By this wide range of communication every member can be up-to-date! We are sorry for those who still keep saying that they have no information it is their mistake.

Our communication shows what a hard and professional work was done by the leadership and some active members during last year. You can see how the education and qualification program has developed, the numerous training courses worldwide, many high-level events, exhibitions, championships etc. we have organized and participated.

The number of our members, associated members and partners is increasing day by day. IBSSA national organizations were registered in many countries. The cooperation between IBSSA and its regional organizations and departments with the Police Forces and other Law Enforcement Institutions is more and more successful on international and national level.

The only negative thing I wish to mention is the non – payment of the membership fees!

Everybody shall pay the membership fee without further notice not later than 31st of January of the annual year! Payment of IBSSA membership fee is not a contribution but obligation for all members of IBSSA.

It is not only hard work to build and maintain the image of IBSSA and its affiliates, but very expensive. No member can expect that the leadership of IBSSA beside the mass of time and energy spent on maintaining and improving IBSSA will finance the association alone, such as the situation today! Therefore following the former decisions we started to suspend and exclude many members, who did not pay the membership fee on time!

The result was that the membership is not growing rapidly, but changed for the better. Beside the suspended and excluded former inactive individual members, the new members of IBSSA – representing security companies and different security related professions – are very active.

Dear Members,

Please adopt the report and the budget for the next year showing not only your continuous support and trust to the leadership but assuring the high level and quality of work done for the benefit of IBSSA and all members!

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George Popper Executive President of IBSSA

Appendix 1: List of rules, minutes, reports published since the 6th Congress