President's report

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Dear IBSSA members,

This Year we succeeded again to publish our official magazine (already 3rd times) before the Congress. So it is very easy to report about the development of IBSSA since its foundation and especially about the last Year.

Over the 13 years since our establishment, organisations from over 100 countries have joined IBSSA. This is something to be proud of for any world organisations. However, the process seems to have gained further momentum in the past year. Our success has earned us attention and recognition and as a result we are welcomed by more and more world organisations. Owing to these achievements, we have become a respected and acknowledged association worldwide.

- We organised our last Congress in MIAMI Beach-Florida, because we decided to start more activities on the American continent, particularly in the United States.
- It is a fact that our education and training system belongs to the top category; this statement was proved by the last "SEC-tember" course, our special training, held in September 2007 in Budapest.
- I think it would be a mistake not to be present on the American continent and in the country, where the largest security market in the world operates. However, we are aware that we cannot extend our activities there without establishing a permanent representation and having local members in the country.

For this reason we appointed Miki Varga

- a major figure in our Education & Qualification Department, one of the most active members during the
 last 10 Years, who happens to run successful training bases on several continents -for Special
 Coordinator in the USA. He has moved to the US and with the help of Tamás Török, our representative
 in Florida, established the local IBSSA organisation to provide training and perform anti-drug activities.
 So this is how we started out providing services and in the USA convincing local security companies to
 join our association.
- Another important step in this relation the involvement and appointments of Mr. Karl DelaGuerra from Arizona, he is the head of the famous "Black Ice Training Centre" and Mr. Mike Csoke – our new representative in Canada.

Another new territory: Africa.

- Although we already have interests on the African continent, similarly to the United States we wish to involve further organisations operating there in the work of our world organisation through training programmes. We will raise our activities in South Africa and Angola. Our new base is located in Kenya.
- We support international organisations with our crime and drug prevention activities.
- We work with them in close cooperation.
 - I find it very important that IBSSA has recently joined "Mission Europa" that represents in the European Council with participation rights other world organisations like the International Police Union and the International Olympic Committee as well. I am honoured to be a member of the EC delegation of the Mission Europa.
- We have also recently joined IFNGO (International Federation of Non Governmental Organisations). This organisation includes non-governmental organisations from around the world that are concerned with anti-drug activities, and represents them in the UN and its various organisations. Our drug and crime prevention and crime fighting activities also led us to the International Union of Family Organisations. Through this organisation one of our members, Dr. Anna Popper became a founding member of the Abu-Dhabi World Family Forum, which holds conferences on family protection on a yearly basis.

Meanwhile, with active support of IBSSA – the European Narcotic Enforcement & Drug Prevention Centre (EDDKE) was founded in Budapest. Within its framework we established the section of European and

Hungarian narcotics officers. This organisation has about 100 members from 12 European countries and every day many new applications are arriving.

Our partner, the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) openly supported the establishment of the European organisation in Hungary as the highest number of INEOA members is there. Members of EDDKE are professionals from law enforcement agencies; European INEOA members and we also have leaders and representatives of non-governmental organisations. Our work is focused on training and education, and we also coordinate the activities of the European INEOA members.

Let me mention that we are represented in the European Homeland Security Association's working group, dealing with the security of seas and harbours and we have a leading position in the International Parliament for Safety and Peace (IPSP), just to mention a few of our achievements. There is no need to mention the association's connections with knightly orders, it is well known since several Years.

We are still seeking for new partners and supporters in all large-scale security-related projects. I am convinced that our presence in international organisations also helps us to deal with our basic activities with greater efficiency.

Dear Friends,

Reading the new magazine You will find more information and reports about our activities since our last congress, I just wanted to reflect some of them, which are very important.

Finally I must report you, that many of the representatives and leaders of departments are very active, thanks for them because the rapid development of IBSSA is the result of a good teamwork! We must appoint many new officials according the new areas and activities.

The not active officials will be replaced by new, active persons during the next congress!

As the Financial report shows, there is still a high deficit, which has mainly 2 reasons:

- a. the very dynamic development of IBSSA and its activity areas
- b. as the Audit Report shows the non ordinary payment of membership fees in many cases

You can also see that beside the very active and updated website of ibssa.org and ibssa.hu many national IBSSA organisations opened their sites, like Holland, Czech Republics, Trinidad and Tobago, Romania, etc.

Probably the most rapid developing area is the IBSSA ISF, thanks for its active leaders, like Mr. Rony Kluger, Mr. Frank Philipoom and Mr. Joe Mirza!

I wish You all good health and much success together with IBSSA!

Prof. George Popper, lieutenant general President