



International Bodyguard & Security Services Association

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Report on the 8th Congress of IBSSA and side events by the IBSSA Headquarters

The 8th Congress of IBSSA was held between 4 – 7 April 2002 at Hotel METROPOL in St. Pölten/Austria, with the support of the City Hall and the Police Office of St. Pölten.

(Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 8th Congress)

The nearly 100 delegates at the Congress represented 20 countries of 4 continents, representing security organizations, large and small companies, police and security services, investigation agencies and also associated international organisations.

Prior to the Congress on the 5th of April an IBSSA Board of Directors' and an open Executive Committee's meeting were held at Hotel METROPOL. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee made the final decisions on the preparations (nominations, schedule, etc.) of the 8th Congress of IBSSA.

The Congress was organised on a high level of professionalism. Dr. George POPPER (HUN) – Executive President of IBSSA expressed his thanks to the Patrons of the Congress for their support, kind hospitality and announced, that

- Bgm. Willi GRUBER – Mayor of St. Pölten
- Vbgm. Hans KOCEVAR – Vice Mayor of St. Pölten
- STR Mag. Willi STIOWICEK – Chief of Präsidialabteilung – Sport, City Hall St. Pölten
- STR Ing. Franz GUNACKER – City Hall St. Pölten
- STR Mag. Johann RANKL – City Hall St. Pölten
- Dr. Helmuth GERZABEK – Chief of Police
- Dr. Karl PERCHTHALER – IPA Section for St. Pölten
- Colonel Sepp HINTERMEIER – Chief Inspector of Security Service
- Major Franz BÄUCHLER – MEK Commander
- Lieutenant Alfred SCHÜLLER – Chief of Kripo
- Colonel Barbu LIVIU – Romanian Embassy
- Mr. Traian CHEBELU – Romanian Embassy

were honoured with IBSSA honorary diplomas and Commemorative IBSSA plaques of the Congress. The diplomas were presented by Dr. George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA and Prof. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI – 1st Vice President of IBSSA.

The decisions of the Congress:

The Congress unanimously adopted the Report of the Board of Directors about the development since the last congress, and also the following documents:

- Profit and loss statement of the year 2001
- Balance sheet of the year 2001
- Audit report for the year 2001
- Budget for the year 2003

The Congress unanimously adopted the following proposals:

- The 9th Congress of IBSSA will be held in October or November 2003 in Hurgada/Egypt
- 2nd IBSSA World Martial Arts Championships and Festival will be held at Riga/Latvia in November 2002

Appointments and awards:

The Congress unanimously adopted the following proposals of the Executive Committee:

Dr. George POPPER – Executive President announced, that H.R.H. Prince Michael James Alexander STEWART OF ALBANY – heir apparent to the Scottish throne – accepted the position as Honorary President of IBSSA, which is a great honour and recognition for the Association. The Congress delegates unanimously voted in favour of H.R.H. Prince Michael James Alexander STEWART OF ALBANY as Honorary President of IBSSA.

The Executive President also announced the final decision of the EC on the nominations of Honorary Members of IBSSA:

- Ms. Cynthia ROTHROCK (Ex-World Champion in Kung Fu, famous movie star)
- Mr. Anthony SCHIENA (2001/2002 World Traditional Karate Champion, Captain of World Champion US Karate Team and International Security industry entrepreneur and authority)
- Mr. Florentin MARINESCU (IBSSA Master Teacher)

And other awards:

- “Award for International Bodyguard Services”
 - Israeli College for Security and Investigations (Israel – Mr. Zeev GEFFEN, Director)
- “Bodyguard of the Year 2001”
 - Mr. János ARANYI (Hungary – ESCORT Defence Service)
- “Instructor of the year 2001”
 - Mr. Roberto De RONZI (Italy – IBSSA Master Teacher)
- “Security manager of the year 2001”
 - Dr. Constantin BUZATU (Romania – General Manager of Arcons Security Co.)
- “Company of the year 2001”
 - SAVOY Security d.o.o. (Slovenia – Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC, Director)
- “Security equipment of the year 2001”
 - Contactless Mifare Smart Card Reader Family (Hungary – Microraab Electronics Co.)

Forthcoming events:

- IBSSA International Physical Training Camp for bodyguards and security experts will be organised between 25 May – 1 June 2002 in Szolnok/Hungary by IBSSA and Escort Security Company
- IBSSA International OPEN Shooting Championships for Bodyguards will be organised at 15th June 2002 in Ljubljana/Slovenia by IBSSA and SAVOY Bodyguard Training Center
- 3rd WKC European Championships will be held between 15 – 16 June 2002 at St. Pölten/Austria
- 43rd INEOA Congress will be held between 12 – 18 October 2002 at Orlando/Florida/United States of America
- 4th WKC World Championships will be held between 21 – 22 June 2003 at St. Petersburg/Russia

At the end of the congress some IBSSA members gave a short report on their activities:

- Dr. Rony KLUGER – General Secretary of IBSSA provided information on the Rules of Education and Qualification Department of IBSSA – to keep the rules strictly and to initiate the orders, which were formerly discussed in numerous decisions (Registration of official IBSSA Instructors and Master Teachers).
- Mr. András CZAPÁRY (HUN) – Chairman of Technical Department of IBSSA and General Manager of Microraab Electronics Ltd. Co. gave a brief report on the activities of the department and demonstrated the “Contactless Mifare Smart Card Reader Family”, which was awarded “Security equipment of the year 2001”.
- Dr. Paul G. HÖGLUND (SWE) – Chairman of Quality Control Department of IBSSA provided information on the activities and purposes of the department, which was established for checking, testing and qualifying security products and has already started its active work.
- Mr. J.L. MACZKO (CAN) – Chairman of Narcotics Policy Department of IBSSA reported, that the department had several events including a Drug Prevention Camp in Bonyhád/Hungary. IBSSA was present at the 1st International Symposium on “Drugs at Events” and problems with drug abuse by security guards. Mr. MACZKO pointed out the most important event, that C-NIS (Center for Narcotics Information Support) was established with the support of IBSSA Narcotics Policy Department.
- Mr. Aldo TARRICONE (ITA) – Member of Investigation Department of IBSSA gave a short report on the activities and future plans of the department.
- Dr. Ilie BOTOS (ROM) – Honorary Member of IBSSA and Member of Antiterrorist Department of IBSSA provided information on the goals and programs of Research Center for Antiterrorism.
- Dr. Miroslav FRIEDRISHEK (CZE) – on behalf of Dr. Alexander CACH, Country Representative of IBSSA for Czech Republic reported on the activities of the IBSSA Czech Section and handed over to the Executive President the welcoming speech of Dr. CACH, who could not attend the 8th Congress of IBSSA due to unexpected circumstances. (PR materials of IBSSA Czech Republic were distributed – CD, Video, Calendar, etc.)

AIS NITOR Group – as invited guest also made a brief report concerning their activities, purposes and future plans. They had a demonstration on a new system – simulation shooting.

Dr. Michail M. VLADIMIR – Director of the Russian Cultural Institute – invited the Board of Directors of IBSSA to Moscow for an official meeting. Dr. VLADIMIR provided information on the World Anticriminal and Antiterrorist Forum (WAAF) and its purpose, which is to create an international grouping of anticrime and antiterrorist forces.

“No single nation alone can respond adequately to the challenges of criminal clans. To fight the common enemy, the world must unite. Only in joint effort experts, politicians and the broad public from all over the world can say ‘No’ to transnational crime. The goal of the WAAF is to unite this effort worldwide, i.e. beyond national boundaries and agency limitations.”

Beside of the Congress there were some very well organised events:

- In the evening of 4th April 2002 there was a well-organised reception at a small restaurant in St. Pölten. Dr. George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA welcomed all delegates and briefly introduced the present leaders and members of IBSSA. The Organising Committee greeted the participants and invited them for a drink.
- After the welcoming drink Ms. Cynthia ROTHROCK – Honorary Member of IBSSA and the IBSSA Leadership were invited for a welcome dinner.
- On the 5th April 2002 – there was the official opening lunch of the 8th Congress of IBSSA at Hotel METROPOL, which was a great attraction for most of the delegates and guests.
- In the afternoon, after the Congress, there was an official reception – for all delegates of the Congress and also for the participants of the training course – given by the Mayor of St. Pölten in the City Hall.
- Saturday morning, on the 6th April 2002, the congress participants visited the Police Office of St. Pölten, where the delegates received information on the daily work and structure of the office and they also had the possibility to visit the shooting ground of the Police Office.
- On the 6th April 2002, at 11.00 there was the successful 2nd IBSSA Bodyguard Demonstrations World Championships with the participation of many countries. The championship was held at the main square of the city, in front of the City Hall. The congress delegates and invited guests could see the following demonstrations and shows:
 - Martial Arts demo and special IAIDO show of Mr. Márk MÉSZÁROS – Hungary (sponsored by ESCORT Defense Service Ltd.)
 - Demonstration of the Hungarian Civil Guard – Mr. Lajos KALMÁR
 - Special driving demonstration of Mr. Roberto De RONZI – Italy
 - VIP Protection by Dr. Miki VARGA (Folda Training Center) and attendees of the training course
 - Demonstration of the Austrian Karate Federation
 - Special demo of the IBSSA International Team (against fire weapons, knife and unarmed attacks):
 - Prof. Giacomo S. BERTOLETTI (ITA) – 1st Vice President of IBSSA
 - Dr. Rony KLUGER (ISR) – General Secretary of IBSSA
 - Mr. Roberto De RONZI (ITA) – IBSSA Master Teacher, Member of Antiterrorist Department
 - Dr. Eriks GRINBERGS (LAT) – Chairman of Legal Department of IBSSA
 - Mr. Stephen CHEE (SIN) – Country Representative of IBSSA for Singapore

The winners of the 2nd IBSSA Bodyguard Demonstrations World Championships received an IBSSA Diploma and a plaque “For the best demonstration of 2002”. Each contestant won the prize and was awarded for its demonstration, because there were different categories and various demonstrations, so the jury decided to award all participants.

- At 20.00 on 6th April 2002 was the Farewell dinner.
- On the 7th April 2002, in the morning there were several meetings of IBSSA departments – such as Fund Raising Department, Informatics Department and Technical Department of IBSSA – and also there were numerous bilateral and multilateral discussions.

We would like to express our special thanks to Mr. Martin SPERL – Director of Hotel METROPOL – for his support and kind hospitality and also announce, that Mr. SPERL was honoured and elected Patronising Member of IBSSA and appointed Member of Travel Department. Hotel METROPOL became the official “Meeting Point” of IBSSA.

More details you can find on the Internet (www.ibssa.org) and on the IBSSA CD Rom.

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