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*Founder & Director of ISIS: Professor Dr. Plamen Pantev.*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017 (Year Twenty Three)

### RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS

1. *Ivo Cekov*, "The Changing Balance of Power in the Age of Emerging Cyber Threats", ISIS Research Reports 28, Sofia, June 2017, 20 pp.
2. *Valeri Ratchev*, "Partnership for Peace Trust Funds: Cooperative Security in Action", DCAF, Geneva, 2017.
3. *Valeri Ratchev et al.*, "NATO in South East Europe: A Harbinger of Democracy?", in: Political Trends and Dynamics in Southeast Europe, NATO in South East Europe, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Dialogue South East Europe, Sarajevo, 2017.
4. *Mira Kaneva*, "A Community of Insecurities", in: EU After 2020: In Search of Identity, Resilience and Growth, in Bulgarian, at: <http://www.becsa-bg.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-BESA-Conference-Papers.pdf>, p.216-227.
5. *Todor Tagarev, Valeri Ratchev*, "Trends in Armed Forces' Support to Civilian Authorities", in: Annual Conference of the International Emergency Management Society, TIEMS 2017, Kyiv, Ukraine, 4-6 December 2017.
6. *Todor Tagarev*, "Defence and Security Research, Technologies, and Innovation", in: Journal of Defence & Security Technologies, 1, 1, 2017, ISSN:2534-9813, 5-8.

\**Boyan Boyanov* continued his research on the Ph. D. dissertation topic – nonproliferation in East Asia. \**Petyo Vulkov* also continued his Ph.D. research on the role of the Albanian factor in the Republic of Macedonia. \**Velko Attanassoff* continued his long-term research on the foreign policies of the states in the Middle East, the role of power aspirations of local hegemony and the mobilizing power of Islamic activism. \**Plamen Pantev* continued his research on the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU and the policy of NATO – in the context of the interaction of the major power centers in the global international system. \**Yanko Yordanov* is on a diplomatic mission at the UNO, New York.

**NOTE: Most of the publications of ISIS in English are displayed in full text at [www.isis-bg.org](http://www.isis-bg.org), and some - at the website of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium Network of think-tanks (<https://www.nonproliferation.eu>)**

### CONTRACTED CONSULTING AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

ISIS worked in 2017 with and supported NGOs, academic organizations, universities, diplomacy and military educational institutions in the fields of security, foreign policy, international negotiations and civil-military relations. ISIS provided expert advice to official institutions in Bulgaria, NATO and the EU – directly or via consortia, in which ISIS participates.

## SUPPORT FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

ISIS supported in 2017, according to its tradition, Bulgarian and foreign B.A., M. A. and Ph. D. writers, including by linking them with established and highly qualified national, foreign and international experts, seminars and courses.

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS

In 2017 ISIS co-organized or its representatives were invited to and participated in 29 national and 34 international conferences, both abroad and in Bulgaria.

## MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Interviews by ISIS associates were given in 2017 for Bulgarian National Radio, Darik Radio, Bulgarian National Television, Nova TV, TV Europe, and other national and foreign media. The topics discussed were Ukraine, North Korea, Middle East, terrorism, migration, Balkans, Macedonia, Turkey, Brexit, US, RF, EU, China, NATO, national security, national defense, democratic oversight of the security sector, defense and technologies, global strategic affairs.

## NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

ISIS was actively cooperating with the following institutions in 2017:

1. NATO/PfP Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes, Garmisch.
2. EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris.
3. Bureau for Security Policy, MoD, and the IFK at the NDA, Vienna, Austria.
4. EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, Brussels, SIPRI, Stockholm, FRS, Paris.
5. Southeast Europa Association, Munich.
6. 'Friends of Europe' NGO, Europe's World Journal and SDA, Brussels.
7. George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
8. International Studies Association, USA.
9. National Defense University, Washington, D. C..
10. Clingendael, The Hague.
11. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London.
12. Center for Security Studies, Zurich.
13. Istituto Affari Internazionali, Roma.
14. Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva.
15. ISPI, Milano.
16. DIIS, Copenhagen.
17. The German Marshall Fund of the USA.
18. ECFR, London.
19. Academy of Political Science, New York.
20. Eurasia Review Newsletter, CA, USA.
21. OSCE Secretariat, Prague Office.
22. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, EASI, Brussels, Moscow.
23. Institute for National Strategic Studies, Israel.
24. RIIS "Nicolae Titulescu", Bucharest.
25. Center for Preventing Corruption and Organized Criminality at the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria.
26. Sofia Security Forum, Bulgaria.
27. ARI, France.

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Director of ISIS: .....  
(Prof. Dr. Plamen Pantev)