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isis.pantev@gmail.com, plamen.pantev@abv.bg, Website: www.isis-bg.org. In 2018 ISIS had 10 voluntary associates: 4 Senior Researchers, 6 PhD holders, 2 PhD writers, 2 M.As. ISIS is a non-profit think-tank, not linked to any political party, movement, organization, religious or ideological denomination. ISIS is part of the family of EU ISS-connected think-tanks. It is a member of the Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes of the NATO/PfP countries (www.pfpconsortium.org), member of *Europe's World Journal* Advisory Board of think-tanks.

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 (Year Twenty Four)

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS

1. *Boyan Boyanov*, The Nuclear Strategy of Donald Trump, in: 'International Relations' Journal, No 3, 2018, p.35-48. In Bulgarian.
2. *Mira Kaneva*, Beyond Brexit and the Elections in Europe – agenda of the diffuse threats posed to the European Union, in: 'Diplomacy' - journal of the Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria, 21/2018 (July), pp. 126-145, in Bulgarian and English.
3. *Mira Kaneva*, The Rule of Law from the English School Perspective. Cases of the Shifting Boundaries of Exclusion and Inclusion in Contemporary International Society, in: M. Belov, (ed.), 'Rule of Law at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century. Eleven International Publishing, The Hague, 2018, pp. 161-172, in English.
4. *Mira Kaneva*, Contemporary challenges to sovereignty in Europe – definitions and distinctions of territoriality and identity, in: 'Law and Borders (A compilation of conference papers)', Sofia, Sofia University Press 'St. Kliment Ohridski', 2018, 297-306. In Bulgarian.
5. *Mira Kaneva*, Bulgaria's Bordering Practices and Discourse during the European Refugee Crisis (2015–2017), Sofia: Sofia University Press 'St. Kliment Ohridsky', 2018, 94 pp., in Bulgarian and English.
6. *Plamen Pantev*, Challenges to the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union: Black Sea Region (Crimea) and Syria, Research Reports 19, November 2018, 27 pp., in English.
7. *Todor Tagarev*, Hybrid Warfare: Emerging Research Topics, in: 'Information & Security: An International Journal' 39, No 2 (2018), p. 289-300. Also at: <https://doi.org/10.11610/isij.3924>
8. *Todor Tagarev and Valeri Ratchev*, Trends in Armed Forces' Support to Civilian Authorities, in: 'Information & Security: An International Journal' 40, No 3 (2018). Also at: <https://procon.bg/article/trends-armed-forces-support-civilian-authorities>.
9. *Petyo Vulkov*, Policy of Russia and the "Albanian Factor" in the Republic of Macedonia, Center for International and Development Studies, Skopje, Journal of European and Balkan Perspectives, Vol. 1, No 1, 2018, Skopje, pp. 6-12. In English.
10. *Petyo Vulkov*, Ohrid Framework Agreement and the Problems With Its Implementation, in: Bulletin XIX, No 1, International Information Center for Balkan Studies – CIBAL, Winter 2018, pp. 25-31.

**Boyan Boyanov* continued his research on the Ph. D. dissertation topic – nonproliferation in East Asia. **Petyo Vulkov* also continued and is close to ending his Ph.D. research on the role of the

Albanian factor in the Republic of Macedonia. **Velko Atanasoff* 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 interaction of the major power centers in the global international system and how it relates to the strategic bargaining and constructive negotiations among them. * Todor Tagarev makes research on the INF and on the new Bulgarian fighters for the Air Force of the country. **Yanko Yordanov* is working currently in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

NOTE: Most of the publications of ISIS in English are displayed in full text at 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 2018 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 2018, 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 2018 ISIS co-organized or its representatives were invited to and participated in 26 national and 19 international conferences, both abroad and in Bulgaria.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Interviews by ISIS associates, especially by Prof. Todor Tagarev, were given in 2018 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, 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 2018:

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 and Disarmament Consortium, Brussels.
5. Bulgarian Hub for United Balkans, Sofia.
6. George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
7. 'Friends of Europe' NGO, Europe's World Journal and SDA, Brussels.
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. IRMO, Zagreb.
22. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels, Moscow.
23. Institute for National Strategic Studies, Israel.
24. PONARS, GWU, Washington, D.C.
25. Sofia Security Forum, Bulgaria.
26. ARI, France.
27. CIGI, Canada
28. The Hill, Washington, D. C.

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