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In 2019 ISIS had 9 voluntary associates: 4 Senior Researchers, 6 PhD holders, 3 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 since 1994. It is a member of the **Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes of the NATO/PfP countries since 1998** ([www.pfpconsortium.org](http://www.pfpconsortium.org)) , member of *Europe's World Journal Advisory Board of think-tanks since 2005*. ISIS is also a member of the **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium Network of think-tanks since 2017** (<https://www.nonproliferation.eu>) . The online publications of ISIS are part of the **Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) database, Columbia University Press, New York since March 2019** ([www.ciaonet.org](http://www.ciaonet.org))

ISIS was member of Multi-part Consortium of universities and institutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program of the EU (2008-2010). ISIS was listed among the 300 leading think-tanks world-wide in the 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008 editions of *NIRA's World Directory of Think Tanks*, Japan; among the 500 leading strategic studies centers by the IISS, London in 1998. The Wisconsin University awarded the website of ISIS in October 1999 with the Scout Banner of Most Recommended Website in the Social Sciences ('for life'). The Director of ISIS is member of ISA - USA, IISS - London, of the Academy of Political Science, New York, and of Vanga Foundation, Bulgaria. Prof. Dr. Todor Tagarev, Senior Researcher of ISIS, is a former Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria. Amb. Valeri Ratchev (Col. Res.), Senior Researcher of ISIS, is former Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Iraq and former Deputy Commandant of Rakovsky Defense and Staff College.

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

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019 (Year Twenty Five)

### RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS

1. *Mira Kaneva*, The Western Balkans at the End of the 2010s – Beyond the Security Dilemma? Research Studies 20, September 2019, ISIS, 18 pp. In English.
2. *Plamen Pantev*, Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind: Is There a Blueprint?, Research Studies 21, December 2019, 21 pp., in English.

**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>) and the Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) database, Columbia University Press, New York**

### CONTRACTED CONSULTING AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

ISIS worked in 2019 with and supported national, foreign and international 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 2019, according to its tradition, Bulgarian and foreign B.A., M. A. and Ph. D. writers, including by linking them to established and highly qualified national, foreign and international experts, seminars and courses.

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS

In 2019 ISIS co-organized or its representatives were invited to and participated in 16 national and 13 international conferences, both abroad and in Bulgaria.

## MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Interviews by ISIS associates were given in 2019 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 2019:

1. NATO/PfP Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes, Garmisch.
2. EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris.
3. EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium, Brussels.
4. Bulgarian Hub for United Balkans, Sofia.
5. Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO), Columbia University Press, New York.
6. George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
7. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London.
8. Bureau for Security Policy, MoD, and the IFK at the NDA, Vienna, Austria.
9. Academy of Political Science, New York.
10. National Defense University, Washington, D. C.
11. The National Institute for Global Strategy, Beijing.
12. ELIAMEP, Athens.
13. Istituto Affari Internazionali, Roma.
14. International Studies Association, USA.
15. 'Friends of Europe' NGO, Brussels.
16. IRMO, Zagreb.
17. The German Marshall Fund of the USA.
18. Clingendael, The Hague.
19. ISPI, Milano.
20. Eurasia Review Newsletter, CA, USA.
21. DIIS, Copenhagen.
22. ECFR, London.
23. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels, Moscow.
24. Institute for National Strategic Studies, Israel.
25. PONARS, GWU, Washington, D.C.
26. Centre for Global Studies "Strategy XXI", Kiev.
27. ARI, France.
28. CIGI, Canada.
29. The Hill, Washington, D. C.
30. Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva.
31. Center for Security Studies, Zurich.
32. Sofia Security Forum, Bulgaria.

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