

Securing Sport



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FIFA World Cup™ and the 2011 FIFA
Women's World Cup™

OUR MISSION:

To enhance security and safety in the world of sport by proactively addressing real issues and providing best-in-class training, research and tailored advisory in all aspects of sport security.



“Major events security is not an area for trial and error. It is our duty to ensure that the most effective practices for hosting these events in a secure way are thoroughly analyzed and widely shared and that we work towards the development of international standards.”

*Ronald Noble, Secretary General, Interpol
1st International Sport Security Conference – Doha 2011*



OUR VISION:

Major event security is an ever-more critical and complex practice.

And as more new nations take up the challenge of hosting the world's biggest sporting events, there has never been a greater need to share knowledge and experience in the field.

The ICSS is an international, not-for-profit institution that aims to help event organizers to stage safer major sporting events.

Our goal is to become a global hub for developing and sharing best-practice in sport security.

Our team brings together some of the world's leading sport security experts, working under the guidance of Executive Director Helmut Spahn.

We also have access to a worldwide network of specialist practitioners, allowing us to offer expertise in every aspect of sport security.

The ICSS is based in Doha, Qatar, an emerging centre for global sporting events including the 2006 Asian Games, the 2011 Asian Cup, the 2011 Pan Arab Games and the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™.

All of these factors make the ICSS an ideal partner for event organizers, governments, bidding nations and all those planning or working to deliver world-class safety and security services for major sporting events.

OUR SERVICES:

The ICSS works in three core areas: training, research and advisory.

We engage with national and international sport federations and other key stakeholders across all of our activities.

Our objective is to assemble the best-possible team for every project, while protecting the independence and objectivity of the ICSS.

The benefits of this collaborative approach are reflected in the results we deliver for our partners.

It also guarantees we fulfil our mission of contributing to the advancement and sharing of knowledge in sport security, helping to ensure the safety of athletes and spectators at every event.





OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

TRAINING

- Designing comprehensive strategies for sourcing and developing human assets to manage security for major sporting events;
- Training security teams at sport federations, event security organizers and law enforcement agencies in the latest techniques and technologies in sport security;
- Developing specialized materials and tailored training courses; and
- Helping our partners to generate expertise and build capabilities to prepare against security risks.

RESEARCH & NETWORKING

- Publishing working papers about key topics and trends in sport security;
- Developing bespoke reports for major event organizers analyzing solutions adopted by previous organizing committees and governments;

- Creating, developing and sustaining international co-operation in sport security through best-practice sharing;
- Facilitating an international network in the world of sport security; and
- Hosting expert panels and summits about contemporary issues in sport security.

SECURITY & RISK ADVISORY

- Conducting or facilitating the development of key strategy and plans for organizing committees, including: risk assessments; scenario planning; crisis management; command & control design; liaison strategies; and master security plans; and
- Designing and implementing security projects bespoke to the needs of specific events or venues.



Recent Activities:

Working with the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee

The ICSS has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee.



Mohammed Hanzab & Hassan Al-Thawadi

The agreement will see the two organizations work together on safety and security planning, capabilities and infrastructure for the

2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™.

Under the agreement, the ICSS will support the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee across a number of key areas including the development of an overarching Master Security Concept and training and capability building.

“The ICSS has an unrivalled network of internationally recognised experts, who will ensure we build on the successes and learnings from past major sporting events.”

***Hassan Al-Thawadi, General Secretary,
Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee***

The ICSS will support effective cooperation across the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee’s projects and sub-contractors, ensuring safety and security considerations are embedded in all planning.

Left: A team of ICSS experts analyzed security practices at the 2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup in Germany under an agreement with the German Football Association (DfB).

Recent Activities:

1st International Sport Security Conference

The ICSS regularly organizes events to encourage the creation of sport security networks and to drive new thinking in key areas of our work.

One example is the annual International Sport Security Conference, jointly organized by the ICSS and QIASS (Qatar International Academy for Security Studies).

The conference provides an important platform for sharing information and exploring best practices, as well as addressing the most pressing issues in sport security today. Its goals are:

- To promote effective discussion by inviting the most influential decision makers in the field of sport security;

- To shape the international agenda on sport security and enhance global cooperation and networking in this area;
- To develop recommendations and solutions for the international sporting community to enhance safety and security; and
- To facilitate cooperation and collaboration by providing a forum for discussion.

The inaugural International Sport Security Conference took place in Doha, Qatar, in March 2011. The invitation-only event brought together 150 of the key decision makers, experts and practitioners in sport integrity and security from around the world.

Highlights of the inaugural conference:



Lord John Stevens (above) (former Head of London's Metropolitan Police, current Chairman of MonitorQuest) and **William J. Bratton** (former Chief of Police of the New York and Los Angeles Police Department) discussed their views on the latest trends in sport security.



The First International Sport Security Conference, Doha - 2011



Leonard McCarthy (above) (Integrity Vice President, World Bank) explained the vital importance of a relentless effort against corruption.



Top level athletes, including **Michael Johnson** (four-time Olympic Champion and eight-time world champion) shared their perspective on athletic performance and security issues.

Top Management



Mohammed Hanzab

Mohammed Hanzab is President of the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS). He also currently serves as President of the Qatar International Academy for Security Studies (QIASS).

Mr Hanzab is a former Lieutenant Colonel in the Qatar Armed Forces. In the course of his extensive service, he also served as a commander of the Air Defence School and was involved in the Gulf Cooperation Council C4i (Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence) project. During the first Gulf War, he served as a liaison officer in Dahrán (Saudi Arabia). As a project officer, Mr Hanzab worked for the Qatar Air Defence Project which focused on advancement of secure communication, radars and C4i capabilities.

Mr Hanzab also undertook various management roles for the Qatar Information Agency, including Director of Publications.



Helmut Spahn

Helmut Spahn is Executive Director of the ICSS.

Mr Spahn is a highly respected expert in security and crowd management, and was the Chief Security Officer for the German Football Association (Deutscher Fußball-Bund, DFB). Mr Spahn was also the Chairman of the Commission on Prevention and Security of the DFB. He served as the Head of Security for the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ and the 2011 Women's FIFA World Cup™ in Germany, and has been a UEFA security officer for the Champions League and Europa League since 2007.

Mr Spahn started his long and distinguished career in law enforcement in 1984 in Hessen, where he served on the local police force and did service in the riot police unit.

He went on to hold several key positions, including becoming the platoon leader and lead training officer for the riot police unit. Mr Spahn was appointed Head of Security and Public Order of the Frankfurt Police Directorate in 2000, before becoming Head of Special Operations Command, also in Frankfurt.

Mr Spahn was trained at the Senior Police Service in Wiesbaden and the Police Academy in Münster. He earned a Degree in Management at the University of Applied Science Wiesbaden, where he also worked as a lecturer in Management Studies.

Our Advisory Board



Lord John Stevens

Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington is widely acknowledged as the most respected Metropolitan Police Commissioner of modern times. He has succeeded in making profound changes and garnering support from all sections of the community.

During his career with the Police, Lord Stevens led the Inquiry into the alleged collusion between the Security Forces and Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland.

He later headed the Metropolitan Police investigation into the allegation of conspiracy to murder Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Al Fayed.

From June 2007 to May 2010, having become one of the UK's leading security experts, Lord Stevens was appointed by the then Prime Minister Gordon Brown to the position of Senior Advisor on International Security Issues.

Lord Stevens is Chairman of Monitor Quest, a global specialist risk consultancy. In this role, he led the Inquiry for the Premier League into alleged irregular payments in football player transfers and chaired the Federation Equestre Internationale Ethics Panel on behalf of HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein.



Peter Ryan

Peter Ryan is considered to be a world expert on security for major public events. He was the overall security commander for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and has subsequently served as the Security Advisor of the International Olympic Committee for all Olympic Games.

Dr Ryan was the principal consultant to the Athens 2004, Turin 2006 and Beijing 2008 Organising Committees and provided advice to Vancouver 2010, and currently to London 2012 and Sochi 2014 as part of his IOC responsibilities.

He has also been involved in security planning for the West Asian and Asian Games in Qatar, the World Games in Taiwan and other large sporting and political events.

Through his service as a Chief Constable and National Director of Police Training in the UK and Commissioner of Police in New South Wales, Australia, he has led large, complex organisations through major change programmes, involving technological innovations and major cultural and organisational change.

He was formerly the Founding President of the European Association of Police Colleges and Chairman of the Interpol Training Committee.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

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Horst R Schmidt

Horst Schmidt has been Treasurer of the German Football Association (Deutscher Fußball-Bund, DFB) since 2007, having earlier served a 15-year term as the DFB's General Secretary.

During this time, Mr Schmidt also served as Vice President, then Senior Vice-President and Deputy President of the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ Organising Committee.

He previously worked on the Organizing Committees of the Munich 1972 Olympic Games, the 1974 FIFA World Cup™ in Germany, and was a Director on the Organizing Committee of Euro 1988.

Mr Schmidt has served honorary terms as a Member of the FIFA World Cup™ Organizing Committee and the UEFA National Teams and European Championship Organizing Committees. He worked as a Consultant for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa and currently holds the same role on the 2014 FIFA World Cup™.



Rick Parry

Rick Parry served as Chief Executive at Liverpool Football Club from 1998 to 2009, and was the Chief Executive of the English Premier League at its launch in 1992.

Mr Parry oversaw the development of the Premier League into one of the top professional football competitions in the world, with major investment in new stadia, increased attendances and an influx of major international stars. During his last twelve months in the role, he brokered the biggest-ever television deal in the history of UK sport, with BSkyB and the BBC offering a package in excess of £700m for Premier League broadcasting rights.

Mr Parry also has significant non-football experience, having prepared Manchester's bid for the 1992 Olympic Games in 1985 and later advised the Birmingham Olympic Games Council on financial matters.

He was Chief Executive to the Manchester Phoenix Initiative, a major urban regeneration project which culminated in the establishment of the Central Manchester Development Corporation.



Eric Drossart

Eric Drossart, a former professional tennis player and three-times Belgium champion and Davis Cup competitor, joined IMG in Brussels in 1974.

Moving to London in 1982, whilst still running the IMG European Tennis Events Division, Mr Drossart quickly added to his responsibilities, becoming Director of Television Sales in 1985 and Managing Director for all TWI (now IMG Media) operations in Europe, Africa & Middle East in January 1987.

In March 1998, Mr Drossart became Senior Executive Vice President and Managing Director of IMG.



Ali Soufan

Ali Soufan is the Chief Executive Officer of the Soufan Group LLC. Mr Soufan is a former FBI Supervisory Special Agent who investigated and supervised highly sensitive and complex international terrorism cases, including the East Africa Bombings, the attack on the USS Cole, and the events surrounding 9/11.

He is regarded as a leading national security and counter-terrorism expert, and continues to play a significant advisory role on today's most sensitive issues.

Mr Soufan had a distinguished career in the FBI. He often operated out of hostile environments and carried out sensitive extra-territorial missions and high-level negotiations. Mr Soufan also served on the Joint Terrorist Task Force, FBI New York Office, where he coordinated both domestic and international counter-terrorism operations.

Mr Soufan's work in the FBI was noticed by the former Mayor of New York, Rudolph W. Giuliani who hired him to serve as the Chief Operations Officer of the International Division of Giuliani Security & Safety LLC, a division of Giuliani Partners LLC. Mr Soufan was instrumental in expanding the global reach of GSS.

Mr Soufan serves as the Executive Director of the Qatar International Academy for Security Studies (QIASS) and as a Visiting Senior Fellow in the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore.

He has appeared as an expert panellist and as a guest speaker at international security forums, both in the United States and abroad.



Khoo Boon Hui

Khoo Boon Hui is the current President of Interpol. He has 30 years' police experience, as well as recognized expertise in organizational management.

Mr Khoo began his career in the Singapore Police Force (SPF) in 1977 and has served as Commissioner of the Singapore Police since 1997.

Under his leadership, the SPF has helped Singapore consistently maintain low crime rates and earn a reputation as one of the safest cities in the world. Mr Khoo's previous positions at the SPF include Deputy Commissioner of Police, Director of the Criminal Investigation Department and Police Chief of Staff. On 1 Feb 2010, he was appointed the Senior Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In 2006, Mr Khoo was elected to the INTERPOL Executive Committee as Vice-President for Asia. In October 2008, he was elected President of INTERPOL.

Mr Khoo holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Engineering Science and Economics from the University of Oxford.



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