



International Counter-Terrorism
Academic Community

"It takes a network to be a network"

History

The International Counter-Terrorism Academic Community (ICTAC) is an International association of academic institutions, experts and researchers in fields related to the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism.

ICTAC was originally founded in 2003 by Dr. Boaz Ganor, Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzlyia (ICT), Israel, in order to create an active network amongst the Academic Community to lead the way in guiding politicians and decision makers in countering terrorism.

One of ICTAC's first initiatives was to agree on one objective definition for the term "terrorism" as "*The deliberate use of violence aimed against civilians in order to achieve political ends.*"

The Rationale

Global terrorism is not merely working to change reality through "proxies" and secondary mediums, but rather a devastating instrument capable of directly changing reality, and affecting thousands of individuals and whole populations.

The global reach of terrorism, its operatives' growing experience, their adoption of the most effective tactic of modern terrorism as suicide attacks, and the attempts to move from modern conventional terrorism into post-modern, non-conventional terrorism, call for an effective, counter-terrorism global alliance.

Whereas terrorism is becoming an increasingly international and multi-disciplinary phenomenon, carried out by networks, rather than classic organizations, ICTAC adopted as its slogan the phrase - "It needs a network to beat a network".

Just as the terrorists have formed networks, so must counter-terrorists learn to network between like-minded organizations and individuals.

The International Counter-Terrorism Academic Community was designed to meet the challenge.

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Constitution

Name

The Association shall be called The International Counter-Terrorism Academic Community (ICTAC)

Aim

The aim of the Association is to promote the development of an interdisciplinary non-partisan international academic association of institutions and experts in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism with direct interaction between members

Goals:

- Facilitate and coordinate interaction among multi-disciplinary and international counter-terrorism research institutions and individuals
- Promote and carry out focused research efforts, especially work based on international co-operation
- Identify and work to obtain resources to support international CT research
- Create an infrastructure for the exchange of information, knowledge and lessons learned and best practices
- Disseminate information and publish scholarly research
- Develop better communications between practitioners and scholars
- Formulate and promote effective counter-terrorism policies by the international community
- Achieve a nongovernmental consultative status with the United Nations, the European Union and other international organizations
- Provide decision makers with CT recommendations

Membership

Full members

Full membership of ICTAC is open to academic institutes, think-tanks, universities or research centers which relate to the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Full membership gives right to participate to all ICTAC activities, participate in the elective process as electors and candidates to the association's executive and receive all the ICTAC products.

The ICTAC Conference or its Executive Committee can decide on the co-option of new members.

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Observers

The status of observers is open to international or national organizations, societies or institutions pursuing objectives compatible with those of ICTAC in related fields of activity.

Observers can participate to ICTAC activities and receive its products, but have no right to participate in the elective process.

Individuals

Individual researchers with recognized credentials in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism studies.

Individuals can participate to ICTAC activities and receive its products, but have no right to participate in the elective process.

The ICTAC Conference or its Executive Committee can decide on the co-option of new observers and individual members.

Executive Committee

The Association members shall elect the following members of the Executive Committee who will be responsible for implementing and coordinating ICTAC's activities.

The President will be the immediate past-Executive Director and have a consultative role to the Executive Committee. The President shall not normally hold office for more than two years.

Executive Director, responsible for the overall implementation of the working program decided by the Association, organizing the following Association Conference and representing ICTAC at other national and international forums

Academic Director, responsible to promote and carry out focused research efforts, especially work based on international co-operation, to disseminate information and publish scholarly research and editor of the ICTAC Annual Global Terrorism Report.

Five members of the Executive Committee, they are elected by all the members of ICTAC to support in decision making.

All Executive Committee officers shall be elected for the period of two years. They assist and advise the Executive Director as he/she requests

The Executive Director shall not hold office for more than two years. During these two years the executive director may appoint further members (or appointees from his institution, etc.) for specific or temporary roles to support the committee's work, or specific projects.

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Conferences

There shall be a Conference of the Association every two years. The quorum for the Conference shall be a majority of the full members.

The time and place of the Conference shall be decided at the previous General meeting.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the organization of the Conference.

At the Conference the members will receive and consider reports of the Executive Committee, discuss any matter relevant to the purposes of the organization; adopt resolutions consistent with this constitution, decide a work program for the next two years and vote the next Executive Committee

Resolutions adopted by the Conference shall stand as an expression of the views of that body

The Executive Committee may call other ad-hoc general meetings or further specific conferences, on the provision of notice of two calendar months to the members of the Association.

Website

The Executive Committee for the years 2010-12 shall be responsible to build a permanent website for the Association.

Annual Report

Every year the Executive Committee will publish ICTAC's Global Terrorism Report, written with the support of all full and individual Members and edited by the Academic Director.

Web Newsletter

The Association shall publish an informative Newsletter every six months. The newsletter will include report on activities of the executive committee during that time and progress on decisions made or projects.

Other Publications

The Association shall sponsor the publication of such other materials as the EC may determine.

Funding

ICTAC can receive funding from governmental, public and private sources.

Alteration

This Constitution may be altered at a duly convened Conference of the Association by a 2/3 majority vote of members present, on a motion of which notice has been given in writing to the Executive. Every decision to be approved, have to receive 50% plus 1 of the votes.

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