IPA NEWSLETTER COMPILATION 2018
WORD OF INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present you the IPA NEWSLETTER COMPILATION 2018. 
Thank you to everyone who submitted articles throughout the year!

The International Police Association currently consists of 65 national sections, 2 provisionally affiliated sections, as well as 1 section in foundation: 68 sections, each with their own individual characteristics and interests. Looking at the image on the front cover, each section could be compared to a small pin badge, with every single one representing distinctly separate entities.

When placed next to each other, however, these badges, as well as all IPA sections, form a unique and colourful whole, united by the motto of ‘Servo per Amikeco’ – ‘Service through Friendship’, casting all dissimilarities aside.

The IPA Newsletter Compilation 2018 provides you with 144 articles, a good cross-section of the multi-faceted IPA life throughout the year. You will discover the celebrations of anniversaries, as well as the gathering of IPA members during Friendship Weeks; see accounts of marathons and football tournaments, to name but a few of the many sporting events on offer; you can also find out what IPA hosting is all about.

In addition to the rich cultural, sporting and social side, you can explore the professional side of the IPA, with articles covering the Arthur Troop Scholarship, Best Practice, seminars at our Training and Education Centre in Castle Gimborn, and IPA training weeks as well as seminars.

Contemplate where you could travel next by looking at our articles on IPA Houses, which we are pleased to offer in many of our sections, or be inspired by many of the IPA Newsletter front covers to take part in our IPA Photo Competitions.

Find out about the activities of the IPA International Board, and the main IPA event of each year: the IPA World Congress.

The possibilities are endless … but most of all each individual article will hopefully showcase the essence of what it means to be in the IPA.

Enjoy!

Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre
IPA President

Elke
Newsletter Editor
The simple innocence of youth

A joyful entry to the IPA Photo Competition 2017 from Asher Shmuelevitz, IPA Israel
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear friends,

I can only start by wishing you all the best and a safe journey through 2018. May it be a year of health, happiness, love, joy, success, and many other positive aspects. But I would also like to wish courage, strength and support in adversity to those who are facing difficult times.

‘What unites us is stronger than what divides us’ (Pope John XXIII). Friendship unites us. So may it act as a strong pillar on our way, in positive as well as in difficult moments.

When asking a few people lately what friendship meant to them, most of their answers mentioned loyalty, respect and faithfulness.

Then one of my close friends emphasised **availability**, telling me that ‘a friend is simply the person who is there for you, in a natural way with their heart and without feeling obliged, when you need them and when you don’t’.

And my oldest son talked about the **oneness or unanimity of wills**, as friendship being a demonstration of a certain global solidarity, a waiver of the individual interests in order to improve the common interests.

It is self-explanatory. Therefore my wish to all of us for this coming year is as follows: Let’s step aside from misunderstandings as well as internal problems within the IPA and let us all work on our availability and unanimity of wills. By doing so and offering our best, we will truly ‘serve through friendship’, and therefore the reflection of our actions will definitely be in accordance with the IPA values.

Servo per Amikeco

*Pierre-Martín Moulin, IPA President*
IPA Kenya visits Red Rhino Children’s Home for Charity Work

In a clear departure from our norm, the International Police Association Kenya Section chose a totally different venue to hold our end-of-year get-together. In the past, such events have been held in hotels, away from the general public.

On the 16th of December 2017, the centre for all IPA activities was the Red Rhino Children’s Home in Machakos County, some 70 km from the capital city, Nairobi.

The Red Rhino Children’s Home is residence for 34 orphaned children aged between 3 and 18 years. There are twenty girls and fourteen boys residing in the home. The home also caters for non-resident children from poor families whom they regularly supply with clothes (including school uniforms), food rations and emotional support in their homesteads.

In line with our mandate to create bonds of friendship and promote cooperation with the immediate communities through cultural and social activities, the IPA Kenya Section donated Christmas goodies such as foodstuff, clothes, detergents, toiletries, sanitary towels, books and most importantly friendship. The Home was deeply grateful!

The day’s events commenced with games and entertainment, whereby the IPA members and the children showcased their talent in dancing, cracking jokes and various games.

The climax of the day was a joint luncheon where IPA members served the children with food that the members had prepared.

To enhance the image of the police and assist police officers to improve their relation with the general public, we invited the local police command to the event. They were represented by the local Officer Commanding Station (OCS), and several uniformed officers, both from the Kenya Police Service and the Administration Police Service serving in the locality.

*Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya*
Día del Socio

El día 16 de septiembre tuvo lugar la celebración del ‘Día del Socio’, jornada, organizada conjuntamente con los compañeros de IPA Navarra, en la localidad de Murgia, Álava.

Aunque las previsiones no auguraban buen tiempo, cosa que no ocurrió, a las 10:00 horas, y después de haber dado cuenta de un delicioso almuerzo, dieron comienzo las actividades programadas.

Los asistentes pudieron participar de:

- Batallas de Paintball,
- Toro mecánico,
- Segway,
- Competiciones de Wii.

Finalizadas las actividades matinales, a las 14:30 nos trasladamos a un restaurante cercano en el que tuvo lugar una comida de hermandad.

En los postres, tal y como esta previsto, se procedió a la entrega de las Insignias y Diplomas, en su categoría de oro y plata, a los compañeros por su particpación a la asociación durante 25 años y a los que han desempeñado funciones de responsabilidad en diferentes juntas durante 5 mandatos.

Aunque nos hubiese gustado contar con todos los compañeros merecedores de esta distinción, por diversos motivos (laborales, familiares, etc.), no fue posible por lo que desde estas líneas tanto la junta de Navarra como de Euskadi queremos felicitar a todos los compañeros que han cumplido ese aniversario en nuestra asociación y animarles a que sigan con nosotros durante mucho tiempo.

Finalizada la entrega, dimos comienzo a los dos eventos previstos para la sobremesa:

El Karaoke en el que, como en otras ocasiones, pudimos comprobar la destreza de algun@s compañero@s en esta disciplina….. y

El Torneo rápido de mús, con la participación de ocho parejas.
A las 19:30 horas, dimos por finalizada la jornada y como se suele decir ya sólo faltan 364 días para la celebración de la del año próximo.

Servo per Amikeco

IPA Euskadi, Spain

IPA Brazil’s Christmas present initiative

The IPA in Brazil brought 2,000 smiles to the faces of needy children in the country this Christmas.

The IPA Brazil Social Project, entitled ‘Christmas Letters’, achieved its goal by collecting 2,000 Christmas gifts requested by letters to Santa written by children from low-income families.

One of the children, 8 year old Natalia, wrote: ‘Santa Claus, my Dad left and my Mom lost her job. She said that at Christmas we’ll be at my aunt’s house. I don’t like that very much. She said that buying Christmas presents would be difficult and we would have to wait until next year. I did not believe that you would forget me, so I wrote to you because I so badly wanted to have a doll. I got a good grade in class and the teacher says I’m a well behaved student. You can ask her.’

As Santa’s address was still unclear, although they say it’s at the North Pole, IPA Brazil went to the Post Office and picked up the 2,000 letters from Santa’s Letter Box, and along with associates, partners and other institutions of the police, collected the present requests. All presents were then delivered to the children at their home addresses by the Post Office of Brazil as we have a partnership with IPA Brazil.

Embedded in the basic principle of IPA, ‘Servo per Amikeco’, we will have 2,000 smiles this Christmas. Although we would like it to be two million, in the future we will get there. Merry Christmas to all and may the Christmas spirit be upon you. Long live the IPA!

Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil
IPA UK celebrates Members’ Day with the unveiling of a Blue Plaque in honour of Arthur Troop

IPA UK Members’ Day was a fantastic opportunity to meet up with friends from all over Section UK and other sections.

More than 70 people were present on the day, which started with a light buffet lunch served, while members and guests were treated to an excellent display of the archives carefully arranged by Phillip and Vivian Powell. The archives covered a wide time line of Arthur Troops’ life and achievements, showing the wide effect he had across the world of Policing and Friendship.

We were honoured to have Kevin Troop with us at the IPA offices in Fox Road. He was able to speak to all members about his father, and gave a fantastic insight into the International Police Association.

Kevin was delighted to unveil a blue plaque in honour of his father which was a fitting mark of recognition for Arthur and the IPA. The picture shows the members toasting Arthur Troop.

After raising further funds for the Police Roll of Honour Trust by way of a raffle, all of those gathered listened to a recording of Arthur Troop made at Fox Road exactly 23 years ago. It was a moving and thought-provoking moment in time.

Some of the activities can be viewed by following the link: Members Day 2017.mp4

Sean Hannigan, Vice President IPA UK

XVII Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo


Una vez más la participación en dicho Encuentro ha sido muy apreciada, con la participación de un total de 35 expositores, lo que ha motivado que un destacado número de visitas, de más de 120 personas, hayan llegado a las instalaciones con el ánimo de ser testigos y obtener o intercambiar los objetos expuestos por los compañeros, que tienen como hobby el coleccionismo policial.

El evento tuvo lugar en el hall del edificio modernista de la Estación de Ferrocarriles del Norte, de la capital, ya en desuso, y organizado por IPA Barcelona a través de su coordinador Ignacio Zúñiga “Nacho”, quien pudo reunir a los participantes, mediante su relación personal que mantiene con todos ellos, los cuales pertenecían a 6 países: Andorra, Bélgica, Eslovaquia, Hungría, Suiza y un gran número de socios españoles de IPA. Los intercambios resultaron ser muy satisfactorios, con la obtención de piezas de difícil adquisición, tales como gorras, placas, pins, escudos, coches en miniatura, medallas y otros muchos objetos llenos de historia policial.
Tuvimos la oportunidad de contar con un grupo de recreación histórica de la Policía Autonómica Catalana, Mossos d’Esquadra, del año 1840, ataviados con sus uniformes de la época, así como los participantes de un grupo de los marines USA, con sus vehículos propios, que se utilizaron en la 2ª Guerra Mundial y también de numerosos participantes que lucían uniformes de policías americanas. Todo ello dio un aire festivo, retro y pintoresco al encuentro, que resultó muy interesante, siendo del agrado general y valorado grandemente por los visitantes y expositores.

El presidente de IPA España Arturo Salinas, a quien acompañaban el Secretario General, el Vicetesorero y nuestros amigos Josep de Blas, Jesús Casares, el Presidente de IPA Andorra Josep Antoni Pujol y su Vicesecretario, entre otros, acudieron a dicha Reunión Internacional, manifestando su satisfacción y ensalzando la gran afluencia de personal y exhibición de objetos.

Como finalización del acto, tanto la organización como el Presidente IPA España y su Secretario General felicitaron a los presentes por su participación, al tiempo que reseñaban que el éxito obtenido había sido por el empeño e interés demostrado por todos, así como de las personas que habían colaborado en su desarrollo.

El mismo sábado por la tarde se realizó una visita guiada a la Basílica de la Sagrada Familia, para todos aquellos participantes que así expresaron su deseo, a cargo del director de seguridad del mismo, como una atención expresa de la Dirección del Templo.

Por último y como colofón de la jornada, tuvimos una cena de hermandad en un conocido y típico restaurante del Port Olímpic de la ciudad, donde se ofreció la posibilidad de degustar la cocina catalana, que tanto agrada a los compañeros que nos visitan desde Europa.

Una vez más y después del esfuerzo realizado, nos queda la satisfacción de haber compartido un buen rato con compañeros que tienen nuestras mismas aficiones e inquietudes laborales, permitiéndonos acercar más en nuestras relaciones y sentir más aún nuestro lema ‘Servicio por Amistad’.

Cordialmente,
Ignacio Zúñiga ‘Nacho’, IPA Spain
Section UK ‘hands-on’ at Gimborn

Sometimes you get the strangest jobs as a Vice President, especially when new on the Board!

Not long after I had started, I was told that money had been put aside to refurbish the section UK bedroom at Castle Gimborn, the IPA international training centre in Germany.

This took quite a bit of planning, as not only did the furniture need replacing, but also the room needed redecoration including new curtains and appropriate memorabilia.

I had a vision for this room, which was currently cold and unloved, to become warm and welcoming, and to reflect well on Section UK to friends and colleagues from around the world, who would stay there whilst attending seminars at Gimborn.

At this point it would be appropriate to thank a few people: firstly my wife Helen who made the curtains for the bedroom and covered a lampshade from IPA tartan provided by Region 1 (Scotland). Also of course to Region 1 for their generous donation.

Region 4 (Wales) provided helmet plates, crests and a small red dragon which now sits on the newly installed console table.

Region 2 (Northern Ireland) provided crests, as did many other regions and branches, so thank you to all.

Two days of long hours, hard work and a trip to the biggest furniture store I have ever been in to select the new sofa beds, meant there was not a minute to spare to get the job finished. Whilst not quite the 60 minute makeover you see on TV it was something close!

There is still some further work required to finish the job. The staff at Gimborn have kindly agreed to paint the rest of the two rooms and hopefully early in the new year two beds will be purchased, as the ones currently in use are at best past it.

I hope in reading this article you will be inspired to look at the 2018 seminar programme for courses available at Gimborn. There is an excellent range this coming year.

And if you would like to, ask specifically to be put in the section UK room!

*Clive Wood, IPA UK Vice President responsible for the professional portfolio*
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An der akademischen Zeremonie nahmen diplomatische und akademische Behörden, sowie Presse- und Kulturvertreter und Polizisten des Kantons Bern teil.

*Javier Gamero Kinosita, Member of the Professional Committee*

### Arthur Troop Scholarship 2019

The Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) is now open for applications from IPA members worldwide. Arthur Troop Scholarships are awarded annually and preferably at least one will be granted to each continent in which we have member sections – Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Australasia and Europe.

Each scholarship consists of a bursary of up to 2500 €, to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre IBZ Schloss Gimborn, or at a comparable institution.

Applicants must have been an IPA member for at least 2 years before applying, and the scholarship must be taken between 1 January and 31 December of the year following the awarding of the scholarship (extensions are not granted).

Arthur Troop Scholarships may be awarded to any IPA member in the police service, but are predominantly targeted at our younger members. Applicants are required to submit an application form setting out their reasons to support their selection.

Applications must be processed through their national sections and forwarded to the International Administration Centre (IAC) at iac@ieb-IPA.org. All applications must be supported by a written confirmation of membership from their sections.

The Chair of the Professional Commission (PC) will process the applications. After the assessment of the PC and the decision of the IEB, awardees will be announced during the World Congress in the Netherlands in September 2018.

The Arthur Troop Scholarship Application Form can be found on the international website.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2018.

*May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the Professional Commission*
The archives at the IAC sometimes reveal hidden treasures – last month, I was happy to discover a copy of an IPA Kenya Newsletter from July 1964. I took it home with me over Christmas to have a look, and hope that the archivists will forgive me for taking it away from its protected environment. 😊

What caught my attention first and foremost was the beautiful hand-drawn giraffe on the front cover, as it sums up perfectly what makes the IPA attractive to everyone: the association is made up of 66 individual sections, offering insights, stories and opportunities into worlds different to the one each IPA member lives in individually, but under the umbrella of the common goal of friendship amongst police.

Once I got past the giraffe, the Newsletter revealed all sorts of interesting facts and humorous anecdotes. And the confirmation, that although our way of life has changed significantly since 1964, there were many aspects that do not seem that dissimilar to the enquiries and wishes of today: contact requests from abroad, information regarding the activities of members, and opportunities to find like-minded IPA members for hobbies, ranging from the ever-popular football and motoring to the possibly more ‘niche’ IPA activities of poultry and opera singing! 😊

In any case, I hope that all editions of the IPA Newsletter in 2018 will provide you with an interesting and enjoyable mixture of information and stories, illustrating life within the IPA. I am looking forward to receiving your articles over the next few months, so they too can be shared throughout the IPA.

Elke
## CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.
If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de

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On top of the World

A stunning photo by IPA Finland member Markku Hotti
IPA HAiku

IPA

A group of people
One vision, one goal, one heart
IPA will prevail

Mika Hakkarainen, Finland
(entry for the 2015 IPA Poetry Competition)
2018 Friendship Award of IPA Germany presented to Jimmy Albrecht of IPA USA

Since 1976, IPA Germany has each year presented the ‘Friendship Award of the German IPA Section, consisting of an engraved pewter pitcher (called Nuremberg jug) and a certificate, to people or institutions that have rendered outstanding services to the social-professional organisation IPA.

This very highly esteemed award is a special recognition for extraordinary contributions to the IPA in the spirit of our motto ‘Servo per Amikeco’. The list of recipients of this award is long, and their contributions to the further development of the work of IPA founder Arthur Troop infinite.

The National Executive Board of IPA Germany decided at its latest meeting to award the Friendship Award 2018 to the former police officer and long-term IPA friend James F. Albrecht, called ‘Jimmy’. Jimmy Albrecht is no stranger to the German IPA. He is well-known in Germany from north to south and from east to west like no other American.

As a speaker on topics related to the police, he was and still is a very welcome guest at German police forces and IPA subdivisions. In more than 30 years he has made many friends through his uncomplicated, helpful and friendly nature. He has organised countless New York visits and looked after IPA friends and has contributed significantly to the success of numerous internships in the USA. James F. Albrecht is absolutely reliable! - and when nothing seems to work anymore, IPA friend ‘Jimmy’ is always there to help, no matter where he is in the world.

The National Executive Board therefore decided to honour James F. Albrecht with the Friendship Award of IPA Germany in New York on 6 January 2018. The ceremonial handing over of the award was performed by Vice President Oliver Hoffmann in the NYPD Headquarters. The ceremony was also attended by the Head of the NY branch Juan Perez, and Karin Azadian representing IPA USA.

Oliver Hoffmann, Vice President IPA Germany
World Congress 2018: Registration now open!

Registration for the 63rd IPA World Congress is now open.

The congress will take place from 18-23 September 2018 in Rotterdam in the Netherlands, on board the ship SS Rotterdam.

More details and a registration form can be found on www.ipa-nederland.nl/over-ipa/worldcongress-2018/.

Please note the registration deadline of 1 April 2018.

Information provided by John Korsel, Webmaster IPA Netherlands

IPA New Zealand members fly the flag of hospitality

November 2017 found Shirley and I, along with two other family members, in New Zealand to fulfill a lifetime plan, having retired in 2000.

IPA member Ross Pinkham, National President of IPA New Zealand, along with Alan Monk, certainly raised the hospitality flag in our honour.

They used two vehicles to take the four of us on a fantastic tour of Napier, North Island. We were shown the most beautiful panoramic sights with a detailed history of Napier since the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake.

Napier’s buildings have been re-modelled in Art Deco style and are most impressive.

We had a tight scheduled return time to the port for departure. However, Ross and Alan managed to fit in a wine tasting session at Ashridge vineyard.

Ross and Alan made our experience in Napier a very enjoyable one for which we thank them.

Roger Sharp, IPA UK, with Shirley, Heather & John
IPA South Africa’s West Coast celebrates National Police Day

On 27 January 1995, the South African Police Service Act was promulgated. As of that year, 27 January is celebrated as National Police Day in South Africa.

At this time we recognise our members for the services they rendered. It is also an indication to local and international communities that the SAPS is honoured and respected for law and order and for the safety and security it provides for South Africa and its people.

Our constitutional mandate is to prevent, combat and investigate crime, as well as to maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property and to uphold and enforce the law.

Lest we forget the sacrifice of the South African Police officers and K9’s and our colleagues from around the world, who have lost their lives in the line of duty – we salute you!

IPA West Cost celebrated National Police Day 2018 on Windhoek Farm in the Darling area. We started the day with a tribute and then a Fun Walk. And what better way to end the day with a boerie roll and spending time together, building new friendships and re-connecting with those we have not seen for some time.

Thank you to everyone who participated, I hope you enjoyed the day. Thank you to Melvin De Bruyn, Jakkie and Alfie Van Litsenborgh for all the work you have put in to make it a success. Also thank you to Checkers Vredenburg and Milnerton SAPS Sport Club for the contributions that made this day a success.

_Elbie Gore, IPA South Africa West Coast and National Editor IPA South Africa_
IPA Sri Lanka present Photo Competition award

Following the announcement and presentation of certificates for the IPA Photo Competition 2017 during the last IPA World Congress in Bulgaria, IPA Sri Lanka acknowledges receipt of the cash award of 100 € for 3rd prize in the open category with thanks.

Furthermore, we are pleased to inform everyone that the award was presented to the winner, IPA Sri Lanka member Mr. S.L.A. Asela Nishshanka, on 24 January 2018.

Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka

III Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo Policial

El día 09 de septiembre tuvo lugar en la ciudad de Bilbao el III Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo Policial, en el Palacio Euskalduna.

Como preludio a esta jornada, el día 8 celebramos una cena, con algunos de los participantes, en un ‘Txoko’.

A esta jornada asistieron coleccionistas de Cataluña, Castilla y León, Madrid y Euskadi en la que los compañeros además de intercambiar diversos objetos de coleccionismo, (parches, placas, gorras, etc, pudieron compartir experiencias y reencontrarse con algunos compañeros amantes como ellos de esta afición.

Por cierto, cada día más aficionados se van incorporando por lo que auguramos un futuro bastante prometedor a esta disciplina que tantas alegrías da a sus aficionados.

La jornada finalizó con una degustación de ‘Pintxos’, tan típicos en el País Vasco.

IPA Euskadi, Spain
IPA Greece’s Karditsa region provides traffic education

This year's participation of our local IPA in the Christmas theme park of Karditsa, organised for the third consecutive year, and featuring the theme of 'Castles and Knights', was a huge success and proved extremely popular. Once again, in cooperation with the Traffic Department of Karditsa, we welcomed young and old friends to a playhouse with traffic games, where visitors had the opportunity to take simple courses of traffic education through games and constructions.

Among other activities, visitors could play with the Playmobil police station, build pencil boxes, and take part in an impressive and popular baking session in collaboration with pastry chef Thodoris Sempros, where the children made and tasted biscuits that had the shape of road signs. In addition, our young friends had the chance to take part in a draw to win gifts, such as books and bicycle helmets. These gifts were provided by the local tourist office Megas Alexandros, and we would like to express our gratitude.

Over a period of 13 days, we welcomed 5,000 children and many adults who, besides all of the above, had the opportunity to learn about our association and to obtain the Police Review and IPA News magazines. We are very grateful to the Police Director of Karditsa, Brigadier General Vasilis Karaiperis, who once more supported our participation in the Christmas theme park, as well as the park managers for their warm support.

In addition, a huge thank you goes to all those members who volunteered to spend their free time at the playhouse to smile and welcome our guests.

‘Servo per amikeco’
‘Service through Friendship’

Georgios Zarchanis and Nikolaos Gousias, IPA Karditsa
IPA Poland members visit IPA UK HQ in Nottingham

Artur Niedbala, who is the Chairman of the Kielce IPA Branch within the Holy Cross Provincial IPA Region (Poland) and his wife Renata had reached out to the IPA locally as they were on their first trip to the UK to visit relatives in Leicester and wondered if we could help.

IPA UK Vice President & Branch Chair Clive Wood and Regional Executive Member and Branch Treasurer Fred Rankin were able to take them to see IPA Section UK & International HQ at Fox Road Nottingham, followed by a visit to Leicester Police HQ for lunch and a chance to meet IPA member Chief Constable Simon Cole QPM. Following an exchange of gifts they were also able to visit the Call Management Centre for a short tour prior to going out for a traditional British carvery meal.

*Clive Wood, Vice President IPA UK*

**ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB**

**Freedom without Barriers**

Temporary commission members Marie Daly, Section Ireland, and Hubert Vitt, Section Germany, met in January 2018 with the Chair of the Professional Commission at the IPA House in Dublin for a working weekend on the topic of Global Access. Parallel to the PC meeting, the Irish Section held their monthly Board meeting, thus providing us with an opportunity to get together one afternoon for a late lunch and an exchange of IPA progress.

In the International Statutes of the IPA, we refer to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations on 10th December 1948. The IPA identifies itself as a non-profit organisation, politically neutral and independent, with national sections gathering members of the police service, whether in employment or retired, and without distinction as to rank/position, gender, race, language or religion. The IPA Statutes were initially written during a time when only police officers could join, however with amendments over the years, and depending on the national
statutes of each section, the IPA is today also open to widows and widowers of IPA members, civilian staff, firefighters, customs officers and prison officers.

The objective of the Global Access Project is to acknowledge the additional membership in relation to the full text of article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

‘Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.’ (United Nations, 2015).

The project group identified background, gender, language, religion, rank, sexual orientation, disability, civil status or age to be considered and defined for a future ‘Freedom without Barriers’ within IPA. The advisory document will initially be presented to the IEB.

*May-Britt Rinaldo, Chairperson of the Professional Commission*

**Nominations welcome for the IPA World Prize 2018**

Each year, all IPA Sections worldwide are invited to forward nominations for the IPA World Prize to the International Executive Board (IEB) of the IPA.

This prestigious IPA award recognises and rewards contributions by individuals or organisations for special and lasting commitments through a project for the benefit of society on matters of Human Rights or the preservation of World Peace, and consists of a monetary award accompanied by a certificate.

The IPA World Prize is awarded during the annual IPA World Congress, and an official press release will be issued.

As a norm, one prize may be awarded per year.

The nomination period for the IPA World Prize 2018 runs until **22 April 2017**, and we would therefore like to invite all IPA Sections to forward any nominations they might wish to submit to the IPA Secretary General, Georgios Katsaropoulos at sg@ieb-ipa.org, with a copy to the IAC at iac@ieb-iac.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Elke Schülpen-Roberts, IAC Office Manager*
IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA House Krätzersrasen, Thuringian Forest, Germany

The House is situated in the Thuringian Forest between the towns of Bad Liebenstein, Steinbach and Brotterode at about 660 meters above sea level and provides a haven of peacefulness in a forested area in close vicinity to the Rennsteig, a well-known long-distance hiking trail. The world-renowned city of Weimar and the spa town of Liebenstein are within easy reach.

The Thuringian Forest is often referred to as Germany’s ‘Green Heart’. The unspoiled highlands of the Thuringian Forest are dotted with a multitude of small villages with various hiking and bicycle trails, allowing visitors to explore nature.

Excursions can be made to the mountains, waterfalls, castle and museum in the local area, as well as to the regional capital Erfurt.

The House has 3 bedrooms and accommodates 8 persons as follows:

- 1 room with 4 beds
- 2 rooms with 2 beds each
- Shower and toilet
- Living room, kitchen, satellite TV, radio, refrigerator, electric stove, microwave, garden and BBQ area
- One small dog is permitted, by prior arrangement only

Visitors will require their own transport, as it is a quiet area. There is a garage for winter parking (cars are required to have winter tyres in season).

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- Tariffs: Available on request

IPA house information provided by Hubert Vitt, IPA Germany
February 2018 is a month I am looking forward to very much, as it is the time for the Winter Olympics, which due to my daughter’s involvement in winter sports, hold a special place in my heart.

When she became a full-time athlete last year, I asked myself what makes a successful athlete. What do you need not only to be good, but to excel? What does it take to stand out from the rest, and how do you find the motivation to train hard for so many years?

Is it talent? For sure. No-one will ever get to the top without this precious gift. Is it hard work? Same again: I am certain that without hard work, even the most talented of sports people would not get anywhere. Does it involve luck? I am positive that sometimes you also need a bit of luck, to be at the right time at the right place, when opportunities present themselves. To me, to become successful in sports, as well as in other situations in life, the winning formula is not just one single aspect, but a good combination of all of the above.

Most of all, however, I believe that PASSION is the key ingredient to success and enjoyment. If you feel passionate about something, you will go the extra mile. Passion will help you get through difficult moments, and will aspire you to achieve the best. I do not know a single Olympian who is not passionate about their sport – and the Olympics are the time to share this passion with like-minded people from across the globe.

What has all this got to do with IPA?

Having met quite a few IPA members over the past few years, very often, I can see that same passion. Age, nationality or gender have no influence on this – it is a timeless and borderless pleasure and desire for those members to get involved and spend their time with fellow IPA members, in the knowledge that others around feel and want the same.

And just as it is a pleasure for me to witness the passion of the competitors during the Winter Olympics, I feel that it is a real privilege for me to meet passionate members of the IPA 😊

Elke
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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.
If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

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A MOMENT OF CALM

A stunning entry to the IPA photo competition 2017
by IPA member Darek Ociepka
Dear friends,

I had the privilege to attend part of the observer programme organised by the International Olympic Committee during the last Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang. It had nothing to do with my IPA function, but I participated as security coordinator for the project Olympic Games Sion 2026 - Switzerland.

South Korea is not part of the IPA, but during my stay I had the opportunity to meet with a few police officers and introduce our association. They showed great interest and we will try, in the near future, to establish closer contacts in order to possibly start developing a section in South Korea.

I don’t wish to tell you about watching the Games, seeing the infrastructure, the sites nor the competitions. Although I must tell you that attending a competition of Short Track, which is Korea’s national sport, in a full arena with the crowd going completely crazy when one of their racers won a gold medal, was a moment of extreme excitement and joy.

What amazed me the most was the kindness of all the people involved in the organisation of this wonderful event. Volunteers of all kinds, security forces, drivers, people involved with ticketing, registration, showing you the way, people in the street, in the trains, at the airport, etc....

Thousands of Koreans united behind the Olympic Games in their country. Their strength to cooperate to make the 4th biggest sports event in the world a success, whether they were paid to do their job or as volunteers, was to me the best tribute they could pay to their national pride and to the exposure of their country worldwide during this event.

Many of them could not speak a word of English. It did not matter, they were always there for us, helping us and giving their best to make our stay in Korea successful.
Many of them had been working for months, sometimes in extreme conditions due to the very persistent freezing winds at this period of the year. It did not matter. Their smile and kindness never froze. Dedicated to their mission and very disciplined, they were to me the success of these Games. You don’t get success at the forefront, if you don’t have quality work in the background.

It was a true lesson to me. When I see how difficult it is sometimes for us to unite behind a project, to believe in it and give ourselves a chance to make it succeed, I wish that the Korean winds would blow more often on us. For the Koreans know how to serve, and they sure know what friendship means.

Thank you South Korea!

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_Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President_

_AROUND THE WORLD_

And for Christmas 2017, I popped into New Zealand …

The IPA is, as we always keep saying, based upon international friendship. With that in mind I took the opportunity whilst in New Zealand over the Christmas period, of meeting with members of the Wellington Branch, and what a great crowd they are!

The location is also a major stopping point for cruise ships bringing tourists from around the world, including visiting IPA members.

My own initial point of contact was Mike Norden, a retired officer who is now employed in the American Embassy in Wellington. My initial meeting with him was hastily arranged in the local Red Dragon Welsh Bar. An exchange of gifts was followed by chilled local beers and several glasses of the Penderyn Whisky – not a cheap tipple out there!

A few days later and a more orderly meeting with a crowd of local members, that carried on for several enjoyable hours. One of those that I met was Valerie Redshaw, a former Met’ officer who had been seconded to New Zealand in the 70’s on an investigation, met her future husband, joined the local force and the rest is
Being an ex Met’ officer myself, Val and I were able to chew the fat over many places that we had worked in London.

My escapades with the local constabulary were not to end following this meeting. My son and his lovely Kiwi partner took me on what is known as a ‘tiki tour’ of the North Island. ‘I know an excellent town that you’ll appreciate’, said Emma as we headed out along the main highway.

It was called Bulls, due to it being a cattle town. What an opportunity thought I, on this glorious sunny Sunday morning to meet with the local officer in his little police station. So in I went, armed up with IPA pennants, pin badges and my name card, all of which I placed on the desk whilst calling out for some attention. Nothing’s happening thought I. How wrong can you be?

Suddenly alarm bells in the station started ringing and at any moment I expected myself to be tasered and gassed by an infuriated officer whose coffee break snooze had just been interrupted. But absolutely nothing. ‘Let’s clear off quick’ spoke the very wise and knowledgeable Emma. So we quickly left the premises, expecting at least some interest from the locals who were sipping on their beers in the café opposite. But again not one spark of interest or concern for what might be happening to their local officer of the law. Beating a hasty retreat in our little Nissan car we departed the town of Bulls, at least expecting an annoyed response from the constable who would have picked up my email and phone details from my card. But again, nothing. It was all just ‘laid back’ and ‘cruisey’ to use my son’s words. Absolutely wonderful.

So if any IPA member is visiting the North Island of New Zealand and hits the small town of Bulls, please pop into the local cop shop and pass on my apologies for disturbing the Sunday peace on the morning of 17th December 2017!

Finally some weeks later Mike contacted me and offered the opportunity to meet with two young IPA members from Stuttgart who were passing through Wellington.

It really was encouraging to meet with two young members who were really enthusiastic for the IPA and all the support that it was providing, as they were taking part in a gap year around the Australasian islands.

So that was part of the wonderful experiences that I had in New Zealand over the six weeks. If anyone would care to view my 500 photographs, please call around with a bottle of something hinting of malt and while away an hour or so.

Denis Hunt, IPA UK South Wales Branch member
IPA Montenegro celebrates its 5th Anniversary

The 5th annual assembly of Section Montenegro was held on 2 February in Herceg Novi, city of mimosa flowers.

At the same time our Section marked five years of existence and celebrated this little jubilee together with colleagues from Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Austria, Greece, Israel, Romania, Hungary, Albania and Kosovo.

Our guests were given an overview of the activities organised over the past five years. In the course of our work, IPA Montenegro has initiated a number of activities aimed at professional empowerment of police officers, promotion of healthy lifestyles, strengthening of cooperation with citizens, promotion of police work, strengthening of the integrity of employees and promotion of gender equality.

We are proud of the humanitarian activities we have organised for our colleagues and their families as well as for our citizens.

Through the aforementioned activities, we have achieved excellent cooperation with the state authorities as well as with the civil sector, and together we implemented a number of activities.

We founded, for example, several sports clubs that gather a large number of members who in turn organized numerous activities.

We are particularly proud of our friendly family gatherings that have become traditional, thus giving importance to family values and an environment that creates security, a feeling of belonging and emotional closeness.

Over the past years, we have attended numerous events organised by other IPA sections, where we exchanged experiences and created friendly relationships.

The guests, together with members of our Section, visited the tourist attractions of Herceg Novi and attended the Mimosa Festival which celebrates this wonderful mimosa flower. While the rest of Europe is covered in snow, Herceg Novi and the Montenegro coast celebrate the festivity of mimosas, enjoying the sunshine and nice weather.

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Vojislav Dragović, President IPA Montenegro
IPA West Coast, South Africa meet IPA Region West, Sweden

Britt Hermansson is the Chairperson for Region West in Sweden. During January, Britt and her husband Kaj visited South Africa.

During their last week in Cape Town, Jakkie Van Litsenborgh and I met Britt and Kaj and showed them some West Coast hospitality.

Meeting Britt again was such a pleasure. We first met at Gimborn in Germany in 2012, and then Vusi Mcaba also attended a seminar with her at Gimborn in 2015. A small reunion for the three of us.

On Friday 19 January we visited Darling Olive Farm, went wine tasting at Ormonde wine farm, visited a butchery in Darling and went beer tasting at Darling Breweries. Britt also attended our meeting with us. Afterwards we rushed to Yzerfontein to catch the sunset.

On Saturday, Carla Ferreira and I joined our visitors at the Western Cape IPA Car show, and on Sunday Bongega Mdaka and I joined them to watch a friendly soccer match between Banyanya Banyanya and the Swedish team at the Green Point Stadium.

Thank you for the visit. Looking forward to our next meeting.

SERVICE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

Elbie Gore, IPA South Africa West Coast and National Editor IPA South Africa
OBITUARY John McCormack

John McCormack, Former President and Honorary Life Member of IPA Ireland, as well as holder of the IPA International Silver Medal

It was with great sadness that the members of Section Ireland and the IPA family learned on 29th January 2018 of the death of former IPA Ireland President (1988 – 1994), John McCormack (Retired Garda Superintendent) of Ballykeeffe, Limerick.

John played a major role in the development of Section Ireland, serving for many years as the Section’s National Enrolment Secretary, a position he held until his election as President of our Section in 1988. During his tenure of office as Enrolment Secretary, he saw membership grow year on year and as President initiated further development initiatives for the benefit of our members. He oversaw the preparation for the holding of an IPA Ireland-led international Seminar in IBZ Schloss Gimborn in 1994, which he co-chaired. This was a first for our Section and an innovative development at that time for both our Section and for Schloss Gimborn. This development led the way for much greater interaction by our Section with IBZ Schloss Gimborn and the seminars that take place there.

John completed his service on the National Executive Committee of Section Ireland as Immediate Past President/Advisor in 1997 but continued his involvement at Regional level for many more years, and continued to be involved in national development through his advice to sub-committees, especially those dealing with the Constitution and Rules, an area in which he had great expertise. His service and commitment to IPA Ireland were recognised by the awarding of Honorary Life Membership of Section Ireland to John.

John’s involvement in IPA wasn’t confined to his work in Section Ireland. He also played a significant role at international level, serving for many years on the International Internal Commission, where his work and commitment were fully appreciated and recognised through the presentation to him by the PEB of the International Silver Medal for his good services to the Association. John was well known throughout the IPA world and will be missed and fondly remembered by a great many IPA members at home and around the world. IPA Ireland and the IPA family have lost a dedicated and committed member who worked tirelessly for our Association.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Lila (nee Lynch), daughters Fionnuala (Ryan), Deirdre, Emer (Russell), Gráinne (Byrnes), sons Deaglan, Aogan and his extended family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. May he rest in peace.

Joe Lynch, Editor and Communications Officer IPA Ireland
International Youth Gathering 2018 – Section UK

It is with great pleasure that IPA Section UK organises the International Youth Gathering 2018.

It is now just under 1 month to go before the close for applications, and I am delighted to say we already have received applications from many sections. Every year young people from around the world, children and grandchildren of IPA members, are invited to visit another country and participate in an event that many will never forget - the IPA’s International Youth Gathering (IYG).

For the participants it is an opportunity to experience travel to another country and to meet people of a similar age from different cultures and backgrounds whilst gaining a deeper knowledge of the history, social character, nature and family life of the hosting country.

Participation in the programme is open to the children or grandchildren of current IPA members. IYG participants must have reached 16 years but not have exceeded 18 years at the start of the IYG. The IYG encourages young people irrespective of gender, race, language or religion to participate.

Here are a few highlights to look forward to during this year's IYG:

Archery, Air Rifles, Tomahawks, Raft Building and an Assault Course in Walesby - Treasure Hunt in Sherwood Forest – a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester – Alton Towers Theme Park – a visit to the Leicestershire Police Public Order Training Ground and other Police units (Dogs, Traffic Firearms and Communication Centre) – visiting Nottingham Forest Football Club and Leicester City Football Club – a trip to Shakespeare’s Stratford-upon-Avon – Trent Bridge Cricket Ground - a Presentation of Gangs by an IPA expert - a chance to see IPA UK Headquarters at the Arthur Troop House in Nottingham – Gala Evening with Presentations and Farewell BBQ.

There are still places left, and we therefore welcome further applications via sections who have not yet applied at mail@ipa-uk.org by 31 March 2018.

Sean Hannigan, Vice President IPA UK
XI Campeonato de tiro – IPA Tarragona

El 26 enero y después de unos meses de negociaciones pudimos realizar el clásico Campeonato de Tiro IPA Tarragona.

En este último año hemos visto como se ha anulado la liga LICAT de tiro debido a los problemas surgidos respecto a los seguros de RC y de accidentes de los tiradores. Este motivo propició que desde IPA Catalunya se tomase la decisión de no organizar competiciones de tiro, hecho que desde Tarragona hemos tenido que solventar por otras vías para poder seguir realizando nuestro Campeonato.

Después de las negociaciones y cabe decir, de todas las facilidades que nos ha puesto el Club de Tir Jordi Tarragó (con el que mantenemos un convenio para que nuestros afiliados que estén interesados puedan practicar esta modalidad), el día 26 se celebró el XI Campeonato de Tiro IPA Tarragona. Con menos participación que otros años y que, en cierta manera creemos que pueda ser debido a la no inclusión en la liga LICAT que atraía a tiradores de toda Catalunya, tuvimos una matinal de hermanamiento en la que participaron tiradores de Tarragona, Reus, L’Ametlla de Mar, Cornellà del Llobregat, Masnou, Barcelona, y como no, nuestro ya clásico compañero de IPA Milán que un año más ha venido expresamente.

La competición se llevó a cabo mediante el formato de una tanda de 20 disparos a 25m y a una diana de precisión y cuatro tandas de 5 disparos en 20 segundos cada una a una diana de duelo. Un total de 22 tiradores que en todo momento siguieron las reglas y normas de seguridad de la Federación de Tiro Olímpico.

Dos categorías, una estándar para socios de IPA con arma tipo reglamentaria y una open para los invitados del Club de Tiro y resto de asociados con armas no reglamentarias. Una vez finalizada la competición se realizó la entrega de menciones y premios y la ya típica comida de hermandad entre organizadores y competidores.

Para la entrega de premios contamos con la participación del Sr. David Boneta, Comissari Cap del Camp de Tarragona de los Mossos d’Esquadra; el Sr. Carlos Yuvero, Comisario Jefe del CNP de Tarragona; El Sr. Joan Bergadà, Intendent Cap de la Policía Portuaria de Tarragona; el Sr. Antón Casas, presidente de IPA Tarragona; y el Sr. Josep Escrich, tesorero de IPA Tarragona. Los premiados en las diferentes categorías fueron:

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Además se hizo entrega de un obsequio al Presidente del Club de Tiro en agradecimiento por la labor realizada a favor de nuestro colectivo y de la celebración de este campeonato.

Y, como no, una mención especial a nuestro compañero Jordi Margarida por su dedicación durante estos últimos años al frente de la sección de Tiro de IPA Tarragona.

Agradece a todos los participantes por su asistencia, por la confianza depositada un año más en nuestra organización y por su comportamiento ejemplar y profesional. Al Club de Tir Jordi Tarragó por todas las facilidades y por la atención y buen trato con este colectivo y con la Agrupación de IPA en Tarragona. A los mandos por su asistencia y participación en la entrega de premios. Y a todas las personas que han participado en la organización de este evento.

Anton Casas, IPA Tarragona, Comunidad de Cataluña de IPA España

David Moore from IPA UK enjoys the ‘Kölner Karneval’

Cologne Carnival is held each year in the week preceding Shrove Tuesday, and IPA Cologne has for many years organised a week of celebrations. For several years I have visited, and this year was no exception.

From the time I was picked up at the airport on Friday afternoon to the time I left Cologne five days later, I could not have been treated with more kindness and consideration.

On the first evening, I was taken to the ‘Brunosaal’ where the first of the main events organised by the branch took place: a very large party with various items of entertainment, music and dancing and of course Kölsch, the local beer.
Chairman Dietmar Weiß announced the local dignitaries attending and to my surprise included me! It turned out a very enjoyable evening amongst friends during which I was presented with one or two gifts.

Sadly the events organised by the branch for Saturday had to be cancelled, but I still had an enjoyable day in Cologne city centre with my Granddaughter Catherine. Sunday was a trip out to the Longerich. For a number of years, the Cologne branch has organised a trip out to this suburb where a Carnival parade is held.

Once more, I was greeted by many old friends as though it had only been days before and not years. Catherine was taken out to a party that evening by the daughter of a local member. Get on your bike Granddad!

So to ‘Rosenmontag’. The day of the main Cologne Carnival parade. It cannot be described, but simply has to be experienced! Sufficient to say that all streets in Cologne are closed to traffic and that the Parade takes four hours to pass a given spot. All the time, flowers, sweets and chocolates are being thrown into the crowds. It is estimated that the population increases by 2 million over the Carnival weekend.

Fancy dress is the order of the day and enjoyment is the main consideration. IPA has a designated stretch of road and the branch caters for all, with coffee, cocoa, soup and of course Kölsch. I was greeted by many friends during the day. ‘Rosenmontag’ is an unbelievable experience.

Before our return to the airport, Dietmar took us to the Cologne Police Headquarters. What a surprise! On arrival Dietmar presented me with the new pennant of the German Section and then said there was a special gift. This turned out to be a wooden token that had been sent on its travels from Section 64 in America.

I was told it had to be given to a foreign guest and had travelled via New Zealand and South Africa and finally Cologne and was given to me in order to continue its journey. The token has its own Facebook where its journey is described:

www.facebook.com/ipawoodennickel

Of course I intend to pass this nickel on to a foreign guest who is visiting my home country in the future.

David Moore, IPA UK member
SECTIONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: IPA ISRAEL

At first glance:

Affiliation: 15 May 1963, IEC Oslo
Sponsored by: IPA UK
IPA Membership beginning 2018: 23,237
Congresses hosted: 1968 (Netanya); 2012 (Eilat)
Current President: Yacov Terner
Website: www.ipa-israel.org.il

An insight from the section:

Beginnings

The first associated IPA members in Israel started in 1960 and by 1962; a commission to establish the section had been set up, ready for recognition. The 6th IPA IEC in Oslo Norway 1963 opened the door for Section Israel. The founder, Hans Shlaymer, also became the first president of the section.

IPA Israel was the first section outside of Europe and the first - and still the only one - in the Middle East.

After only 5 years, the section hosted the 9th IEC in 1968, which was held in the officers’ academy in Netanya. The second congress to be hosted by IPA Israel was the World Congress 2012 in Eilat with 450 participants and 490 participants for the friendship week, making it the biggest IPA congress in the history of the association.

After Hans Shlaymer as president, the next two presidents were Commissioners of the Police; the 3rd commissioner arrived in 2001 and he is still the president today: Yacov Terner.

Facts about the section

Last year, the section crossed the barrier of 23,000 members.

IPA Israel recruits more than 1,000 members per year, while losing around 600 through natural causes.
The membership fee in IPA Israel is amongst the highest in the IPA, with members paying 10 Euros per month. Members regain, however, almost all of the money they pay, via a gift card; and for projects within the branches, such as culture, sports, travel, each member receives more than 50 Euros per year. The budget is personal, and all activities are recorded in a computerised system.

The section has 185 branches, with elections taking place every 4 years. The National assembly, the ‘parliament’ of IPA Israel consists of 200 members, and all major decisions of the section need the approval of the ‘parliament’.

IPA Israel is the only section where all the members are able to participate in the elections. Every member receives a brochure with the names of the candidates and an envelope and then votes for their branch, the NEC and the president.

The work plan of the NEC is based on strategic research and long-term planning, facilitated through meetings between the leaders of the strategic plan and the heads of branches, where the plan is formulated before its presentation to the NEC and the final approval by the national assembly of IPA. Active and retired members of the Police, volunteers of the police and employees of the prison service all can become IPA members.

Major goals of IPA Israel for the next years are to recruit in particular young police officers, to strengthen the branches with serving police officers, and to assist Gal Sharon in her capacity as IPA Vice President and Chair of the Sociocultural Commission.

Looking ahead:

IPA Israel Travel Programme for 2018

Year-round

- 26 destinations
- Programmes for spring, summer and winter
- More than 2000 participants last year
- Professional trips including visits to police units
Celebration of International Women’s Day

21-22 March 2018

- To take place at a hotel by the Dead Sea
- Varied cultural programme
- More than 500 women are anticipated to participate

IPA Games in Portugal

13-18 May 2018

- IPA Israel plans to send 5-6 teams to Lisbon

IPA Israel Elections

September – November 2018

- Election of President, National Board and Branch chairpersons
- Participation of 23,000 members by mail

IPA Israel TV and App

Year-round

- TV programmes to double to monthly broadcasts
  (see on YouTube ‘Eran Israel’)
- New IPA Israel App on air since 20 January 2018

IPA Israel offer many further programmes and projects regarding recruiting, professional training of staff, hosting in Israel and multicultural events. To see all of this and make new friends who manage all of these projects, you should come and visit Israel – you will all be welcomed!

To give you a taste of Section Israel, you are invited to follow the link:

IPA Israel 2018

Servo per Amikeco,

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel
IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA Apartment Szeged, Szeged, Hungary

*Szeged, known as Hungary’s ‘City of Sunshine’, is the third largest city of Hungary and is situated on the country’s south-eastern border, just south of the mouth of the Maros river on both banks of the river Tisza.*

Szeged is the lowest elevation city in the country and has the highest number of sunny days in Hungary throughout the year.

The city is known for its Open Air Theatre Festival held in the summer which attracts people from all over Europe. One of the main attractions of Szeged is the River Tisza which offers possibilities to undertake various water sport activities or boat trips and has a riverside beach. Furthermore, visitors to Szeged enjoy visiting the town’s thermal bath.

Situated about 171 km south of Budapest, Szeged is easy to reach by car (2 hours), train (2 ½ hours) and daily frequent buses (3 to 3 ½ hours).

The IPA Apartment Szeged accommodates 4 people in two apartments, each with a bedroom and a living room equipped with television and Wi-Fi. The apartment benefits from central heating.

There is a bar and a restaurant within the building. Further restaurants are located nearby. In addition, laundry facilities are on site.

Outside, guests are able to benefit from a garden area, and there is a BBQ. Parking is available.

Bedding, linen and towels are provided to guests on arrival.

**Contact Details & Bookings:**

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*Article compiled by H Vos (Vossie) – SCC member*
IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA House Lippe-Detmold, Detmold, Germany

The House is located in the district of Bentrup-Loßbruch, about 5 km from Detmold and 8 km from Lemgo in North Rhine-Westphalia. The adjacent Teutoburg Forest with its distinctive sandstone formations and monuments invites you to go hiking, mountain biking and motorcycling.

The European long-distance hiking path E1 leads directly past the house. The spa resorts of Horn-Bad Meinberg and Bad Salzuflen are close by, and the cities of Bielefeld and Hanover can be reached in around 1 hour’s drive.

The facility, a conversion of a former school, provides 3 bedrooms, accommodating 6 people, and is situated in a quiet area.

There is a fully-equipped kitchen, a small lounge, a bathroom with a shower, separate toilets and a washing machine.

Furthermore, the house includes a large common room with space for 50 persons, a bar with a fireplace, and a billiard room.

Bed linen and towels can be provided on request.

On the outside, guests can enjoy sitting out on the terrace or lawn, or prepare a barbeque.

In addition, there is a playground right behind the house, and table tennis and petanque can be played. Parking is provided in front of the accommodation.

Free Wi-Fi is available, and pets may be brought by prior arrangement.

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- Website: http://www.ipa-deutschland.de
- Tariffs: Available on request

IPA house information provided by Hubert Vitt, IPA Germany
Not a single day working at the IAC offices is like any other …

The Arthur Troop House in Nottingham used to be a doctor’s surgery in the past. As such, it had a safe installed. Nothing extraordinary about that, you might think.

Well – for those of you that have not seen this safe, let me just tell you that it is pretty much a monstrosity … measuring around 1.15 x 0.70 x 0.60 m, made from impenetrable iron (I guess), bolted into the floor from underneath and situated in a very inconvenient location in our office right next to my desk … resulting in many bruises on my part when misjudging the space I need to get in and out 😊 And – as a builder told me a few years ago – you can demolish the whole house, but the safe will remain in place!

Located in this safe were a variety of items from both Section UK and the IAC that at one point were considered so valuable that only the safe should house them. Last week, in an effort to computerise some of these, I suggested it was time to open up the safe and take a look.

Nothing easier than this, you would think. However, it turned out that since the safe is not used very often, we could simply not open it up at all – no matter which way we turned the key or pulled on the handle – it was jammed shut. Starting out with a paper clip, then a metal ruler, followed by a pen knife and last but not least a very sharp carpet knife, all 3 of us in the IAC worked on breaking into our safe … without success.

Dave, from Section UK next door, was not to be defeated and armed himself with the said carpet knife, WD40 spray and a hammer, and finally, after working on it solidly for more than ½ hour, managed to break in … well, he is ex-police after all 😊

Inside, we found the items we wanted to put on computer – but also many other treasures, including the original IPA hymn sheet music, Newsletters from the 1950s, a few videos, as well as a variety of records and CDs with music.

I could not resist and tried out one of the CDs which contained music played during the PEB meeting in Sri Lanka in 2008. I had no idea, but really, this turned out an excellent choice: catchy and nicely paced, we were therefore all able to enjoy an hour of background music – lovely 😊

We will computerise this one as well – so if any of you want to have a listen, we will be able to share this wonderful music with you soon 😊

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WELCOME TO THE IPA!

Kyrgyzstan became the newest IPA Section in Foundation in the presence of the IEB and IPA Kazakhstan
WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Commitment, Protection, Provision and Creation of Solutions

The police profession, a calling for all of us rather than simply a job, brought us together in friendship in the International Police Association from its very beginning. We identify the police profession as a dedication to protect the public and to deliver fair justice. Commitment is a state or quality of being dedicated to a cause. Our cause is the prevention of crime and social unrest.

The IPA in some sections is open to civilian staff members, prison officers and customs officers from whom we expect the same dedication in their daily task to deliver law enforcement justice. Each police officer is expected to be a ‘Jack of all trades’, a person who can create solutions in every situation. During one day we may act as nurses, bosses, social workers, as well as loving and caring partners or parents.

Our trade can also be extremely dangerous and far too often we read about the ‘Thin Blue Line’ when fellow colleagues have paid the ultimate price to protect the public – they gave up their right to life, which is one of the rights protected in the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Let’s not forget their names! I believe that this is the bond between police officers when we meet: We never know if there will be a next time. Most other professions can take the right to life for granted.

Another group in our World which fights every day for their lives and survival are street-connected children. The International Police Association, facilitated through the work of the Professional Commission, supports the Consortium for Street Children and in 2017 we were able to celebrate the first victory, when the United Nations signed and published the General Comment No. 21 on Children in Street Situations. These children are ‘Jacks of all trades’ as well, having to create solutions in their daily lives to find something to eat, keep them warm and keep out of trouble.

Over the past few years, the IPA has promoted 12 April as the Street Children’s Day. The work for their recognition, however, is an everyday commitment. These children should expect to have the same rights as everyone else – equality – when in contact with the rest of society. We, as police and IPA members must protect them and every other child affected by violence and abuse, and give them access to justice if they have been harmed. It is important when dealing with street-connected children, that we recognise and fight for their right to access services at hospitals, social welfare centres and a place in schools. Sometimes the Police and governmental agencies need to be creative in finding solutions for these children. So bring out the ‘Jacks of all trades’!
The International Police Association (IPA) supports the Consortium for Street Children (CSC) to globally raise street children’s voices, promote their rights and improve their lives. We pledge to inform the Police Services within our 66 country sections on five continents and our +400,000 members worldwide in 100 countries about the recommendations of the General Comment for children in street situations’

Every child I meet on my beat can be a future police officer … so why not treat them with the same friendship as we treat every IPA member!

May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the IPA Professional Commission

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Estonia publish their first children’s colouring book

It is remarkable how much can be accomplished with people’s initiative, enthusiasm and the will to get something done!

Two years ago, we thought about issuing a colouring book for children on the topic of police work.

We planned it as an interactive book to colour and stick, and chose to target pre-school children aged 3 to 7 years old.

The book was ready right in time for the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia and the Estonian Police, as well as for the 25th anniversary of IPA Estonia.

The aim of the book is for children to learn about the police profession by having fun with colouring pictures, choosing police work related items amongst many on a page, as well as crossword puzzles and table games.

Additionally, there are cut-outs to stick together, and in the centre of the book are stickers with police symbols.

Altogether, we think the book is an enjoyable way to introduce the police to small children!

Maret Tamra, Board Member IPA Estonia
IEB Meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Thank you IPA Kazakhstan!

Welcome to our new Section in Foundation: Kyrgyzstan!

From 5-9 March 2018, the IEB met in Almaty, Kazakhstan for its first meeting of the year. Although two members were unable to join us, we managed to cover a full agenda and had a very productive session in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

The President of IPA Kazakhstan, Marat Nurgaliev and his team, provided a superb welcome for us all in their country and ensured that our stay was both good for work and very friendly for the rest of the time. We had the opportunity to meet with numerous IPA members and police officers, as well as with officials, and we witnessed with great satisfaction that IPA Kazakhstan is in good hands and developing well under the leadership of its board members. Definitely a place to be and a place to visit, where kindness and friendship are defined at their best.

A very important IPA event took place during our stay: the Founding Meeting of IPA Kyrgyzstan. Together with our hosts from Kazakhstan, we travelled to the capital of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek. A beautiful drive along the mountains, followed by an impressive crossing into Kyrgyzstan, where the border controls are still very evident and rigorous, before meeting our IPA friends from Kyrgyzstan who accompanied us to the capital. After meeting with the deputy interior minister and representatives of the city council, the Founding Meeting took place. It is always a moving moment to welcome a new section into the IPA family and after several speeches, the following actions took place in accordance with our Procedure:

- The election of the Founding Committee, with Sheishenbek Baizakov elected as President. He has been very active since the very beginning and it is logical that he is trusted with taking on this position and continuing working on the development of IPA Kyrgyzstan,
the signing of the IPA official Declaration of Human Rights stating the commitment of IPA Kyrgyzstan to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948,

the signing of the new national statutes,

the signing of the International Statutes,

and the awarding of a certificate of recognition for the status ‘Section in Foundation’.

The ceremony was well prepared and attended by more than 100 people. At the end, and after visiting the impressive IPA office set up in town, we all celebrated together, before heading back to Almaty. An eventful and great day for all of us.

On behalf of the IPA family, I wish to welcome our new Section in Foundation Kyrgyzstan. Under the leadership of the newly elected board and with the help of all the members willing to establish and develop a great section in the spirit and according to the values of the IPA, I am certain that Kyrgyzstan will soon take the final steps before being granted full affiliation status.

Congratulations to Kyrgyzstan, and thank you to their sponsor section Kazakhstan for guiding and helping them through the affiliation process, together with many other friends.

On behalf of the IEB, I would like to congratulate and thank IPA Kazakhstan for their welcome in Almaty, as well as for everything they did to make our stay an unforgettable one. Your sense of friendship and your never-ending care to ensure that everything works perfectly, together with your extraordinary level of hospitality honour you and are a true tribute to IPA values.

Long live IPA Kazakhstan!
Long live IPA Kyrgyzstan!

Servo per Amikeco

_Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President_
IPA Lesotho’s busy start to 2018

January 2018: Career guidance, youth empowerment and crime awareness:

Mamosa Hla, 2nd VP talking to the students

IPA member from Special Operations Unit talking to High Life School students

January 2018: Road Traffic Check Points and helping School Children cross roads:

Police HQ District IPA members of mounted RTCP - traffic offences prevention strategy

Pupils crossing the road assisted by IPA members

February 2018: National Council Meeting at Senior Police Mess:

Drawing up the National Action Plan for 2018, to endorse the Lesotho Constitution and Guidelines

Thato Mokoteli, Secretary General IPA Lesotho
IPA Sri Lanka charity event: 
S.K. Liu Scholarships for Children of Sri Lankan Police Officers

During a visit to Sri Lanka as part of the IPA Friendship Tour organised by IPA Sri Lanka in 2014, Hong Kong-based entrepreneur Mr. S.K. Liu, founder of a ‘Donor Agency’ along with his cousin, IPA Member David Tak Shing of IPA Hong Kong, noticed the need for financial support to children in Sri Lanka who have the potential, but are lacking resources for their education. In order to assist the development of the younger generation in Sri Lanka, Mr Liu agreed to provide financial support to the childrens’ education, in particular for the children of the Sri Lanka Police, who will or are already attending University for their education, as he believes that a strong and well educated generation could better assist the future development of Sri Lanka.

The donor organisation is a private charitable outfit, registered in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and one of its main donation criteria is to assist the education of students who have academic potential but are lacking financial support.

As an initial step, Mr. S.K. Liu offered a total of 20 scholarships, each amounting to Rs. 5000 per month, for a period of three academic years, for university students who are children of Police Officers, commencing from the year 2015.

On completion of the first programme, and as a second step, the Mr Liu increased the donation to 35 scholarships, each totalling Rs. 5000 per month, for a period of two academic years, for university students who are children of Police Officers, from the year 2018.

IPA Sri Lanka held the awarding ceremony of this event, fulfilling the second leg of the programme, on 30 January 2018 with the attendance of the President of IPA Sri Lanka, Mr. Pujith Jayasundara, the Inspector General of the Police and NEC Members of the Section.

Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka
Please find below details of the **Social Programme for visitors** of the IPA World Congress 2018 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands:

**Wednesday 19 September 2018:**
After the opening ceremony of the Congress and lunch, we will visit the market at Rotterdam / Feyenoord.

**Thursday 20 September 2018:**
On this day, we will visit the town of The Hague, which is the residence of the Dutch Government. Sightseeing through the town.
In the evening we will take a boat trip through the port of Rotterdam and will have our dinner on board.

**Friday 21 September 2018:**
We are going to visit Volendam, a place where people still wear original Dutch clothing. During the day, we will also visit a cheese farm that produces real Dutch cheese.

**Saturday 22 September 2018:**
All congress participants and visitors will join together for the social programme of the day. We will first visit Kinderdijk, a place where many Dutch windmills can be seen, and after that, we will travel to Gouda, where we’ll have lunch.
Gouda has a beautiful old centre, and the famous cheese is named after this wonderful town.
After lunch there are 2 options for the afternoon:
- Take part in a guided tour around town
- Free time with the option of shopping and sightseeing.
Around five o’clock in the afternoon we’ll return to the SS Rotterdam, where we will enjoy the Gala Dinner!

**Wim Cornelis, President IPA Netherlands**
30. Skiwoche der IPA Österreich in Kärnten


Für den Rodelabend in Weißbriach wurde ein „Hüttentaxi“ (Pistengerät mit Aufbau) organisiert, damit die Teilnehmer den Aufstieg zur Berggeisthütte rasch und mühelos zurücklegen konnten. Erlebnisreich war die Talfahrt mit den Rodeln auf der beleuchteten Rodelbahn. Einige versuchten die Talfahrt auch auf der Skipiste zu meistern.

Der geplante Hüttenabend am Donnerstag auf der Watschiger Alm musste wegen schlechter Wetterverhältnisse (Schneefall und Sturm) in den Landhof Waidegger Wirt verlegt werden. Für ausgezeichnete Stimmung sorgten die Musiker vom Bergland Sound, und die Gäste tanzten bis in den Morgen.

Aufgrund des starken Schneefalles musste am Freitag die Bergandacht vom Nassfeld in die Kirche nach Tröpolach verlegt werden. In der bis auf den letzten Platz besetzten Kirche wurde von den

Beim offiziellen Abend und der Siegerehrung für die Rätsel-Rallye im Landhof ‘Zum Waidegger Wirt’ konnten auch der IPA-Präsident der Sektion Österreich Martin Hoffmann, IPA-Freunde aus Italien Domenico Giannieri und aus Slowenien Vinko Otovic begrüßt werden.

Für die langjährige Teilnahme an den Skiwochen und ihre Treue wurden
für 10 Jahre - Rudolf Kienel, Nikolay Koschejev, Annelies Kofler, Romana Mitterer;


In 30 Jahren wurden 1 590 IPA Freunde aus 85 Verbindungsstellen bzw. Regionen und 22 Nationen mit ca. 40 000 Nächtingungen betreut!


SERVO PER AMIKECO

Ewald Grollitsch, IPA Österreich

Whisky Galore in Scotland 😊

The Tayside Branch annual visit to the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, commenced on Friday, 16 February, 2018. Our numbers were down on last year for a variety of reasons out of our control, including 3 who succumbed to the dreaded flu. However it is the quality not the quantity that matters and it certainly did not stop us having a ball.

Friday afternoon, the rendezvous point, as always, was the bar, where we met our ‘regulars’ and welcomed new guests which included friends from IPA Nürnberg and Schweinfurt, Germany, Chairperson of the IPA Professional Commission May-Britt Rinaldo from Sweden and Brendan from IPA Ireland.

As it was so close to Valentine’s Day, my husband David presented the ladies with a chocolate red rose, while I presented one to the ‘single’ males as we sat down to dinner 😊. After dinner, entertainment was provided and friends were re-acquainted and new ones made.
Saturday morning saw the start of the shuttle runs to the Speyside Distillery. It is a small, unique distillery in a stunning location on the River Spey. This year they have also started producing Gin, and a tour and tasting was offered for Gin lovers, of which there were a few.

2 tours were arranged and expertly given. The number of tastings went down very well and those on the gin were very impressed with the flavour of frozen berries in their drinks. Those who hadn’t attended the tours ventured near and far from the hotel, some went to Aviemore for walks around the area, while others remained at the hotel relaxing.

In the afternoon, a hosted whisky and wine tasting was held in the hotel. 6 whiskies and 6 wines were on offer, on a ‘help yourself’ basis. Many learned a lot about the whisky and wine from the host. It was a very relaxing time when you could discuss your favourite bottle. When it came to ‘closing time’ I was told that the organiser didn’t want to take any of the wine back with him. He then kindly donated a bottle to our raffle.

Our Gala dinner on the Saturday evening saw the guests, many of whom were wearing tartan, including kilts, trews, ties, sashes and brooches, piped into the dining room. This was very much appreciated, particularly by our international guests.

Following a superb dinner, we all adjourned to the ballroom for the Ceilidh, which was its usual vibrant self, and saw the majority participating in the Scottish dancing, many for the first time.

Our guests donated numerous prizes for our raffle and their generosity was immense. Many went home with some unique prizes.

Unfortunately a few of our guests had to leave us the following morning and we wished them safe travels.

Sunday morning dawned with beautiful clear blue skies, even if it was a bit chilly. A large group set off in convoy to the Highland Wildlife Park. We drove round admiring all the animals, stopping for photographs as we went, followed by a walk to see some of the more exotic animals. We were certainly not disappointed.

Lunchtime saw us arrive at the Heather Centre where their speciality is Clootie Dumpling, served 21 ways. Our German guests had no hesitation in trying it, whereas our Irish friend took a lot of persuading, but did eventually agree it was rather tasty 😊.

Part of the convoy then headed to the Cairngorm Mountains before boarding the funicular railway which took us up nearly to the summit. Great fun was had in the snow, including a simulated snowball fight, as we enjoyed spectacular views across the valley below.

The weekend was rounded off with another evening of excellent food and entertainment in the hotel, not to mention a good few more drams.

The weekend was deemed to be the best we have held so far and David and I have been persuaded to organise a similar one from 8-11 February 2019. Further details will be announced.

We extend our thanks to everyone who attended the weekend and who gave so generously in both kind and cash, which will allow the Branch to donate £635.50 to the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. A very worthy cause that has saved many lives in Scotland since its conception.

Haste Ye Back.

_Yvonne and David McGregor, Tayside Branch, IPA UK_

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IPA Lithuania celebrate a traditional Winter Festival

February is the month of Carnivals around the World, celebrated in many different varieties. One of the most jubilant Lithuanian holiday celebrations is Užgavėnės. Seven weeks before Easter and the day before Ash Wednesday, Užgavėnės marks the end of winter and the beginning of Lent. Lithuania’s unique version of Mardi Gras, it is a day filled with food, dance and merriment. Every year, IPA Lithuania gathers to celebrate this festival in the area of Ignalina, in the small village Meironys. A large team of colleagues, guests, relatives and like-minded people, police officers with families, foresters, firefighters, border guards, Lithuanian Police Veterans, IPA members of the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian Sections, police department teams and all residents of the village celebrate together.

This holiday is known for its pancakes served with an abundance of toppings. The pancakes are similar to breakfast pancakes made with flour and buttermilk, but are heavier and crispier since they are fried in hot oil or lard. Toppings include sour cream, fruit sauces and syrups and caviar among others. Lithuanians feast on pancakes throughout the day as a last hurrah before the long Lenten fast.

Užgavėnės is the celebration of the end of the winter. The whole celebration represents the battle between winter and spring. The fight takes place between Lašininis whose name translates as ‘porker’, and Kanapinis whose name translates as ‘hemp man’ or ‘hemper’. Whereas Kanapinis is lean, hard-working and flexible and personifying spring, Lašininis is the opposite: fatty, lazy and representing winter. When they are fighting with each other, Kanapinis always has to win, because winter has to go!

Užgavėnės participants dance and frolic in a variety of costumes; mostly either light-hearted and cheerful or dark and frightening. Some celebrate by marching in
parades while others dance at village parties. Merrymaking continues late into the night until the first rooster crows for the dawn of Lent.

During the celebration people wear scary masks to encourage winter to go away. The most popular joyful and frightening masks or characters are devils, witches, horses, goats and cranes.

The final part of the festival is the female effigy of winter. Known as Morė she is made of straw and typically decorated with garish rouged lips and cheeks. She is paraded through town and then burned at the stake to symbolize the death of winter and the birth of spring. It is hoped that all the troubles and hardships of the recent year burn with the dummy. During the burning everybody sings traditional songs around the fireplace and celebrates that winter is finally over.

During this year’s celebration, we did not forget the public, solemn, historical day of 16 February, a national holiday, commemorating 100 Years of Restored Lithuania. On this occasion, we brought together more than 100 masked people to give 100 kisses to our homeland.

Laura Zaleskiene, IPA Lithuania board member

Historic AGM for IPA Kenya

23 February 2018 was a big day for the IPA Kenya Section. Members from all regions across the country gathered at the Kenya Police Pavilion in Nairobi for a historic event, the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Section’s president stated: ‘our main objective remains unchanged: We want to be your friend and the best place to be, for all police officers, both serving and retired. In order to accomplish this, we have built the strategy of IPA on three pillars: Friendship, Networks, and Recruitment. I urge all members to maintain true friendship with each other. Equally, I urge all registered members to establish tight networks, so that we are available for each other, especially in times of need’. In a statement read on his behalf by Mr. Julius Kanampiu, SAIG, the Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Joseph Boinnet, assured the IPA Kenya leadership of his support on recruitment efforts in all Police Colleges, units and
Julius Kanampiu, SAIG, addressing the AGM

Mr Julius Kanampiu, SAIG addressed the AGM as follows: ‘I consider this AGM event historical, coming after many years of minimum activities on the local scene. It accords us the opportunity to take stock of what IPA has done and achieved in the past years, and informs our plans for the future’. He advised that the leadership of IPA needed to build on the gains to ensure that the future of the Kenyan Section remained steadfast and progressive. ‘At the same time, we must exercise caution to ensure that past mistakes are not repeated’ he stated.

The IGP noted that the National Police Service had maintained a mutually beneficial working relationship with IPA Kenya, and urged the leadership to embrace innovations and improve on areas involving training seminars, charity work, and assistance to fellow officers. He counselled that for better growth, individual interests must at no time be allowed to override collective desire by all: To create bonds of friendship. ‘The Police Service is a disciplined service, whether serving or retired, and I expect to see that in all our engagements’ read his closing remarks to the assembly.

The conclusion of the meeting saw the election of new officials who will serve the Section for the next three years. Those elected into office were: Alfred Osur (President), Jared Ojuok (Secretary General), Franklin Mugendi (Treasurer), Mukhtar Omar (1st VP), Enock Makanga (2nd VP) Poline W. Munyi. (3rd VP), Salesioh Njiru (4th VP), Lazarus S. Opicho (Asst. SG, APS), Charity Sigilai (Asst. SG DCI), Rose Osengo (Asst. SG KPS) Inderjeet Main (Asst. SG RTD) and Wilhelm K. Kimutai (Deputy Treasurer)

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya
The second International conference on the topic of ‘Security in Historic Cities – challenges for Tourism’, organised by the IPA Regional Club Split-Dalmatia, the Croatian Association of Historic Cities and the Forensic Science Department of the University of Split, was held in Split from 16-17 March 2018, and received considerable interest from various partners involved in providing better quality of life in our cities. During the two-day conference, the representatives of the local and regional administration, counties, city councils, as well as their colleagues from the business and tourist sectors, along with the Police, private security companies and scientists in the field of defence and security, were able to share their knowledge and experience.

The fact that more than two hundred participants attended and the response shown by key institutions is a confirmation of the organisers’ good work and respect that the IPA Regional Club Split-Dalmatia has amongst the experts in the field and the community in general.

A considerable number of the IPA members from the Croatian Section (Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Šibenik, Slavonski Brod, Split), besides a number of IPA members from Bosnia & Herzegovina (IPA Western Herzegovina-Grude, IPA Herzegbosnia-Livno), joined this expert gathering, which focused on the development of partnerships in the field of local communities’ security, with a special emphasis on the preservation of the architectural, historical and cultural heritage.

Experts from police agencies from France, the USA, the UK, Slovenia, Israel, Turkey, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia exchanged their knowledge regarding the local communities’ partnerships and presented their experience regarding various types of threats and offered their functional solutions, proven in practice.

Besides this professional part of the conference, the organisers from the IPA Regional Club Split-Dalmatia and the Croatian Association of Historic Cities made an effort to continue the established practice of visits to the historical sites and cities in the County of Split-Dalmatia. After last year’s visit to the old Croatian royal castle in Klis, this year the participants visited the old historical centre of the city of Sinj and the recently opened and modernised museum of Sinj’s traditional equestrian competition Alka. In 2010, Alka was listed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists.
After an interesting working day and a pleasant afternoon in the company of the Sinj Knights, the gathering continued with a gala dinner, accompanied by the pleasant sound of music.

More about the Conference and the activities of the IPA regional Club Split-Dalmatia, together with the photos of the Conference activities, can be found on:

www.shcconference.com and www.ipa-split.hr

Slobodan Marendić, IPA Split-Dalmatia, IPA Croatia

IPA Serbia organise concert in aid of fighting violence against women

In an effort to highlight the fight against violence against women, the International Police Association in Serbia organised an IPA concert at the National Theatre in Belgrade on 13 March 2018, with the month of March dedicated to women in Serbia. Tickets to the concert were free, and all funds collected were donated to the ‘Counselling Centre against Domestic Violence’. The President of the International Police Association of Serbia, Ph.D. Nebojša Pantelić, and the coordinator of the Safe Houses, Vesna Stanojević, spoke to the audience during the event.

On this occasion, a choir of future policemen - participants of the ‘Centre for basic police training’ of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia and the choir of the high school ‘Jovan Jovanovic Zmaj’ made their first appearance and were accompanied by the artistic ensemble of the Ministry of Defence ‘Stanislav Binicki’.

Guests at the concert included well-known artists such as Danka Stojiljkovic, Milan Topalovic, Renato Henc and many others. In addition, the ceremony was attended by representatives of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, religious communities, embassies and other prominent figures.

For photos and a short video of the concert, please follow the links:


In addition, here is a link to the TV-broadcast ‘Hram’ of the concert: www.youtube.com/IPA_Serbia_Concert

Marija Kozomara, IPA Serbia
Then the French came to Wales!

Friday 16 March started as a very sad day for me personally and the thought of meeting and hosting seven French rugby supporting IPA members and their friends in the evening did not fill me with joy.

However, promises must be kept and at 6pm I sat outside the famous ‘City Arms’ opposite the Principality Stadium in Cardiff city centre wearing my IPA polo shirt and sipping on a pint of frothing finestBrains Bitter. Suddenly I was enveloped by a group of obvious Frenchmen – they all wore black berets and were chattering loudly in French 😊 The shortest of the group whose face was hidden underneath a large black beard that seemed to form part of the beret, grasped my hand in a bear-like grip and with a wonderful beam on his face shouted ‘Ah Denis, I am Emmanuel. Ello’!

So that was my introduction to the fabulous Emmanuel Ormaux and his friends from Chaux-la-Lotière in France (at least I think that’s what the French Travel Form said). I quickly became convinced that they were all mad, but in a rather superb way.

Into the already crowded bar we all went and I very quickly realised that apart from the fact that I could not speak a word of French, neither could they speak a word of English. ‘Wonderful’ thought I, how on earth are we going to get along for two or three hours? But the genius of modern science prevailed by way of a Google Translator App 😊

First things first, liberal quantities of the fine Welsh ales were ordered, although I again found out very quickly they had already surprisingly taken enough ale to float the British Navy in another local bar. However, the traditional Welsh toast of ‘lachy Da’ had to be taken, which in itself was absolutely hilarious at the various pronunciations, none of which I shall even attempt to relate.

Then to the all-important exchange of memorabilia. Region 4 and Section UK Pennants, pin badges, note pads and pens were all handed over to Emmanuel in exchange for badges etc. from himself. They each also received a genuine WRU (Welsh Rugby Union) pencil, which I suggested they could use to write the final Welsh winning score at the end of the match. All accepted with great huffing, puffing and hilarity.

The bar by now was heaving, and suddenly someone in the crowd of Welsh supporters started singing ‘Calon Lan’ (‘A pure heart’), a really wonderful Welsh hymn. The emotion in our bar was overwhelming, especially when the French supporters then followed on and started to sing the famous ‘La Marseillaise’, not as a challenge or to outdo the Welsh singers, but to compliment the obvious friendship that had arisen between everyone in the two small linked bars. I had said earlier that the day had not started well for me, but by the time we had reached this point in the evening my eyes were full of tears and any foreboding I had earlier dreaded had by now long disappeared. Of course the tears could simply have been for the sadness I felt for these Frenchmen who honestly thought that they would be winning the rugby
match the following day. ‘Oh dear, how sad, never mind’ (as we say down here in the Principality).

But all good things come to an end and by now the desire for the local ale was being replaced by French demands for food – Indian curry style. So acting as the local tourist guide, I escorted my still singing charges to a top quality restaurant.

I never really interpreted exactly what branch of policing Emmanuel was in as such, but I think it was CID. But in addition to that he apparently also has a second job as the company owner and highly respected purveyor of top quality French wine, cheese and local meats. His friends all confirmed that he is not only a seller of fine wines, but also involved in their production through a local vineyard – the website showed the bottles on sale at £159 each. Emmanuel has invited the South Wales Branch to visit his local IPA area where the members will provide us with the finest hospitality and samples from the vineyard. Well it would be rude not to now, wouldn’t it?

International Friendship ruled supreme once again.

Denis Hunt, Region 4 (Wales) - IPA UK

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Retirement of Lesley Hughes

Our popular staff member, Lesley Hughes, has announced that she shall retire on 18 April, having faithfully served our Association for some 19 years. Lesley joined the IAC in 1998, when the work was very much paper copy orientated and there was huge solid wood table in the middle of the office, piled high with papers and files.

Over the years, the appearance of the office has changed, with modern computers and desks. Working practice gradually moved from paper copies and faxes to an increasingly digital operation. Two of the tedious tasks were the preparation of the IEC/World Congress agenda packs and the annual information guide, now both digitized.

Lesley coped admirably with the changes, with her cheery disposition and calmness, working mainly with Wendy Donaghy over the years, but more recently with Elke Schülpen-Roberts and Kerry Gil. She saw many PEB/IEB members come and go
and adapted to the differing management styles of Alan Carter, John Waumsley, Ioannis Panoussis, George Katsaropoulos and Stephen Crockard. Lesley preferred to let others travel overseas, but when duty called, she provided sterling service at IECs and World Congresses.

Lesley is justifiably known across the Association for her friendly and helpful attitude and she will deservedly remain in all our hearts and memories. Thank you, Lesley for your service with friendship!

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

International Day for Street Children 2018

The International Day for Street Children takes place on 12 April, and we would like to share some important news with you:

In late 2017, the United Nations’ General Comment No. 21 on Children in Street Situations was published. The International Police Association, in conjunction with the Consortium for Street Children (CSC), is one of the supporters of this initiative, and on the IPA side, the project has been led by the Chair of the Professional Commission, with the support of individual sections around the globe.

Four Steps were identified in the UN Comment and are used in the 2018 campaign in connection with the International Day for Street Children. These Four Steps act as a call to all governments to make sure that street-connected children are able to access their rights.

Therefore, the IPA, together with the Consortium for Street Children, is launching the ‘4 Steps of Equality’ campaign, urging governments around the world to take 4 steps that will achieve equality for street children. Too often, street children are unable to access things most of us take for granted – such as going to the hospital, accessing justice when harmed, protection from harassment and violence, and much more.

Find the 4 steps plus further downloads, and see how you can help on this year’s International Day for Street Children by following the link:

http://www.streetchildrenday.org/get-involved/downloads/

Equality for street children starts with you. Let’s make it happen!

May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the IPA Professional Commission
LAST WORD

Very often, a picture will express much more than words could ever do.

As you will already have seen in Stephen Crockard’s article earlier on in the Newsletter, our colleague Lesley will be retiring later on this month.

I don’t like good-byes in any shape or form, and don’t really like talking about them much either – therefore I prefer to share a photo this month with you, showing Lesley, Kerry and myself outside of the Arthur Troop House, with Lesley in the centre.

A suitable place, I reckon, as Lesley has been ‘the constant middle’ of the IAC for a long time.

Both Kerry and I will for certain miss your wealth of IPA knowledge, Lesley, your diplomatic way of dealing with any tricky situation, and last but not least your endless patience when it comes to assisting IPA sections, IEB members, or when coping with us 😊

Saying good-bye will be emotional, but the blow will be softened by the knowledge that you have so much to look forward to in your retirement:

long walks with your faithful dog Toby, eventful days looking after your grandchildren Dylan and Eleanor, and most of all the prospect of long holidays in your favourite place on Earth – the Isle of Skye.

Thank you Lesley, for everything – and make sure you keep in touch 😊

Elke
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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www.ibz-gimborn.de

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Getting ready for take-off!

An inspirational photo from Gérard Fayet, Merit Award winner of the IPA Photo Competition 2017
WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear all,

Some of our members have very high expectations about what the IPA should be and what role the association should play on the international scene. It has been suggested to me that I am not doing enough to develop this aspect that could, amongst others, be used for recruiting new members.

Their concern is that the IPA has been reduced to a ‘drinking club’, to quote one of the comments I received. Of course my first reaction would be ‘what’s wrong with having a drink?’ (just kidding).

On a more serious note, I understand these comments, especially as article 7 of our International Statutes lists as one of the IPA’s aims to ‘enhance recognition of the IPA by international bodies’. In addition, article 1 states that ‘The IPA is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Consultative (Special) Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; in Consultative Status with the Organization of American States and UNESCO’.

I will not minimise this aspect and especially the work put in by many of our members to uphold such an important international recognition for the Association. And I know that many sections work hard to develop this recognition at a national level, and that it is of great importance for the IPA. Time and energy is invested to attend conferences or meetings, and many members act as speakers. I express my thanks to all of them and encourage them to continue their vital contribution.

I ask myself, however, if this is the primary aim of our Association; does it reflect our values and principles developed over time? I personally don’t think so. The soul of the IPA is friendship, our capacity to gather together, to invite newcomers and to unite through the activities set up by branches, regions and sections of the IPA. Our potential new members who will carry on our motto and our flag over the coming decades are members of the police force or related professions as specified in the membership conditions of our international and national statutes. It is not by chance that our Association has come so far since 1950, but because the IPA gathers people who have an inherent sense of the honour of what it means to serve. It is exactly this aspect that has ensured that the IPA has continued to develop, through our service through friendship all these years! Time will never erode such values.

I respect and value the work of the international organisations we are part of, but I feel closer to IPA members who joined the Association due to their belief that friendship could bring them together to share good moments, knowledge, best practice, social and cultural aspects, and why not to have a drink together?

Long live IPA

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President
AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA Estonia

The annual meeting of IPA Estonia was held on 24 March 2018, in the heart of Estonia at Väätsa. During the meeting, the election for the new board was held, and it is a great honour for me to be elected as the new President of IPA Estonia.

I have been working for the Estonian police force in different positions since 1995 and currently work as a trainer of emergency vehicle drivers in the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board. I have been a member of IPA since 2002 and a member of the Board since 2009.

I am pleased to introduce the new board members of the Estonian section, whose average age is 49:

Uno Laas President
Janek Pedask Secretary General
Kaja Suur Treasurer
Lauri Läänsoo Website and Social Media Coordinator
Maret Tamra Member of the Management Board
Üllar Kütt Member of the Management Board
Marek Unt Member of the Management Board

Marek Unt, Üllar Kütt, Maret Tamra, Kaja Suur, Uno Laas, Lauri Läänso, Janek Pedask
We will carry on what our predecessors started. One of our more important goals is to increase the number of our members as well as broadening national and international friendships and relations. Furthermore, we will continue our cooperation with the Estonian Cancer Society. Whilst the 2017 project was aimed at our beloved female colleagues and spouses of our male colleagues, the 2018 project will be directed towards men.

We will also continue with arranging excursions and work together with our neighbours from close and far.

PS!

To learn more about our activities and us, we invite you to the 25th anniversary of the IPA Estonian section, which takes place from 16 – 22 July 2018.


Best Wishes!

*Uno Laas, President IPA Estonia*

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**A heartfelt IPA ‘au revoir’**

It is with a lot of emotion that I leave my post as National President of IPA France after 6 years in the Presidency and 10 in the National Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome you have always given me at international meetings and World Congresses, as well as for the support over the years.

Since 30 March 2018, the French section has had a new President, Thierry Larrouy, who many of you will already know, as he has been involved with our association for several years now, and he accompanied me to the World Congress 2015 in Cyprus.

A new team has been put in place which will be introduced to you soon.

I will not leave the IPA; I will continue to contribute on a different level and support the new team if necessary, as it is vital to ensure the continuity of our tasks in the interest of our members.

I know I can count on each and every one of you to welcome and support the new IPA France President and his whole team.

I will not forget you and I sincerely hope to have the pleasure of seeing some of you again on my future travels.

Long live the IPA.

*Rose Lourme, Past President IPA France*
IPA Latvia organises a successful Baltic Spring Event

On 7 April 2018, the Latvian section of the International Police Association organised an international Baltic States event called ‘Let’s celebrate spring in Skrīveri’. Friends of the International Police Association from Lithuania and Estonia, including Uno Lass, the new President of IPA Estonia. It was a great pleasure to meet many close friends and colleagues from our neighbouring countries.

Together we went on a tour to visit ‘Skrīveru saldumi’ (‘Skrīveri Sweets’), a family company founded in 2005 in Skrīveri. A team of professionals works in the factory, with experience in candy production since 1959! The company's motto is - Combine healthy with sweet! The tour members had an opportunity to take part in an hour’s tour and see how our favourite Latvian sweets, the candy ‘Gotiņa’ (‘Cow’), are made, and they were able to take part in a creative workshop, learning a small part of the work the factory workers do every day.

![Image of participants enjoying the Baltic Spring Event]

Afterwards, we went to one of Latvia's most beautiful and mythical places, Koknese, where we walked through Latvia's ‘Likteņdārzs’ - a special garden created by Latvian residents for Latvia’s centennial. Every Latvian citizen can donate to the development of this garden, as well as take part in hands-on work in order to improve the facility.

![Image of participants at Koknese Castle]

Koknese Castle was one of the largest and most important medieval castles in the territory of Latvia. Construction of the huge castle, which belonged the Archbishop of Riga, and the adjacent town of Koknese started in 1209 and was completed in a short time. The castle was abandoned after the mighty western towers were blown up in 1701, and the spectacular medieval ruins of Koknese Castle are still one of the most scenic places between the two rivers Pērse and Daugava.
Many thanks to the dear friends from Lithuania and Estonia who attended this joint event and strengthened our Baltic State friendship ties.

Best regards!

SERVO PER AMIKECO 😊

*Indra Lūse, Secretary General IPA Latvia*

### IPA Brazil participated in the 8th World Water Forum

From 18-23 March 2018, the 8th World Water Forum was held in the capital of Brazil, Brasilia - the first city in the Southern Hemisphere to host the event. The International Police Association’s Brazilian Section - IPA Brazil - was present and participated in the Forum.

With the theme of ‘Sharing Water’, the forum had a participation of about 97,000 people, with 15,000 from outside of the country, including members and visitors. Over five days of debates involving leaders from 172 countries, issues such as climate change and the impact on water resources, as well as water infrastructure financing to increase global supply security were addressed. In addition, integrated management in urban areas was discussed, taking into account water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste collection. The President of the World Water Council, Benedito Braga, stated that: ‘We want to see solutions that can be used in the long term and influence decision-makers.’

IPA Brazil joined the 8th World Water Forum with a project developed in conjunction with ADASA (a Water, Energy and Sanitation Regulatory Agency) with regard to a process of water purification, which was presented at ‘Vila Cidadã’, where the public drank and praised the result.

In addition, a process of re-use for real estate construction was presented. The novelty of this police participation resulted in one of the biggest awards of the event.

IPA Brazil was not only involved in the above projects, but also took part in debates which showed that the police are essential in this context of controlling water waste.

*Joel Mazo Zarpellon, IPA Brazil*
America takes on North Wales – a UK ‘IPA story’

Following receipt of an IPA Travel Form from Mike Fales, a serving NYPD officer, Gary Fernandes of the North Wales Branch immediately got in touch with him to arrange a meeting at Ruthin. Mike and his travelling companions were visiting North Wales during a tour of the UK. Gary takes up the story:

David Moore and I met up with Mike Fales, a serving detective in the NYPD at Ruthin Castle on 19 March 2018.

Ruthin was an overnight stay for Mike who was on his way down from Scotland to Stratford upon Avon.

Mike travelled with about ten other NYPD colleagues and their wives/partners. The group mainly comprised retired officers, so it was quite interesting to hear about the experiences of former officers compared to those presently serving.

It appears that race relations is a big issue in New York and how different mayors of the city and Presidential attitude can affect policing on the street. In particular, the confidence in the police in a given community seems to be related to the political leaning of those who govern.

Mike and his colleagues were most hospitable, insisting that David and I stay and have a meal with them. Gifts and contact details were exchanged and before I knew it, darkness had fallen and it was beginning to snow. Time for me to make my way home.

It was a lovely evening spent in the company of colleagues from the USA who I now refer to as friends … And isn't that what the IPA is about?

Denis Hunt and Gary Fernandes, IPA UK

IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA House Johann Rissik, Pretoria, South Africa

Situated in Pretoria, the capital and known as the Jacaranda City of South Africa, the Johann Rissik Guest House is located approximately 3 kilometres from the City Centre.

It is within walking distance of the Union Buildings, Loftus Versveld (a world-renowned rugby field) and various embassies. The IPA house is a mere 30 minute drive away from the Oliver Tambo International Airport and City of Johannesburg.
The legacy of the past directly links the Johann Rissik IPA House (built in 1924) to the history of Johannesburg, the biggest city in South Africa, as the House is named after Mr Johann Rissik, one of two persons after whom the City of Johannesburg was named.

The facility has been in operation as an IPA House since 1989.

There are 9 rooms accommodating 18 people, a lounge with a TV, as well as a fully equipped kitchen for use by guests.

A bar facility that is open 7 days a week is available for guests.

The IPA House Johann Rissik has a communal BBQ/Braai area with a lapa. The personnel living on site is always around to assist guests.

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- **Website:** http://ipasafrica.co.za/main/

*Article compiled by H Vos (Vossie) – SCC member*

**LAST WORD**

When spring is in full swing, so is the IPA!

Every time, when updating the Calendar of IPA Events, as seen on the next page, I am amazed at the amount of activities offered to IPA members throughout May and June in particular.

Have a look: if you so wish, you could spend every weekend discovering another beautiful corner of the IPA world – from a shooting tournament in Croatia to a 60th anniversary in Belgium, from the IPA Games in Portugal to a photography seminar in Gimborn, from a motorcycle rally in Italy to a collectors’ meeting in Spain, to name only a few.

Take your pick – the list of opportunities for you to enjoy is endless 😊

*Elke*
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A moment of pure gold

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration, capturing a magical moment while visiting IPA Japan
Dear all,

the first IPA Games were opened in Lisbon on 18 May 2018 in a beautiful fortress on Lisbon’s charming seashore. It was lovely to see all IPA members celebrating happily together, in the true spirit of the IPA.

This was my dream, when I first introduced the idea of holding IPA Games four years ago. IPA members take part in many international sports events in which they constitute only a very small part of the participants, and the idea was to hold a large international sports event, entirely dedicated to IPA members only.

In Lisbon, the venue for the first IPA Games, this dream became reality. To see the opening ceremony with IPA members from 23 sections, more than 350 friends marching together, was simply wonderful!

The IPA Games did not only focus on sports, but also on providing the opportunity for meetings with friends and joint recreation - a large social event filled with fun and mutual entertainment.

The aim of the IPA Games was also to get closer to young police officers, to boost their recruitment into the association. Most of the delegations included police officers who joined the IPA because of the Games, and I have no doubt that many more members of the police force will join our association to take part in the IPA Games 2020.

The success of the IPA Games depended on the preparations and hospitality of the hosting section, Portugal. IPA Portugal, led by the President of the section, proved that ‘Servo per Amikeco’ is not just a slogan, but means real and warm friendship!

I would like to thank Anabela for the fulfilment of my dream and its implementation; it was to me a historic event, the first of its kind. Thanks must also go to her wonderful team. Thank you furthermore to Vytautas, the President of Section Lithuania and leader of the sports project in the SCC. Thanks also to all the SCC members who participated in the first IPA games and to the IEB friends. Thank you last but not least to all the wonderful and cheerful participants!

I invite you to enjoy a short video of the event, kindly produced by Eran Israel:

IPA Games 2018

See you all at the second IPA games in 2020!

Adv. Gal Sharon, IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the SCC
AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA Iceland

Dear friends,

the annual meeting of IPA Iceland was held on 23 March 2018 in our beautiful capital Reykjavik. We were privileged that the board of Section UK came over and joined our meeting. I think they truly enjoyed themselves - at least we welcomed their company, and their Whiskey!

I have been president of the Icelandic section for the past 6 years and acted as treasurer for six years before that. My intention had always been to hold the office of president for 6 years - two terms - only. But in the end, I decided to run for one more term. I am happy to inform you all that I was re-elected and so was our secretary general, Baldur, as well as our treasurer, Gunnar. So you are stuck with us for the next three years 😊

Section Iceland is somehow a bit different to other sections, I imagine. We are of course a tiny nation with a small police force, although the majority of our active police force are members of the IPA. We should probably be a bit more active as a section both at home and abroad; however, in the past six years since we took over we have done some great things in my opinion:

We organised the first-ever international tournament held in Iceland, a golf tournament. We have seen a huge increase in participants at our events and annual meetings. Our first organised IPA trip took us to Section Ireland (Galway and Dublin) in 2017 - a trip to remember! Two foreign sections visited us and took part in our annual meetings, and we have assisted numerous members from around the world, as well as from our own section of course. So maybe we aren’t that dormant after all!

My hope for the next three years is that we keep on going forward, and who knows: maybe one of us will make it onto the big stage in the future.

Servo per Amikeco,

Einar Guðberg Jónsson, President IPA Iceland
IPA Sections making History

National Executive Committees of Section Ireland and Section UK Enjoy Joint Meeting at IPA HQ, Nottingham

On 16 December 2017, an inter-Section occasion of history was recorded when the National Executive Committee of IPA Section Ireland held their pre-Christmas meeting at the Arthur Troop House, Nottingham, Section UK.

This historic event has significance because it is the first occasion when a National Executive Committee of a Section other than Section UK held their Executive Meeting at IPA Headquarters, Nottingham.

Guests of Section UK

The members of the National Executive Committee of Section Ireland were honoured to receive an invitation from the National Committee of Section UK to participate in the Arthur Troop Day, and we were delighted to accept the invitation and attend that event held on 15 December 2017. As a way of marking that historic visit in a special way, Section Ireland’s National Executive Committee suggested the holding of their scheduled meeting for December at IPA HQ in Nottingham, a suggestion which was warmly received by Section UK Executive members.

Joint Sections’ National Executive Committees meeting

The joint meeting of both Sections’ NEC’s took place on 16 December, with the national President of each Section leading their respective National Committee. President Denis Dunne, Section Ireland and President Mike Luke, Section UK spoke eloquently on the occasion, each emphasising the historic nature of this meeting. On behalf of Section Ireland, President Dunne made a presentation of a suitably inscribed print of a well-known Dublin scene, the Halfpenny Bridge over the River Liffey, to President Luke.

Section Ireland wishes to thank the National Committee of Section UK for the invitation and their hosting of this historic event.

Yours in Friendship,

Conor O’Higgins, President IPA Ireland
How do you know that Women’s Day in IPA Israel was a successful event? As soon as men start asking why there is no ‘Men's Day’, it is clear that the event was a great success!

600 women from IPA Israel travelled to the Dead Sea to celebrate Women’s Day, an occasion packed with activities, lectures, performances, workshops and entertainment.

The event was organised as part of the section's cultural activities and continues a long tradition of organising women's days in various places in Israel. Despite it being an established tradition over many years, the event at the Dead Sea was unusual in size, in the number of participants and most importantly, in the level of satisfaction of IPA members.

I asked participants at the event how it was possible to hold an event without men? Their answer was unequivocal: Do you think men are missing here? Since the only 2 men at the event were Yacov Terner, the President of the section, and me, I can testify that no man was missing 😊.

The event featured leading Israeli artists, well-known stand-up comedians, Miss Universe, singing and dance groups, professional lectures and cosmetics and beauty companies.

Alongside all the events and performances a meeting between young policewomen and pensioners, as well as amongst policewomen who had not met for many years, took place.

The event was opened by Attorney Gal Sharon, Vice President of IPA Israel and international Vice President. With her blessing, she noted that the organisation, which is fully egalitarian, has two women in the International Executive Board. There are many women in the positions of president of a section. The President of IPA Israel congratulated the participants and concluded that perhaps next year the international President might be a woman, for the first time in the organisation's history.

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel
IPA Greece hold lecture on the hazardous custom of shooting

On 10 May 2018, IPA Greece organised a lecture in the city of Aghios Nikolaos on the island of Crete, with the topic of ‘Illegal Weapons - Aerial Shooting: custom or crime?’ On the beautiful island of Crete, the custom of firing shots into the air during weddings, christenings and other moments of joy has been a long-standing tradition. As members of IPA and as police officers, we sent a clear message from Aghios Nikolaos against shooting unnecessarily, because weapons are not a toy. Only unpleasant and often tragic outcomes have been brought about by this practice.

The ‘Balothies’, as they are called in the local dialect, a custom designed to express joy, have cost the lives of many people, and joyful events have been transformed into tragedies, with victims including children, relatives, friends, or even the bride.

Therefore we recommend that the use of weapons be restricted to safe and legal locations, such as shooting ranges.

We stress that Crete, which is one of the most important tourist destinations of our country, is a safe island for those who visit and enjoy Cretan hospitality.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the coordinator, Dr Georgios Papakonstantis, Professor of Panteion University and retired Police Brigadier General as well as to the Archimandrite Titos Tabakakis, of the Holy Metropolis of Petra and Heronissos; the Professor of the University of Crete - Department of Political Science & Director of the Policy Research and Documentation Center, Dr Nikos Papadakis; the Lassithi Public Prosecutor, Mrs Maria Kontongona; Psychologist Pedagogue Stavroula Delimpitaladaki; the internationally known artist of Cretan music, Vasilis Skoulas as well as the Pan-Hellenic shooting champion and member of the National Shooting Team, Mr Sifakis Fanourios.

We are confident that the valuable conclusions of the lecture, which was attended by many people, will make a decisive contribution to provide proper information and contribute to a ‘wake-up dialogue’ of citizens about illegal weapons.

Servo per Amikeco,

Ioannis Karapatakis, President IPA Greece
Vasilios Papas, Secretary General IPA Greece
Section UK’s Clive Wood enjoyed the benefits an IPA Travel Form can provide

On a recent ‘cruise of a lifetime’, my wife Helen and I visited a variety of places in the Far East, starting with three stops in Malaysia, one in Vietnam, one in Thailand and a day in Singapore.

Following a couple of days at sea we then had an overnight stop in Hong Kong.

Travel forms having been submitted many months ago, Helen and I got off the ship and immediately made our way to the ferry terminal which takes you across to Macau in about an hour.

On arriving, we were met by Marco Lei, son of the President of IPA Macau Lei Hong Po, and the administrator for the section, Sammi Cheang.

We spent a wonderful few hours being shown around the sites of Macau. In addition, we were treated to a fantastic dim sum lunch and had the opportunity to look around some really plush casinos, including the Venetian.

Gifts exchanged, we were back on the turbojet ferry to get across to Hong Kong in time to meet Section Hong Kong’s Vice President Jack Tam, who had offered to host us for the evening.

Jack picked us up from the ferry terminal and took us to the night market, where we were able to enjoy street food for dinner. Helen liked the plain noodles which she had also enjoyed earlier in Macau!

I can safely report there were no ill effects from eating the street food, and it was a real change from the food we had eaten on the ship for the last few weeks!

After an exchange of gifts, we eventually got back onto the ship at around 10 o’clock in the evening feeling extremely grubby and tired, but having had the most wonderful opportunities across two IPA sections in one day, before continuing our cruise to Japan where we also met with the local IPA section. First-rate hospitality and a safe pair of hands in unknown surroundings emphasised to us the benefits of submitting a travel form which can provide some level of reassurance when in a foreign country, knowing that the local IPA will be there for you if needed, and perhaps a bit more!

Clive Wood, Vice President IPA UK
IPA Malta celebrate their 54th anniversary

Malta became a full member of the International Police Association on 30 April 1964 during the World Congress held in Blackpool. Our 54th Anniversary celebrations kicked off on 14 April with a Tactical Shooting competition, followed by an anniversary dinner on 20 April, an overseas trip to Sicily for a lovely day full of sightseeing, shopping and fine Sicilian dining on 28 April and the IPA Thanksgiving Holy Mass on 6 May where the Police Chaplin, who is also a committee member, officiated and blessed all present. After the mass, everyone was invited for the cutting of a commemoration cake and refreshments.

**Anniversary shooting competition:** In gale force winds our participants threw caution to the wind. The event was held at the police outdoor shooting range at Ta’ Kandja. This competition formed part 1 of 4 where IPA Malta will be choosing its team to compete during the 3rd IPA Malta International Shooting Competition to be held in Malta in 2019. All 20 participants were thoroughly briefed for this tactical shooting competition by RCO and Committee member PS Patrick Cassar, who was assisted by RCO PC Ryan Schembri. Through the spirit of IPA friendship all those attending enjoyed their participation, evidently expressing their love for the sport. A very high level of performance was achieved and the winning participant was Mr Cedric Camilleri, followed by Mr Mark Cassar in second place and Mr Chris Stafrace in third place. The committee would like to thank the Commissioner, Mr Lawrence Cutajar, for permitting the use of the Shooting Range at Ta’ Kandja. A word of thanks also goes to all participants and helpers who were instrumental for this event to be a success. Last but not least thank you to the official sponsor, Red Tracer, who shall be with us throughout all 4 events and also at ‘The IPA Malta 2019 International Shooting Competition’.

**Anniversary dinner:** Our Anniversary Buffet Dinner was held on 20 April 2018 at the Seashells Resort at Suncert AX Hotels in St Paul’s Bay. A huge attendance of 100+ enjoyed the lavish buffet dinner and participated in the fundraising raffle in aid of our section. All committee members reached out to cut the commemoration cake.

**Anniversary day trip to Sicily:** Anchors away, for on 28 April we set sail by Catamaran to neighbouring Sicily for a day trip! 50 participants joined together for this lovely IPA adventure. The day started early as we boarded the boat and set off having the luxury to view the magnificent sunrise over the horizon. We travelled by coach and started off with coffee & croissants at Pozallo, followed by the ‘Fiera di Vittoria’, a huge flea-market for some shopping. Our lunch break was taken in the Ragusa province at the lovely family-run restaurant ‘Al Giardino di Bianca’ where we were treated to a typical Sicilian lunch complete with coffee and the delicious canollo.
siciliano. In an adjoining room, all present could view an impressive model complete with valleys, hills, caves, trees, pathways strewn with sawdust and streams of running water – depicting a Palestinian scene at the time of the Passion of Christ. Another shopping stop at the ‘Centro Commerciale Ipercoop Ibleo’ followed before we drove through the old town of Modica, famously known for its local chocolate produce. Last but not least, we headed back to Pozallo for a farewell ice cream break and boarded the boat home. Our thanks go to all participants, Joe Micallef Travel for their sterling organisation, and to IPA Malta for making this a memorable trip.

**Visit from a colleague of IPA Wrocław, Poland:** During the anniversary days we were pleased to have a visit at Police GHQ from Bartlomiej Majchrzak, a young serving police officer from Poland who is the current Chairman of IPA Wrocław. Bart and his wife were in Malta for a holiday. The relations between IPA Poland and Malta have always been good, and our section had sent a delegation to Poland a few years back to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Polish Section. Current issues, in particular the difficulties faced by small sections like ours and how to try and tackle these in the best way possible way were discussed. Bartlomej was very interested in our section and headquarters and had prepared himself well for this visit. He knew all about the set-up of our Police and Crime Museum and extended his invitation for any of our members who wish to visit Wrocław. IPA mementoes were exchanged and photos near the Police Monument taken to record this visit for our members.

*Joseph Mamo, Committee member IPA Malta*

**IPA Croatia’s Regional Club Split-Dalmatia organises 6th International Shooting Tournament**

The 6th International Sharp-Shooting Tournament for members and friends of IPA was organised on 5 May 2018 by the IPA Regional Club Split-Dalmatia.

More than 70 competitors from 6 countries and 21 teams demonstrated their shooting skills on the shooting ground in Stobreč, Split, Croatia. This demanding competition was a complete success as far as the organisation and competition results were concerned, so the rest of the day consisted of awarding medals and trophies, friendly gatherings and the exchange of experiences with regard to the daily police work amongst the IPA members from Germany (IPA Stuttgart), Slovakia (IPA Košice), the Czech Republic (IPA Havirov), as well as the IPA sections of Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina. The latter team consisted of IPA Western-Herzegovina County (Grude, 2 teams); IPA Herzeg-Bosnia County (Livno), IPA Sarajevo, IPA Bjeljina, the Bosnia & Herzegovina State Border Service team and the Western-Herzegovina County’s Police Academy Cadets’ team.
The Croatian Section was represented by IPA RC Medjimurje (2 teams), IPA RC Istria, IPA RC Lika, IPA RC Šibenik-Knin, IPA RC Brod-Posavina, 2 teams from the Police Academy, 3 teams from the IPA RC Split-Dalmatia, a Special Police Unit team and a team from the Riot Police Unit Split.

The competition culminated in the presentation of medals and trophies for the most successful competitors:

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During dinner in the evening, the organisers took the opportunity to express their gratitude to the Split-Dalmatia County, the City of Split, the Shooting Club Centre and the Police Administration Split-Dalmatia, for their support of the IPA RC Split-Dalmatia in the organisation of this competition.

Special commemorative plaques and medals for the teams and the competitors were delivered by the President of the IPA RC Split-Dalmatia Mr Perica Orešković, IPA RC Split-Dalmatia Secretary Mrs Divna Popović, the Head of the Police Administration Lika-Senj Mr Josip Biljan, Mr Damir Gabrić, a Department Head of the Split-Dalmatia County and the Head of the Police Administration Split-Dalmatia.

In its 6th year, this tournament proved a perfect event for gathering colleagues and friends, as well as for supporting the development of skills and providing an educational aspect, alongside developing relationships, always in view of the aims of the International Police Association’s motto of ‘Servo per Amikeco’.

**Željko Turk, Secretary General IPA Croatia**
President of IPA Serbia winner of the prestigious ‘Gentleman of the Year’ award

On 24 April 2018 a gala ceremony was held in Belgrade, on the occasion of presenting the ‘Dama godine 2018 - Lady of the Year 2018’ award. The event brought together around 250 VIP guests from all walks of life and represents an annual award to recognise successful women in the public, social and economic spheres, originating from a wider area of Southeastern Europe.

The award was inaugurated in 2014, giving a clear message that performance in a job is not determined by gender, but by quality, commitment, talent and personal attributes. In Serbia there are still stereotypes that women cannot be as successful as men, but the fact is that, compared to earlier times, today more and more women are working in leading positions; women who with their perseverance and strength are successful in all areas.

This year, for the first time, the special award of ‘Džentlemen godine - Gentleman of the Year’ was presented. In front of the jury, the renowned presenter Suzana Mancić handed the award to PhD Nebojša Pantelić, Colonel of Police and President of IPA Serbia.

In his speech, held in front of IPA Section Serbia, President Pantelić welcomed all guests and congratulated the awarded women. In addition, he pointed out that this award was given to a police officer for the first time in Serbia and that it belonged to all police colleagues, not only him. The event was also widely covered in the media.

For more details, please follow the links below:

http://www.ipa-serbia.org/aktivnosti-sekcije/dzentlmen-godine/
https://youtu.be/IPA Serbia_Gentlemen of the Year award

Marija Kozomara, IPA Serbia
ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Presentation to Lesley Hughes

On 2 May 2018, former International Secretary General Alan Carter joined Stephen Crockard, Elke Schülpen-Roberts and Kerry Gil for a farewell lunch in a local restaurant with our recently retired IAC staff member, Lesley Hughes.

Stephen presented Lesley with a compilation of greetings sent in by her many IPA friends from around the world and a thank you gift from the International Executive Board.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

Contract signed for new IAC website

The current IAC website is no longer fit for purpose and after a formal tendering process, Senior Ltd. in Nottingham were chosen by the IEB to construct a replacement.

On 1 May 2018, the Head of Administration, Stephen Crockard signed the contract for the new website with Senior.

Stephen and IAC Office Manager Elke Schülpen-Roberts have so far attended two sessions with Senior on putting together the new website and we hope to see positive results in the coming months.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration
Eine kurze Übersicht:

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Aktueller Präsident: Martin Hoffmann

Ein Einblick der Sektion:


Heute wie damals fühlen sich die Mitglieder und Funktionäre den ideellen Grundwerten, die unsere Vereinigung prägen, verpflichtet: Berufskameradschaft und soziales Engagement über die Grenzen hinweg, Erfahrungsaustausch mit Kollegen im In- und Ausland sowie Aufklärung der Bevölkerung in Sicherheitsfragen sind Kernthemen in der täglichen Arbeit.

Mit ca. 32.000 Mitgliedern, welche aus allen Sparten der österreichischen Exekutive kommen, ist die Österreichische Sektion weltweit die drittstärkste nationale Sektion im internationalen Verband der IPA mit aktuell 66 Sektionen – und das, obwohl Österreich mit einer Gesamtfläche von 83.858 km² und einer Bevölkerung von 8,747 Millionen Einwohnern nicht als großes Land bezeichnet werden kann.


Österreich ist zwar klein, aber sehenswert und bietet gleichermaßen Hochgebirge, fruchtbare Ebenen, die Puszta im Osten, zahllose Seen eingebettet in malerische Landschaften vom Bodensee im Westen bis zum Neusiedlersee im Osten an. Dazu kommen malerische Schluchten, beeindruckende Wasserfälle (Krimmler Wasserfälle), Gletscher und Höhlenwelten (Werfener Eisriesenwelt, die längste
Eishöhle Europas), Canyons wie die Tormäuer in Niederösterreich und zahllose Nationalparks.

Ein kleines aber nicht unbedeutendes Land, in welchem auch die IPA Österreichische Sektion mit ihrem Leitspruch „Servo per amikeco“, den sie jederzeit getreulich erfüllt, eine wichtige gesellschaftliche Rolle einnimmt.

**Ein Blick nach vorn:**

Eine IPA-APP der IPA Österreichische Sektion zur Verwendung auf Smartphones ist in Ausarbeitung.

**Internationale Veranstaltungen:**

**Nordeuropaforum (NEF)**

14.-17. Juni 2018 in Wien:
Teilnehmer: Belgien, Dänemark, Deutschland, Estland, Finnland, Frankreich, Großbritannien Irland, Litauen, Luxemburg, Niederlande, Norwegen, Österreich, Polen, Rumänien, Russland, Schweden, Schweiz, Tschechische Republik, IBZ Gimborn
Thema: Aus- und Fortbildung

**IPA-Wanderwoche**

16.-23 Juni 2018 auf dem Nassfeld in Kärnten

**10. Internationales Motorradtreffen der IPA Steyr**

5.-8. Juli 2018 in Oberösterreich

**54. Internationales IPA-Treffen und IPA-Ball der IPA Bruck/Mur-Mürzzuschlag**

Jänner 2019

**31. IPA – Skiwoche**


Ca. 200 Teilnehmer aus Deutschland, Estland, Finnland, Italien, Litauen, Kanada, Norwegen, Rumänien, Slowenien, Russland und Österreich
40 Jahre IPA Verbindungsstelle Innsbruck Land
21.-24. März 2019 in Innsbruck, Tirol
Bundesvorstandstreffen IPA Österreich - IPA Deutschland
IPA INTERALPEN Tagung Tirol – Bayern – Südtirol

XX. Nationaler Kongress und 60+ Jahre IPA Österreichische Sektion
Neuwahl des geschäftsführenden Vorstandes alle 3 Jahre

Internationales Weltjugendtreffen (IYG) 2021
Organisation in Planung

Robert Neumann, Generalsekretär IPA Österreich

IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

The Cobblestones (IPA Apartment), Galway, Ireland

The IPA Apartment is situated in Galway, a historical Gaelic and Harbour City on Ireland’s West Coast. It is a town with a multitude of quaint buildings and streets full of restaurants, cafés, bars and live music. Within easy reach are vast stretches of rock lands, lakes, the mountains of Connemara and the Atlantic Coast.

Galway City is the 4th largest City in Ireland. It began as a small fishing village centred on the estuary of the River Corrib, a river traditionally called Abhainn Na Gaillimhe (The Galway River) after Galvia, a mythological princess said to have drowned in its waters.

There is a vibrancy to the friendly university city, which many delight in, and few forget. Music, festivals, horse racing, pubs, restaurants, shops, theatres and most of all Galway people, combine to create an atmosphere you will want to return to again and again.

The IPA apartment is located in a town house, situated in a courtyard through an arched gateway. It has two bedrooms, a bathroom and shower, lounge/kitchen and is fully equipped with all mod
cons. It sleeps six persons. In addition there is an attic studio which sleeps 2 persons.

Galway City attractions include: Galway Atlantaquaria, Galway City Museum, Leisureland and The Nora Barnacle House Museum. Attractions found close to Galway City are Athenry Castle, Athenry Heritage Centre, Connemara Heritage Centre/Dan O’Hara’s Homestead, Connemara National Park, Dartfield Horse Museum & Park, Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Gardens and Patrick Pearse’s Cottage.

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Article provided by Chris Cahill, IPA Ireland

LAST WORD

May turned into an eventful month – with not a spare moment to run out of things to do or become bored!

One of the highlights for me with regard to work was the IEB meeting in San Marino towards the end of the month. Most likely we will feature a detailed ‘official’ article on all things important to the IEB in our next edition – on this occasion I will only touch on a few ‘small but beautiful’ moments that caught my eye 😊

San Marino might be a small country, but it is BIG on so many things: On the day of arrival, I wanted to go for a little late afternoon walk to stretch my legs before the official meeting started, and discovered the ‘Sentiero della Rupe’. Suffice to say that it was a good job I was wearing good walking shoes and had a small backpack as well as water with me … as this little walk turned into a 3 ½ hour hike around and up a big cliff, along ropes all the way up to San Marino town at the top 😊. A small idea turned into a big walk with simply stunning views, and I only just made it back before darkness descended. But what a surprise!
San Marino is also big on food. I had no idea about the local cuisine beforehand, but was simply bowled over by the beautifully presented and extremely tasty meals. One of the highlights was a fish restaurant we were taken to in the San Marino village of Fiorentino – without doubt this was the best fish I have ever had the pleasure to eat!

In addition, San Marino is big on IPA friendship and hospitality. Apart from providing excellent facilities for work and an opportunity for the IEB to meet with the authorities, the IPA San Marino President, Renè Rosti, and his team took us to their newly renovated IPA house in Acquaviva. Time to relax, admire all the work put into the house, talk and enjoy the facilities.

Last but not least, San Marino is also big on making their guests feel good about themselves … thank you Evaristo, for not beating me 10:0 at table football in the IPA house – I appreciate you letting me score a few goals 😊

What can I say to ‘round this off’?

Simply a BIG thank you to Renè and everyone else at IPA San Marino!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany. If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de

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The IPA is ready for summer!

A beautiful entry to our Photo Competition 2017 from Amnon Ziv, IPA Israel
WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear all,

Looking at the Calendar of Events, it is always nice to see that despite the summer (or the winter for some), the ‘IPA House’ does not close, but on the contrary is very active throughout the entire summer.

April, May and June are usually busy with general assemblies, elections for some, or various meetings and conferences bringing together delegates of many sections, and frequently during these meetings, items for the forthcoming World Congress are already discussed, or common projects developed.

In July and August, however, events bring the IPA back to less serious encounters which are mainly sporty or social, and therefore entirely in line with this time of the year when most people take a few days or weeks off.

I always wish I could join some of these summer events, in order to really experience the essence of the IPA: getting together, meeting new friends and spending some time when laughter can alleviate the seriousness of the daily working life :-(

I wish a relaxing and joyful time to all those who will have the opportunity to take some vacations.

For those of you who will come to the IPA World Congress in Rotterdam in September, see you soon for another great IPA moment!

And remember sometimes what Oscar Wilde said: ‘Life is too important to be taken seriously’.

Best wishes,

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President
NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA United Kingdom

I am delighted to announce that following our National Council Meeting at Pitlochry, Scotland recently, I was confirmed as President of Section UK.

I must say we had a wonderful event in a fabulous setting thanks to a lot of hard work from all those involved, and well done again for delivering such a well-planned event.

This was not a normal election year, however, due to a change in circumstances with our Immediate Past President Mick Luke, the need arose to find a replacement for the three remaining years of the current term.

As a member of the National Executive, albeit the newest, it was with some trepidation that I put my nomination forward. I was pleased to receive the full support of the Executive Board and National Council Members and will now do my best to serve Section UK in the best way I can.

With my election came a vacancy for a Vice President, and I am delighted to announce that Steve Bretherton was elected to join us. I wish him well and thank him for his clear enthusiasm and skill.

We have a number of challenges which we will face in the coming months and years, but we have been put on a good course and I am sure we will continue.

Building on the Gimborn conversations, I am pleased to confirm I was able to develop our Young Members’ Forum. There is great enthusiasm for this project and I know other Sections throughout Europe are also advancing in this area. I will continue to support strategies to
encourage the recruitment and retention of younger colleagues with relevant activities and opportunities to help them in their careers.

Section UK is about to host the International Youth Gathering for 2018, and I know much work has been undertaken to ensure its success. We look forward to welcoming many young people from around the IPA community to an event which I am sure will be remembered by them for many years with new friends being made.

Next year, in 2019, plans are well advanced for Section UK to host the Young Police Officers’ Seminar in Scotland. Again, I know personally of the great friendships made in the USA during the last YPOS, so we will hope to match that.

In 2020 we look forward to celebrating our 70th Anniversary. Plans are developing well already for iconic events in each Region, and I will make sure our national and regional events are well publicised to you. I hope you will be able to join us to help celebrate.

So there is much to be done whilst trying to deliver and develop member benefits for all of our UK members both at home and abroad.

As part of my new role, I very much look forward to meeting new friends both throughout the Branches and Regions of the UK and in the worldwide Sections of this wonderful Association.

Servo per Amikeco,

Clive Wood, President Section UK

Das Nordeuropäische Forum 2018 bleibt in Erinnerung


Im alten Gemäuer der Marokkaner Kaserne und im würdigen Rahmen begann die Konferenz mit der Bundes- und Landeshymne, intoniert vom Quartett der Wiener Polizeimusik.

Nach dieser beeindruckenden Einleitung begrüßte der Präsident der ausrichtenden Sektion IPA Österreich, Martin Hoffmann, die Ehrengäste der Landespolizeidirektion Wien, des IBZ Schloss Gimborn und der Vereinten Nationen (UN) sowie die NEF-Teilnehmer. Mit der Geschichte der IPA gab er den Anwesenden einen globalen Überblick über die einzigartige Exekutivvereinigung.

In einer kurzen Vorstellungsminute lernten sich die Vertreter der Sektionen kennen. Viele von ihnen pflegen seit Jahren gute Kontakte untereinander. Die Veranstaltung stand unter dem Motto „Aus- und Fortbildung“.
Peter Schweiger, Referent der weltweit einzigartigen IPAkademie®, stellte die Bildungseinrichtung von der Entstehung bis heute vor.

Ihm folgte Ulrike Neuhoff, Bildungsreferentin im IBZ Gimborn. Man möchte es nicht glauben, aber es gibt immer noch IPA-Mitglieder, die das Flaggschiff der IPA nicht kennen.

Tofik Murshudlu, Leiter der Sektion UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) stellte den Aufgabenbereich dieser wichtigen Einrichtung vor und verwies neuerlich auf der Kooperation zwischen IPA und UNODC.

Im Rahmen der österreichischen Sicherheitsakademie (SIAK) stellte Oberst Peter Lamplot die Bundespolizei in Österreich vor. Passend dazu war von der IPA Österreich eine zweisprachige Sonderausgabe „Die Polizei stellt sich vor“ aufgelegt und verteilt worden.

In einer weiteren Runde präsentierten die Sektionen besonders erfolgreiche nationale Aktivitäten, die zur Nachahmung anregen sollen. Alle Details gibt es dazu auf den Webseiten der Sektionen.


Und schließlich stimmten sich die Sektionsvertreter noch über Kulturaktivitäten ab.


Die Teilnehmer werden sich über die Idee, einen IPA-Ambassador in Form eines prominenten Werbeträgers einzuführen, Gedanken machen.


*Klaus Herbert, Pressereferent IPA Österreichische Sektion*
IPA Martial Arts Festival held in Belgrade

On 2 June 2018, the first 'IPA Martial Arts Festival' organised by IPA Serbia took place in Belgrade. The event was opened by the President of the Section, PhD Nebojša Pantelić, and the President of the World Centre of Real Aikido in Serbia, Sanja Vračarević.

The festival included professional education for police officers, with various skills and levels of training displayed, and was also dedicated to the education of children and young adults, as well as the promotion of moral norms and ethical principles, martial arts and a healthy lifestyle.

During the event, numerous participants demonstrated the different disciplines of martial arts and shared their knowledge of martial arts and self-defense. The audience was able to enjoy the martial arts skills of the Karate Club ‘Gendarmerie’, the Judo Club ‘Makikomi’, the World Center Real Aikido clubs ‘Atom’, ‘Vračarević’, ‘Gymnasium’, ‘Gendarmerie Club’, Aikido Club ‘Aldeberan’ and the Ashihara Kaikan Association of Serbia clubs ‘Tora’, ‘Ookami’ and ‘Buducnost’.

For further photos and videos please follow the links:

www.ipa-serbia.org/aktivnosti 02/06/2018
IPA Serbia Martial Arts Festival Film 1 and IPA Serbia Martial Arts Festival Film 2

Marija Kozomara, IPA Serbia
60ème anniversaire de l’IPA Liège (Belgique)


Le 10 mai, accueil des participants belges et étrangers qui logeaien au Pentahôtel dans le centre de Liège, troisième ville la plus importante de Belgique. Les 75 participants venaient d’IPA européennes et d’outre Atlantique : USA, Canada, Allemagne, Pays-Bas, Danemark, Espagne, Malte et une importante délégation de 30 joyeux lurons suisses emmenée par Benoît Senggen, le Président de l’IPA Valais.

Au cours du repas d’accueil, le Président, André Nicolas, prit la parole pour souhaiter la bienvenue en français, néerlandais, allemand, anglais et espagnol. Ce repas fut très convivial avec beaucoup d’ambiance comme ce fut le cas tout au long du séjour de nos hôtes.

Le repas de gala s’est déroulé à bord d’un bateau sur la Meuse, le 12 mai. Nous étions 142 convives à bord. Plusieurs collègues étrangers étaient en uniforme dont celui bien visible de notre ami Lech Relisko de la Police montée canadienne.

Au cours du repas, il fut procédé à la remise des cadeaux par le Président. Il s’agissait d’un bloc en cristal au sein duquel sont gravés notre logo et les titres de notre provinciale. Chaque participant a reçu un petit verre à pekèt (genièvre) en étain avec le sigle de l’IPA Liège et la date anniversaire en cadeau.

Le Président de l’IPA EUREGION, Franz Heinrichs, a remis d’une manière très officielle un drapeau EUREGIO avec les logos des 6 Sections IPA qui le compose (IPA Liège (B), Limburg (B), Zuid en Noord Limburg (NL), Aachen und Heinsberg (D). Les Présidents de l’IPA Liège et du Valais, André Nicolas et Benoît Senggen ont annoncé un jumelage prochain des IPA Province de Liège et du Canton du Valais. Peut-être une première en ce genre !

Après de nombreuses semaines de préparation intense et le stress des derniers jours, principalement grâce au beau temps dont nous avons été gratifiés les 3 premiers jours, nous pouvons dire que notre soixantième fut une grande réussite. Tout s’est déroulé sans accroc majeur et chaque jour nous avons reçu des éloges de la part des participants. Depuis la clôture des festivités nous avons déjà reçu plusieurs témoignages de remerciements de la part des différentes délégations.

Pour le Comité provincial de l’IPA Liège,

André Nicolas, Président de l’IPA Liège et Secrétaire général de l’IPA Belgique
IPA Greece hold their 34th National Congress

The Greek Section continues with the same quality, efficiency and sensitivity to implement its actions in a socially orientated way.

We are pleased to inform you that our 34th National Congress, which was hosted from 9-13 May 2018 in the hotel Mirabello in the beautiful city of Agios Nikolaos on the island of Crete, was a full success.

During our stay the delegates, observers and visitors had the opportunity to get to know some of the beautiful sights of Lasithi: Spinalonga, the Lassithi Plateau, Sitia, as well as the Toplou Monastery.

The National Board would like to express its gratitude, satisfaction and pleasure to the fellow members of the Regions of the CMP and active and retired personnel of the Greek Police, for the efforts they made and the voluntary work they continuously produce on a daily basis, implementing the principles of Servo per Amikeco.

Delegations from the IPA sections of Cyprus, Serbia, Romania, Italy, Germany, Poland, Croatia, FYRO Macedonia and Canada participated in our Congress.

The opening ceremony of the Congress was attended by representatives of the church, the parliament, the leadership of the Police, and local authorities. During the ceremony, the Secretary General for Public Order, Mr. Dimitris Anagnostakis, was awarded IPA Greece’s highest medal of honour for volunteers, for his longstanding and multifaceted contribution to our Association.

Commemorative plaques were presented to the Mayor of Agios Nikolaos, Mr Antonios Zervos and to the General Police Director of Crete, General Konstantinos Lagoudakis, for their valuable contribution as co-organisers of the conference. The President of the National Section, Mr Ioannis Karapatakis thanked our guests for their presence and held a brief speech.

We are pleased to say that our Panhellenic Congress was conducted in a climate of consensus, demonstrating in practice that our Association can and wants to move forward with large and steady steps.

We would like to thank everyone who responded to our invitation and honoured us with their presence.

In particular, we thank the Lassithi Region of the IPA for their excellent organisation and hospitality.

Servo per Amikeco,

Ioannis Karapatakis, President IPA Greece
Vasilios Papas, Secretary General IPA Greece
40 years since the IEC-78 in Finland

In May a group of IPA members decided it was time to celebrate and remember the history of IPA Finland. 40 years have passed since we welcomed more than 400 guests from 24 countries to the IEC-meeting in our section.

In order to double the reason to celebrate, we went on a trip to congratulate IPA Estonia, who are now 25 years of age.

But let us go back to the year 1978. During one week our guests could see a lot of Finland and the weather was beautiful - even hot according to our guests from Brazil!

And what did our guests experience? Let me give you a short summary:

**Sunday 18 June:** official opening and a parade through the centre of Helsinki - the streets were crowded with citizens watching us.

**Monday 19 June:** whole-day tour of the stunning lake area of Finland.

**Tuesday 20 June:** visit to the citadel of Suomenlinna, on the outskirts of Helsinki, followed by a concert at the Finlandia Hall in the evening.

**Wednesday 21 June:** whole-day trip to Turku, visit to the handicraft museum area, plus dinner and dancing in the medieval castle of Turku.

**Thursday 22 June:** riding exhibition, dogs, horse football, visit to Seurasaari national park with outdoor museum; in the evening Gala Dinner and Farewell.

Some of our guests extended their stay with a tour to Lapland.

Click on [IPA IEC 1978 - Finland](#) to watch a beautifully produced film of the event, where you may find veterans of your section!

In addition, you can find more information and photos on [www.ipa-finland.org](http://www.ipa-finland.org).

40 years ago this was quite a project for our section. No computers, no email. Typewriters and letters by 'snail-mail', a phone at your desk. But we worked together.
The organising committee of IEC-78:
Chairman: Hannu Siljamäki
Programme and traffic arrangements: Kauko Karhuviita
Meeting and delegates' programme: Veli Simo Makkonen
Registration: Olavi Hannuksela

More than 100 volunteers from the whole of Finland helped to make this event come true! 40 years is a very long time, but a few of those responsible are ‘still going strong’.

For us IPA and Servo per Amikeco has become a way of living 😊

Thank you, our dear friend and Founder of the IPA, Arthur Troop B.E.M.

Carola Timper-Karhuviita, IPA Finland

First International Meeting in Nîmes, France

IPA France’s Region 30 was pleased to organise its first international meeting from 18-22 May 2018. Around 30 IPA members from the USA, Germany, the UK and France made their way to the Police Academy in Nîmes and were welcomed by the organising team as well as greeted with a welcome speech by the Assistant Director of the Police Academy, Mr Frédéric Pech.

The following day, our group visited the market of Uzès and the Féria festival in Nîmes.

Sunday was dedicated to the sea, with a breakfast aboard the catamaran Picardie II in Grau du Roi; followed by a discovery tour of Aigues Mortes and a lovely meal in a restaurant of this medieval city. At the end of the day we were able to enjoy a barbeque and salads, prepared for us by Cathy, Sylvie and Maurice back at the Police Academy.

On Monday morning, David had organised a visit of the Police Academy and the simulation room. A visit to the Pont du Gard, including lunch and a tour in English and French, plus a wine tasting session followed, before we returned to the Police Academy for our farewell evening. Cédric had prepared a superb paella for us, which we all appreciated. The evening became very emotional, with many testimonies of satisfaction and friendship from our friends.
On Tuesday, once we had transported the majority of our guests back to the airport and train station, we were pleased to spend the day with our 4 remaining guests, before they returned home the following day.

On behalf of Region 30, I would like to thank Mr Gil Andreau, Regional Director for Recruitment and Training and Director of the Police Academy, for his assistance with our project. I extend my gratitude to all Police Academy staff who contributed to the event.

A massive thank-you also to IPA France and the support shown to us by the national board and its president Thierry Larrouy, as well as to Mr Pierre-Martin Moulin for his message of encouragement.

Thank you also to all participants from the IPA sections of the USA, UK and Germany, who came with a large contingent from Heinsberg, Wolfsburg and Selm-Bork, the latter of which we will be pleased to visit as part of their friendship meeting in August. Thank you in addition of course to our French friends who participated.

This meeting would not have been possible without the support of BFM/Société Générale, GMF, MGP and Tego. Our thanks also go to Isa, our invaluable link to the Pont du Gard, and Jérôme, our captain on the Picardie II. My final thank-you goes to Cathy, David, Maurice, Norbert, Cédric, Sylvie, Monique, and Dominique for all their hard work.

Long live the IPA!

_Claire Palisse, Chairperson IPA Nîmes, France_

IPA Serbia takes part in National Police Day

On 27 May 2018, celebrations for the National Police Day were held in front of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.

As part of marking the Police Day, a traditional festive parade of the Police Brigade on horseback and of the police orchestras from Serbia, Hungary and Poland took place in Knez Mihailova Street. Members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs demonstrated their skills and equipment, and the programme was also adapted for children, who enjoyed socialising with police officers and became acquainted with the work of the police through various activities and games.
The celebrations ended with a concert of the police orchestras of the Interior Ministries of Serbia, Poland and Hungary, as well as famous local singers on Kalemegdan promenade.

IPA Serbia took part in this event in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The IPA stand was visited by the Minister of the Interior, PhD Nebojša Stefanović, and his associates, who praised the work of IPA Serbia and the efforts to present the Ministry of Internal Affairs to the public.

For more details, please follow the links:
- [ipa-serbia.org/summary of activities and photos of National Police Day](http://www.ipa-serbia.org/summary of activities and photos of National Police Day)
- [www.youtube.com/IPA involvement at National Police Day](http://www.youtube.com/IPA involvement at National Police Day)
- [www.youtube.com/National Police Day Concert](http://www.youtube.com/National Police Day Concert)
- [www.youtube.com/National Police Day Parade](http://www.youtube.com/National Police Day Parade)

_Marija Kozomara, IPA Serbia_

IPA Greece thanks IPA Sections for Emergency Aid

Six months after the catastrophic earthquake on Lesvos, your generous financial support was handed over to IPA members who were affected by the disaster.

The earthquake had flattened the village of Vissa.

On 17 March 2018, IPA Greece visited our colleagues who suffered from the devastating earthquake in the Lesvos Region and handed over the donations collected for this purpose, following the principles of Servo per Amikeco.

The event was attended by the local church, police and civil authorities.
Donations were kindly received from the International Executive board plus the following IPA sections: Australia, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany (region), Hungary, Israel, Italy (section as well as an individual member), Macau, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland (section as well as a region), totalling 13,875.79 €.

We would like to warmly thank all those who provided financial support.

Your donations were distributed as follows amongst our members:

Evangelos Miaoulis, Ioannis Protoulis, and Nikolaos Kaptanis: 2500 € each.

Andriotis Konstantinos: 1000 €.

Georgios Panoutsos, Christos Koutskos, Nikolaos Karetas and Nikolaos Soulakelis: 600 € each.

Region Lesvos received 2975.79 €.

We wish to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to the rescue workers for the humanitarian aid, and to all IPA Sections for their financial support.

IPA once again shows its social sensitivity and its presence when members face problems.

Once more, our motto ‘Servo per Amikeco’ (Service through Friendship) acquires substance through our actions and gives hope to those who go through difficult times. We are very grateful to our colleagues from the IPA Global Police Family for their contribution.

Servo per Amikeco,

Ioannis Karapatakis, President IPA Greece
Vasilios Papas, Secretary General IPA Greece

IPA UK’s Lincolnshire branch hosts members from IPA Sweden

From 21-25 May 2018, three members of the Swedish IPA, Gustav Graftrom, Thomas Idorn and Daniel Hogberg, all serving police officers, were hosted by fellow IPA members in Lincolnshire, UK.

After their arrival at Stansted Airport, they spent the next four, hectic days in Lincolnshire, where they met and patrolled with local officers at Police H.Q. Nettleham, Lincoln City, and Skegness, and also visited IPA UK HQ in Nottingham.
The three officers were hosted by IPA members in Lincolnshire: Kieran English in Welton, Lincoln, Gemma Blore from Waddington, Lincoln and Betsy Every from Sleaford. As well as spending time with local police officers they were also entertained at Batemans Brewery in Skegness, completed a Ghost Walk around Lincoln and in addition had the opportunity of visiting a wind tunnel, where they experienced an ‘adrenalin boost’.

At the end of the visit Thomas Idorn commented that “it was a great experience, seeing how the UK Police work, and meeting with local members. We have been treated excellently and have a number of stories to tell back home! In some ways we in Sweden and the UK Police face similar challenges.”

*Chris Morgan, Secretary IPA Lincolnshire Branch, IPA UK*

**ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB**

IEB Meeting in San Marino

Thank you IPA San Marino!

At the end of May, the IEB gathered in San Marino for its second meeting of the year. Two full working days going through our usual agenda in addition to preparing the framework for the IPA World Congress in September.

Unfortunately our Secretary General, George, could not join us for health reasons. I seize this opportunity to ask you to spare a thought for him. George is seriously affected in his health and is fighting. May better days come soon for him and bring him back together with us.

*Group photo before meeting the San Marino Heads of State, and a lovely evening meal*
On behalf of the IEB, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to IPA San Marino for the wonderful time we all spent there. The conditions for our meeting, such as the accommodation, meeting room and the arranged transport, were excellent.

But most of all, the company of our IPA local friends was just great! They organised a meeting with the San Marino Heads of State and a tour of the Gendarmeria. It is important for the image and credit of our Association to be able to pay such visits where the opportunity is given to speak about our organisation and to show its worldwide links.

I would also like to congratulate IPA San Marino for their IPA House. It is extremely pleasing to see such places fully dedicated to our Association.

To Renè, President of IPA San Marino, and to all IPA members we met, a heartfelt thanks; your hospitality was exemplary!

I can only recommend to all of you to pay a visit to San Marino, a small and beautiful country, where our IPA friends have a huge heart.

Long live IPA San Marino!

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

Diskurs von Javier Gamero Kinosita,
Mitglied der IPA-Berufskommission,
anlässlich des 40. Jubiläums der IPA Aargau (Schweiz)

Jubiläen besitzen grundsätzlich eine außergewöhnliche Magie, die eine positive Kraft gibt. Wir dürfen nicht vergessen, dass jede menschliche Gemeinschaft ein lebendiges Gedächtnis braucht, welches an ihre Gründungsväter, ihre Mitglieder, ihre sozialen Ereignisse, ihre Erfolgsleistungen, ihre Jahrestage, ihre Hymnen und ihre Symbole erinnert.

Die IPA ist eine Abkürzung, für mich ein magisches Wort mit 3 Aspekten. Es handelt sich um die größte Polizeiorganisation der Welt, mit 400,000 Mitgliedern aus 69 Nationen und gleichzeitig um eine der größten Initiativen von Frieden, Menschlichkeit und Freundschaft, die über unsere nationalen Grenzen hinausgeht.

Im Rahmen der Gewährleistung von Ordnung und Sicherheit hat die Polizei in der ganzen Welt eine historische Mission, den Schutz der Demokratie, die Überwachung der Menschenrechte und die Förderung einer Friedenskultur in der Gesellschaft. In diesem Sinne bietet die IPA allen Polizisten eine wunderbare Palette von Möglichkeiten, diese Aufgabe zu erfüllen.


In dieser Zeit der globalen Infrastruktur und Digitalisierung, in der die Kommunikation durch die neuen Technologien virtuell geworden ist, und wo der Kontakt von Angesicht zu Angesicht, mit direkten Gesprächen, fast verschwunden ist, wird die direkte Kommunikation zwischen den Menschen sehr wichtig.

Die IPA offeriert allen ihren Mitgliedern durch ihre zahlreichen sozialen, akademischen und sportlichen Aktivitäten, auf lokaler, nationaler und internationaler Ebene, die Gelegenheit, persönlich mit Kollegen aus der ganzen Welt, unter dem Motto „Servo per Amikeko“ Kontakt aufzunehmen, um so unseren persönlichen Horizont zu erweitern.

Lasst uns diese Gelegenheit nicht verlieren!

Javier Gamero Kinosita, Mitglied der IPA-Berufskommission

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Sections in the Spotlight:
IPA Kenya

At first glance:

Affiliation: 12 September 1961, WC Stuttgart
Sponsored by: IPA UK
IPA Membership beginning 2018: 375
Current President: Alfred Otieno Osur Ochiel
Additional Information: First African IPA section to be affiliated
An insight from the section:

Beginnings
IPA Kenya, formed on 30 June 1961 and officially affiliated on 12 September 1961, was the third section outside Europe to join the IPA, shortly after Canada and Hong Kong. This year, we celebrate 57 years of existence. The strong foundation was laid by the then Section’s President Mr L.G. Mitchell, and the then Secretary General Mr D. Bairstow. These two trailblazers signed our founding Constitution and Rules dated 30 August, 1961.

Facts about the section
The membership fee in IPA Kenya is USD 20 per year. This amount is used for running the IPA office and meeting other financial obligations of the Section. However, whenever we have activities, members pay directly for the event, and any surplus is regarded as savings for the Section, and adds to the kitty.

Section Kenya has 47 Branches, with elections taking place every 3 years. The National Executive Council, the ‘parliament’ of IPA Kenya, consists of the 47 Regional Representatives and the 12 members of the National Executive Board, totalling 59. This is the body that makes all the major decisions on the affairs of IPA Kenya.

2017 Activities
In Kenya, we have over 500 members, both serving and retired officers. Amongst our latest activities are:

- from 9-12 February 2017, IPA Kenya was represented by two delegates in the African Chapter meeting held in Pretoria;

- from 6-9 April 2017, the External Relations Commission held in Vienna, Austria was attended by the Secretary General of IPA Kenya, Mr Jared Ojuok, who was appointed as a member of the External Relations Commission, at the UN office in Nairobi;

- on 6 May 2017, IPA Kenya members held a Friendship event attracting a total of 150 participants at the Kenya Police Pavilion;

- in June 2017, IPA Kenya gave donations for the flood victims in Sri Lanka of USD 400;
from 11-16 June, 2017, one of our members, PC John Matheka, attended the Young Police Officers’ Seminar at Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA;

from 19-24 September 2017, IPA Kenya sent 5 members to the 62nd IPA World Congress in Albena, Bulgaria led by the then 1st Vice President, Mr. Patrick Wandare;

and last, but not least, on 16 December 2017, IPA Kenya Section visited the Red Rhino Children’s Home and donated Christmas goodies including foodstuff, clothes, detergents, toiletries, sanitary towels, books and most importantly FRIENDSHIP.

Looking ahead:

US Section Police Training, Green Bay Wisconsin

8-12 July 2018

- IPA Kenya plans to send 10 participants to attend the course.

63rd World Congress, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

18-23 September 2018

- IPA Kenya has registered the participation of 12 members.
IPA Kenya Tree Planting Day

October 2018: To coincide with the onset of short rains

- In partnership with the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)
- Plant at least 1,000,000 trees across Kenya to help improve the environment.
- We call upon willing partners to ‘adopt a tree’ in Kenya, by paying for a seedling or more @ USD 1.00 each.


June, September and November, 2018

- We shall donate equipment, food clothing and toiletries

Servo per Amikeco,

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA House Ramsbeck, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

The IPA House is situated in Ramsbeck in the middle of the Hochsauerland, also known as the ‘Land of a thousand mountains’, around 100 km from Dortmund.

Ramsbeck is a district in the municipality of Bestwig, North Rhine-Westphalia, with pleasant wooded surroundings providing a multitude of opportunities for hiking and skiing.

IPA House Ramsbeck has 8 rooms with 17 beds in double and single rooms.

There are 2 bathrooms with showers, 2 kitchens, a dining room, a recreation room with radio, TV and a bar, and the IPA House has central heating.
IPA House Ramsbeck is open all year and has a large playground, sufficient parking and a BBQ area. Linen is provided. No pets allowed.

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*Article provided by Hubert Vitt – IPA Germany*

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**LAST WORD**

I hope you enjoy this ‘bumper edition’ of our July / August IPA Newsletter.

I am pleased that we continue to receive articles in IPA languages other than English; this time you can practice your French with an article from Belgium on the 60th anniversary of IPA Liège, as well as your German with articles from Austria about the Northern European Forum and from Javier Gamero Kinosita who gave a speech on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of IPA Aargau. For those of you who read the IPA Newsletter in the Flipbook version, I would like to point out that there is an easy option to use the Google Translate tool at the top, enabling you to translate a page or several at a time into any language you wish 😊

For this edition, I would also like to highlight one further article: ‘hidden’ in the middle of the IPA Newsletter is a real gem from IPA Finland. In her article on ‘40 years since the IEC-78’, Carola Timper-Karhuviita has provided us with a link to a film from the event. Make sure to have a look. With its lovely accompanying music and atmospheric shots, I enjoyed every single minute I spent watching it!

Summer has arrived ‘en force’ here in Nottingham, and we are blessed at the moment with gorgeous sunshine and lovely temperatures. So until you receive your next Newsletter from us here at the IAC in September, I wish all of you in the Northern Hemisphere as good a summer as we have right now, and to all for whom it is winter and cold, I hope the ‘summer spirit’ of this Newsletter brightens up your days a bit 😊

*Elke*
Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany. If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de

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IPA International Youth Gathering

Young participants from 25 countries enjoy 2 fun-filled weeks with Section UK
OBITUARY GEORGE KATSAROPOULOS,
SECRETARY GENERAL

George Katsaropoulos, Secretary General of the IPA, passed away on 4 July 2018. He had fought against cancer for many years, with a lot of courage. On behalf of the entire IPA family, our most sincere condolences and sympathy go to his wife Poly, his children and to our friends from IPA Greece.

“When we are mourning the loss of a good friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil” – John Taylor

Dear George,

I don’t remember the exact first time we met, but back then, you were President of the Greek section and an IEC Delegate. In 2006, you were elected onto the international board, at first as Assistant Secretary General for 3 years, and from 2009 as Secretary General. I could therefore speak for hours about what we went through together. So many pages written together. But I won’t.

I would just like to pay tribute to three great qualities that I always admired and respected in you:

1. Your sense of friendship. Although we had our ups and downs and were not always in agreement, you always showed an eager sense of friendship. For you, friendship was sacred, and you never challenged it. You gave so much of your life to the IPA, and you always put our motto ‘Servo per Amikeco’, first. You were a true knight of our association and I thank you for this.

2. Your faith. We had the chance on a few occasions, here and there in the world when travelling together, and especially since you became ill, to speak about the deeper aspects of life. You had such a strong faith and you placed your suffering, your health and your life in God’s hands. Your strength always amazed me, and you were ready to suffer because you also believed that one day you would be in peace, a peace that you have now finally found.

3. Your loyalty. I could always count on you. When you were not in agreement, you would always tell me honestly. We talked, sometimes argued, but in the end, no matter what the final decision was, you always respected and defended it. To count on such loyalty on a board is a precious treasure.

So my friend, now that you are at peace and delivered from suffering, I wish you a pleasant journey. I know that you will watch over us all, and rest assured we will keep you in our thoughts.

Thank you for your friendship, your kindness, your sense of humour, your loyalty; thank you for every moment we shared. We will miss you.

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre, IPA President
OBITUARY GEORGIOS KATSAROPOULOS

Farewell Georgios

Georgios Katsaropoulos left us on 4 July 2018, after fighting cancer for a long time. His death brought sorrow to his family, his friends, and all those who worked with him.

A family man, he made his wife, children and parents proud.

National President Ioannis Karapatakis spoke of the great loss and stressed that Georgios was an important figure both for the IPA internationally as well as for the Greek Section, and he linked his name with the development of important activities in recent years in particular.

Georgios, who we all loved, showed to all of us what battle means and what faith can achieve in life.

Born in 1958, his police career started in the Greek Gendarmerie on 23 September 1977. He served in various departments and worked for many years in the Information Technology Division of the Police Headquarters. He was an expert in the English language. From 2004-2010 he was Head of the Payroll Office. He had an excellent professional career and retired in 2010 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Georgios joined the IPA on 6 December 1982 and was elected a member of the National Board of the Greek Section in 1986, serving for several years in various positions.

In 2006 he was elected as Assistant International Secretary General.

In 2008, during the elections of the 24th Panhellenic Conference in Corfu, he was elected as National President of the Greek Section.

In 2009, he was elected to the position of Secretary General on the IEB and was re-elected in 2012 and 2015, a post he held until the day he left us.

Georgios was a protagonist of friendship, volunteerism and police solidarity through the Professional Insurance Fund of the Hellenic Section of the IPA, and his engaging personality was a valuable asset to the IPA on both national and international level.

He believed in a modern Association, based on solidarity and social contribution. He tried to create a change in the way IPA members thought and acted through social offering, cultural aspects and volunteering.

His sickness and death stopped him in his tracks and plunged us all into mourning and sorrow, but rest assured, Georgios, that we will continue your efforts.

In the Society of Angels you will be able to convey our greetings to the late Presidents of the Greek Section, Antonios Demestihas and Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos.
For all of us who had the honour and the joy to know Georgios closely, he was an extraordinary man, with a moral, inherent character and measure, and he was always at our side. Thank you, Georgios, for your cooperation and all you did for us.

The Executive Board of IPA Greece as well as all the local Greek IPA boards express their sincere condolences and say goodbye to a brave fighter, a true believer of SERVO PER AMIKECO, and a dear friend.

Rest in peace, we will never forget you.

Ioannis Karapatakis, President IPA Greece
Vassilios Papas, Secretary General IPA Greece

AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

A New Chapter of IPA Hong Kong

On 9 June 2018, the 58th Anniversary of the formation of the section, IPA Hong Kong announced its new President and Executive Council. Mr Jack Tam was elected as President of IPA Hong Kong for the coming three-year term.

The new Executive Council is composed of 12 officers, including Mr Stephen Fu as Secretary General and Ms Flora Ting as Treasurer.

'It is my honour and great responsibility to chair IPA Hong Kong for the next three years. Over the past decades, the key role played in exchanging friendship by IPA Hong Kong is well recognised by all IPA members over the world.

My ambition is to pursue the aim of the IPA, which is to promote friendship between police officers of different countries. It requires us to remain passionate about the IPA and we will assist our members to broaden their networks to an international level.

At the same time, I will continue to strengthen the collaboration with IPA members in the Asian-Pacific region,
and in particular, the cooperation with our brotherhood Macau Section, to extend the spirit of the IPA to police officers of mainland China.

As we are also members of Asia's Finest police, we need to remain attentive to future opportunities and anticipate changes with a view to project a positive image of the Hong Kong Police Force to overseas members through our warm hospitality during their visits', Jack Tam said.

Jack Tam joined IPA Hong Kong more than 21 years ago. Throughout the years, he has been working hard to set a solid foundation and remain steadfast to move IPA Hong Kong progressively forward.

IPA Hong Kong

1st International Police Swap Meeting in Poland

In June 2018 IPA Poland organised its 1st International Police Swap Meeting in the southern Polish town of Katowice. Under the motto ‘Dedicated to Preserving our Police Heritage’, more than 35 police collectors from Poland, the Czech Republic, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Slovakia and Ukraine came to the meeting.

We met and we traded our items, but we also discussed the future of IPA collectors’ activities.

Representatives of three IPA National Sections - Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, agreed that further collectors meetings would be organised in Central Europe periodically: in the spring and autumn of 2019 in the Czech Republic, and in the following year in Slovakia (spring) and in Poland (autumn).

So if you are interested, come and join us in Prague in May 2019 for the next police swap meeting!

Jacek Michałkowski, IPA Poland
IPA Sweden celebrate their 60th Anniversary

The Swedish Section of the IPA was affiliated on 9 September 1958 at the second World Congress in Antwerp, Belgium. The idea to form a Swedish section was initially discussed in Gothenburg, however, the final decision was taken in Malmö.

The very first member of IPA Sweden was Commissioner Nils Lüning. IPA Sweden has since celebrated all its jubilees in Malmö, and therefore the 60th anniversary celebrations also took place in this southern Swedish town.

Parallel to this, the IPA Region Syd (South) also celebrated its 60th anniversary!

Malmö welcomed all visitors and guests with sunshine and warm weather during the long weekend of 10-13 May. I would say Sweden is at its best in the spring time: the trees are in blossom and the parks are full of tulips, daffodils and songbirds.

Close to 200 guests arrived from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Russia, the UK and the USA, plus representatives from all national regions of IPA Sweden.

Our National Council Meeting was held in English, so our guests were able to understand. In addition, they were invited to add information from their own sections. The meeting was efficient as always, and therefore the National Board could join the activities of the guests during the second day of celebrations.

The varied programme provided many options: a trip to the Cathedral of Lund, a guided historical walk in Malmö, a walk through the parks of Malmö, a visit to the Turning Torso, a trip to Lernacken and the bridge to Denmark. Furthermore there was a professional seminar on tackling gangs by checking illegal clubs in collaboration with other Law Enforcement Agencies, opportunities for shopping, plus many social events, including a presentation evening with an opening speech by Commissioner Stefan Sintéus and a gala evening with champagne sabering. A weekend full of joy, relaxation and happy moments!

All representatives of the visiting sections received a thank-you gift for their participation, and the Swedish Section was handed mementoes.

A cordial thank you to all who participated,

May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro, President IPA Sweden
IPA Österreichs Wanderwoche auf dem Nassfeld 2018

Die International Police Association (IPA) Oberkärnten konnte im Juni 2018 zur Wanderwoche auf dem Nassfeld im Hotel Gartnerkofel 40 Wanderfreunde aus 7 Nationen begrüßen.


_Ewald Grollitsch, IPA Österreich_
IPA UK member Martin Turner reflects on the benefits of the US Section’s Training Week in Green Bay, Wisconsin

At the end of 2017 I saw an advert for the US Section’s training week in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I booked a place, adding a couple of nights in Chicago at either end of the training week, and was contacted immediately by Joe Johnson, the President of Section USA. A bursary of £300 from Section UK certainly made the whole trip more affordable.

I set off to Chicago with my bags bulging with training kit and goodies to swap with the course colleagues and spent a day in Chicago sightseeing. I had submitted an IPA Travel Form, and local IPA members had supplied some invaluable tourist tips for the city.

The next morning I headed up to Green Bay, where we were met by Joe and taken to our accommodation, a student block at St. Norbert College in De Pere. We had our own private rooms which were stocked with as many snacks, drinks and beer as we could want. I knew this was going to be a great week!

On day 1, we headed to a lecture theatre for a welcome by Joe Johnson and an overview of Defensive Tactics Groups from Rob Stenhouse, UK, before an interesting talk around narcotics, crime scenes and drug trends from Sheriff’s Deputy Joe Keil - an expert in the field and author of a book full of useful info. After lunch we had talks around human trafficking and sexual offending from Brown County Sheriff Office Sergeant Matt Wilson and social worker Dawn.

Dinner consisted of amazing pizza and plenty of beer, with a quick visit from the local Patrol Sergeant, before heading to a nearby gym to have a go on the MILO use of force simulator using laser enabled Glocks to deal with scenarios such as domestic violence, active shooters, suicidal persons and traffic stops. Amazingly all my shots hit the target! Old friends were caught up with and new ones made. Delegates were from Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, USA, Canada, Brazil, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Kenya and more.

Day 2 consisted of lectures on suicide bomber behaviour, terrorist attack methodology and explosives from the Toronto Transit Police, then time for photos in our ‘formal’ uniforms. It is always interesting to see the differences in attire from across the world and makes for some great photo opportunities. In the evening we headed to Brown County Sportsmen’s Club for a trap-shoot and a 5-0 BBQ.

Day 3 had participants split into groups. One group headed to a local shooting range, where we were shown around the County SWAT truck and fired some of their carbines from the truck door and roof turret. We also had the opportunity to do some tactical shooting, with a variety of handguns from .22 up to .45 calibre. We finished the morning by driving the SWAT truck around the range. Amazingly I could fit in the driver’s seat!
The afternoon focussed on unarmed combat and knife defence tactics from the very capable and experienced Rob Stenhouse. The skills he taught were highly effective and definitely something all officers should receive, particularly in the UK where we often don’t have Taser or a firearm to hand.

On Day 4 we visited Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton where Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS staff learn their trade and carry out CPD. The facilities were unparalleled and included a full size jumbo jet, derailed train, tunnels, trenches, small town and several ranges. The morning session focussed on vehicle ambush tactics: how to defend yourself from a vehicle and how to use tactical cover. I even got to drive the Dodge Patrol Car at speed across the skid pan - amazing fun!

After lunch we used one of the houses in the ‘town’ to practice room clearing, building containment and various tactics moving inside and out of the building. Although based on firearms, the skills are perfectly transferrable to use of baton, captor or Taser as appropriate. We also had the opportunity to watch Jefferson County SWAT team practice tactics on the house next door including blank rounds and flashbangs. They trained scenarios over and over again throughout the morning at full intensity and speed, with actors playing the ‘bad guys’. For dinner, members of the large contingent from IPA Kenya cooked us a traditional meal, stunning and extremely generous of them. Plates were literally licked clean!

Day 5 began with tactical shooting practice on the rifle and handgun from various positions carried out with expert guidance from Brown County Sheriff’s Department Officers. After lunch we had an input from ASP about their products and training courses, followed by a very interesting session from the FBI around how they tackle gangs, using outlawed motorcycle gangs as an example.

A quick trip to Green Bay PD to meet the shift commander preceded a lovely evening at a nearby bowling alley. All gathered in the British-themed basement bar for great food and plenty of drink (IPA of course!). We received our course certificates and goodies and gave the reciprocal back. Joe Johnson was thanked for a fantastic week and his sterling effort to ensure it went amazingly.

After some bowling it was back to the accommodation to pack, replacing old clothes with goodies in the form of patches, uniform, coins and badges! As usual, it was terribly sad to be saying goodbye to all the lovely friends made via the IPA. Lots learned and unique memories made.

Martin Turner, member IPA UK
News from IPA Lithuania’s fantastic XXI Summer Gathering

IPA Lithuania has been organising international summer gatherings for 21 years, and this year’s event was held from 13-15 July in the Kaunas region’s ‘Pušyno Resort’ (‘Pine Resort’). The meeting was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania, and on this occasion, we celebrated the country’s fairy-tales, legends, songs and dishes from the era of Vytautas the Great to this day.

The purpose of this annual gathering is to popularise sports, promote a healthy and active lifestyle, encourage mutual cooperation and strengthen friendship amongst members of the IPA. With this in mind, we had arranged a multitude of competitions, including real-life table football, which is an enlarged version of the well-known game where people take the place of the plastic figures; rather unusual activities such as climbing on beer crates; obstacle courses, or enjoying water-based activities.

The weekend focused on sports and was an excellent opportunity to meet old friends as well as make new acquaintances, and spending time in a pleasant, vivacious and healthy atmosphere. Of course we also took the opportunity to congratulate the participants and medallists of the 1st IPA Games in Portugal!

Members from all branches of IPA Lithuania, plus teams from IPA Latvia, Estonia and Poland, as well as individual IPA members from Portugal, the USA and the Czech Republic took part together with their families in this wonderful celebration, which culminated in nearly 350 IPA members carrying a 100-meter long Lithuanian flag. The most important aspect for us, however, was that we managed to create a great atmosphere, filled with positive emotions, unexpected discoveries and unforgettable experiences throughout the whole weekend!

Laura Zaleskiene, Board Member IPA Lithuania
IPA Sri Lanka organise a fascinating Friendship Tour

In July 2018, IPA Sri Lanka organised a ‘Singalong’ and an International Friendship Week.

The musical programme of the ‘Singalong’, entitled ‘Yesterday Once More’, took place on 7 July in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Galadari. Organised for the 3rd consecutive year, the aim was to generate funds for welfare activities of members, support their children financially in higher studies, and to initiate capacity-building programmes for police officers, and consisted of an evening of entertainment by two renowned singers, followed by a dinner. The event also acted as the kick-off to the 8-day International IPA Friendship Week Tour from 8-13 July.

Both events were attended by IPA members from Estonia, Ireland, Japan, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the USA, including Mr. Koji Nakamura, President of IPA Japan and Mr. Ján Kovalčík, President of IPA Slovakia.

The Friendship Tour covered visits to places of heritage interest in the hill capital of Kandy, locations of historical significance in the North Central Province and a tour to the Eastern coast of the island with its white sandy beaches and calm, placid and warm waters, providing opportunities for underwater activities.

In addition, visits to the city of Colombo; Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage with around 100 orphaned elephants of all ages; Dambulla Cave Temple on a rock (considered one of the most famous and oldest Buddhist heritages); the ancient city of Polonnaruwa; Minneriya National Park, where wild elephants, buffaloes and boar, spotted deer, sambhur, and leopards roam, and a trip to the tea and spice gardens in the hill capital were arranged.

The musical evening undoubtedly amused and entertained all participants, which included retired and serving police officers, their families and other music lovers who attended the event. Similarly, the entirety of the tour programme certainly has
provided pleasant and sweet memories of Sri Lanka for all foreign guests. IPA Sri Lanka hopes that the entire event will remain in their memories forever.

Servo per Amikeco,

*Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka*

**IPA Estonia celebrate triple anniversary with a Friendship Week**

IPA Estonia celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia and the Estonian police, as well as the 25th anniversary of Section Estonia by organising a Friendship Week in Pärnu County from 16 – 22 July 2018.

The Friendship Week included a two-day trip to Kihnu Island, inscribed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List. The island’s communal lifestyle, cultural aspects, language and natural environment created a great opportunity to introduce the Estonian culture and heritage to all Friendship Week participants. Kihnu is a unique place in Estonia: as an island without hotels, all visitors lived in very ascetic conditions - there were no windows in the rooms, the doors were very low, and the toilets were a surprise of their own 😊.

Modes of transport on the island include trucks, with passengers seated on the truck bed, or motorcycles with sidecars, driven by women in traditional folk costumes and the passengers seated in a fish box on the side. For those who were interested, there was an opportunity to go to an Estonian sauna, try seal meat, climb the border guard radar post, from where the whole island could be observed, or enjoy an evening party together with local musicians.
Back on the mainland, in the Estonian summer capital Pärnu we visited the most successful driving school in Estonia, where guests had the opportunity to try their skills on the slick track and also test the importance of safety belts, in case their cars turned on their roofs. This was followed by a trip to the small Latvian town of Mazsalaca, from where we started a 12 km kayak trip on the beautiful Salaca river, during which we also visited the longest natural sandstone cave in the Baltics, with a total length of over 300m.

Later on in the week, we conducted a gourmet tour of Pärnu Museum, with guests being able to trial snacks from 5 different eras ranging from the Stone Age to the late Soviet era. In addition, we went on a little cruise on the historical 72-year old sailboat ‘Jenny Kruse’. Those skilled enough could hoist the sails and also lower them when the cruise was over. Last but not least, we went to the Tolkuse bog to walk on its beautiful trails. The largest sand dunes in the Baltics are located in close proximity and presented a fantastic view from the visitor tower - the restless and noisy sea on one side, and the calm and quiet bog on the other side of the dunes.

During the weekend, we held the IPA Estonia Summer Days, this year in the Lepanina hotel, which is without doubt one of the most beautiful hotels in Estonia, as it is situated right on the scenic seashore. Approximately 250 people from 16 countries gathered for this event. Traditionally, the Summer Days are full of fun and sporty activities, and this year, our participants could take part in a nostalgic retro disco, dance to a live band, and participate in fun sport activities, where nobody was able to stay dry - as the weather was unusually hot in Estonia, the organisers put some effort into making sure that all activities got everyone wet ☀️. Participants had the opportunity to try a new water sport called SubPolo, go to sea on a big Sub Board or run an IPA obstacle course. The evening peaked with fireworks.

More photos of our event can be found on our website at www.ipa-estonia.eu or on the IPA Estonia Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ipa.estonia.

Sunday morning meant saying goodbye so that everyone could return to their duties. The feedback we received suggests that IPA Estonia is the world champion of organising Friendship weeks. We will for sure host another Friendship Week on the occasion of our 30th anniversary in 5 years' time, but in the meantime, we would already like to invite all IPA friends to our next Estonian Summer Days in 2019!

Üllar Kütt, Board member of IPA Estonia
IPA UK’s Steve Hunt enjoys a lifetime of IPA Friendship

I recently met up with my long-standing German friends Geelke and Armin Allwicher whilst they were enjoying a break at a holiday complex in the Netherlands.

Both Armin and Geelke are German IPA members with over 60 years membership between them!

Geelke and Armin are big fans of the UK, especially Scotland, where they holidayed last year and intend to visit again this year!

Therefore I decided to present them with Scotland IPA badges that were available at this year's IPA UK National Council Meeting, along with a 'thin blue-line' wristlet and a Section UK Challenge Coin.

Armin and I first met over 30 years ago during a town twinning visit, when a colleague and I accompanied the Mayor of Thurrock to the German town of Mönchengladbach.

A firm friendship ensued. Since then, we have met up at least twice yearly to renew our bond in the true spirit of ‘Service through Friendship’. Armin was even my Best Man when I married my wife Karen in 2009!

A classic example of what can be achieved by simply being an IPA member!

Steve Hunt, Region 10 Secretary, IPA UK

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

PROJECT BEST PRACTICE

Job satisfaction, job engagement and performance in the Police Service:

The case of the Greek Police workforce

Ms. Mamoulaki Stavroula, Economist, B.Sc.(University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece), Master’s in Business Administration, M.Sc. (Hellenic Open University, Greece) is happy to share her research with the IPA.

The main purpose of the study was to investigate the level of job satisfaction and job engagement of the Greek Police workforce and the factors that affect them. The study aims to investigate the extent to which police officers in Greece are satisfied and engaged with their job and the degree to which internal and external factors affect their satisfaction, engagement and performance. The study was carried out through the use of an anonymous questionnaire distributed to members of the police
force of all ranks with the formal permission of the Ministry of Citizen Protection in Greece.

The majority of questions were taken from other studies conducted abroad and from other standardised questionnaires. Initially, the main concepts of job satisfaction, job engagement and the main factors that affect performance of police employees are presented and analysed, and a comparison with the findings of existing research conducted in eleven other countries is attempted in order to enable a discussion and a comparison of the findings. Finally, results of statistical analysis lead to conclusions about the level of satisfaction and job engagement amongst police employees in Greece and about the factors that affect their level of job engagement and performance.

Proposals are made for the improvement of satisfaction and engagement levels amongst police employees and for the police system in Greece as a whole. The findings reveal the level of job satisfaction, job engagement and the factors that affect the performance of the Greek workforce. One of the most important findings is the high level of job engagement amongst police employees in Greece and also the main role of ‘Philotimo’ (a Greek word used to describe a complex array of virtues encompassing honour, respect, dignity, courage, duty and sacrifice) in their performance.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Mamoulaki Stavroula regarding questions on her research at smamoulaki@gmail.com. The full thesis can be obtained on request by emailing cpc@ieb-ipa.org.

*May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission*

**LAST WORD**

Normally the summer months, once the Agenda Pack for the IPA World Congress has been sent out, give us all a bit of breathing space here at the IAC.

Not so this time, as there have been a couple of exciting aspects to our work in July and August!

For a start, I would like to share details about our new staff member, Daniel James, with you:

After Lesley Hughes’ retirement in April, the IEB was keen to hire an employee who would concentrate on the website and social media. Daniel, 21, started with us in July on a part-time basis. He has a keen
interest in programming and computers in general. Prior to working for the IPA, he volunteered as Social Media Associate for a start-up company here in Nottingham, managing their social media accounts. I am pleased to say that Daniel has settled in well, and seems to be enjoying his job 😊. Many of you will already have heard from him with regard to our new website.

Which brings me swiftly to the second exciting part of our summer months – the website:

After the board decision to commission a new website with a new website provider, all of us in the IAC have been spending a large proportion of our working hours with this new project.

Daniel has taken to this with enthusiasm, and while Kerry, Stephen and I have provided the texts, Daniel, with the help of our website provider, has spent the last few weeks making it all come to life.

I have included a screenshot of the proposed new website, which we hope to be able to share with you shortly!

Elke
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If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link: www.ibz-gimborn.de

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All aboard for the IPA World Congress 2018!

Thank you Section the Netherlands for organising a week of plain sailing 😊

(Photo courtesy of Peter van Breukelen)
Dear friends,

The 63rd IPA World Congress just ended in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. 62 delegations out of our 66 sections participated, and we were also joined by 2 of our Sections in Foundation, Colombia and Kyrgyzstan.

For the third IPA congress held in the Netherlands, the Dutch section had the brilliant idea of taking us from the four corners of the world aboard the ‘Rotterdam’, a magnificent steamship open to the public since 2010 in the form of a conference hotel in which we all spent the week.

Thank you to our friends from the Netherlands for the enormous job they have done in welcoming the world to their home.

It all started with the traditional Opening Ceremony, held in the former theatre of the ship. After the hymns, a tribute to our late Secretary General Georgios Katsaropoulos, and speeches, a shanty choir performed and ... had us performing as well! A very funny moment and a very good way to set the happy mood for the week, with all the participants singing along to ‘Tulpen uit Amsterdam’ (Tulips from Amsterdam).

The congress sessions were held in a very good and constructive atmosphere, and with the help of the Delegates, we managed to finish by Friday lunchtime. The full agenda was covered, and I will highlight some of the most significant items here:

**New Sections**

We enlarged the IPA family by welcoming two new sections who were granted provisional affiliation, after having successfully met the criteria to be recognised as such: Colombia and Kyrgyzstan. Welcome to both sections and thank you to both committees who worked very hard to obtain the approval of the Delegates. Our new friends were extremely proud, and I would also like to express my gratitude to the two sponsor sections, Spain and Kazakhstan, who played an important part in their development.
Two further countries are currently also in the affiliation process: Uzbekistan, at present a ‘Section in Foundation’, is supported by Russia as their sponsor section, plus the Dominican Republic, where the IPA has developed very well with the help of Spain and where a Founding Meeting will be organised in 2019 to grant them the status ‘Section in Foundation’. We also hope to take further steps along the same lines in Albania in the near future.

**IPA Events**

Many sections presented their interest in organising a World Congress, an International Youth Gathering or a Young Police Officers’ Seminar. For the years to come, we will not have to worry, as plenty of candidates are prepared to work hard for these important events of the IPA life.

The next IPA World Congress in 2019, which will be an elective one, will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, and in 2020, we will all gather in Barcelona, Spain. A decision for the locations of the following years will be taken by the Delegates next year: for 2021, this major IPA event will take place either in Greece or in Peru, and in 2022 either in FYRO Macedonia or Brazil.

It is very positive to notice that the interest of the sections in organising such major events is still alive, despite the amount of work required. Thank you to all.

**Arthur Troop Scholarship**

The Arthur Troop scholarships for 2019 were announced and we can only encourage police officers to show an interest in this wonderful programme and the sponsorship they can receive from the Association for attending a professional seminar related to their profession. All information can be found on our website or by contacting the Chair of the Professional commission directly.
IPA Games

Everyone was pleased to hear about the success of the first IPA Games, held in 2018 in Portugal. Thank you to our Lusitanian friends, and a special mention for IPA Montenegro who gave a very good presentation and were trusted by the Delegates with the organisation of the second IPA Games in 2020. Good luck to them!

Professional Theme

‘Police in a changeable era’ was the professional theme of the Congress. Two very interesting speeches, organised by the Chair of the Professional commission were held by representatives of the National Police of the Netherlands during the congress and were appreciated by all participants.

IPA Awards

Many awards and recognitions were presented during the congress, for sports, websites, and professional seminars, to name but a few. The list is long and I cannot mention every single award, but I wish to thank every section for the dedication and hard work shown towards the IPA’s values and goals. It is always amazing to consider how many events take place across the globe, all linked through the same will of keeping alive and developing the spirit of our Association and the friendship between all our members.

It is not possible to tell you all about the Congress. You really have to join it one time and find out for yourselves.

As I said in my opening speech: ‘the congress is, above all, an opportunity for us to spend time together and exchange. The foundations of the IPA are based on relationships. What a unique occasion, to nurture these relationships with representatives from around the whole world, and to demonstrate once more that our common values remove all borders. When you fight for the good, the outcome can only be positive and enriching’. This 63rd IPA World Congress proved exactly this point once more. The time spent together under the motto ‘Servo per Amikeco’ was priceless!

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our hosts, IPA the Netherlands, to their national president Wim Cornelis and the entire organising committee who committed themselves fully and permanently in order to provide perfect conditions for our stay, the working sessions and the general atmosphere of the congress.

Thank you and see you all next year in Croatia. Be there :-)

Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President
AROUND THE WORLD

World Congress 2018: the Film

A big thank-you to Eran Israel for producing a fantastic short film of the 63rd IPA World Congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Thank you also to John Korsel and Marcel van Beek from IPA Netherlands for the many photos provided. Follow the link below and enjoy!

https://youtu.be/IPA World Congress 2018

IPA Serbia wins 1st prize in the 14th Belgrade Carnival of Ships

The 14th Belgrade Carnival of Ships was opened on 25 August 2018 on the Sava River, with boats from all marinas in Belgrade participating in this traditional event. IPA Serbia took part with the famous boat ‘Topčiderka’. The annual Carnival of Ships aims to present the beauty of the Belgrade rivers in an attractive way, promote sports activities on water and increase the nautical tourism of Belgrade.

Attracting a large number of visitors and media representatives, more than 80 cargo ships, yachts, speedboats, water scooters and kayaks sailed along the Sava River, with the famous ship ‘Topčiderka’ leading the fleet and the ‘Vatrogasac’ (Fireman) demonstrating the procedure of extinguishing a fire with a water curtain. A rich cultural and entertainment programme on the ‘Sava promenade’ had been organised, and in addition, visitors were able to sample organic food and homemade products in the ‘Ecozone’.

The event included a ceremony awarding the most beautifully decorated vessels, and the ‘Topčiderka’, with a crew composed of members of the national section of IPA Serbia and friends won first prize.

If you are interested to find out more, please follow the links:

www.novosti.rs/vesti/beograd-Karneval
www.blic.rs/vesti/beograd/karneval
www.facebook.com/pg/ipa.beograd/photos

Marija Kozomara, IPA Serbia
On 2 September 2018, 3,874 runners from Poland and 15 other countries took part in the 28th Philips International Half Marathon in Piła, which also acted as the 27th Polish Half Marathon Championships. 3,824 participants finished the race.

For the fourth time, the International Open Police Cup in Half Marathon took place in cooperation with the Police School in Piła and the IPA Greater Poland Provincial Group, in which 120 policemen from Poland and 5 from Latvia took part.

The Police School in Piła was represented by Arkadiusz Bajerski, Adam Blajchert, Artur Pietruszka, Artur Pinkowski, Jarosław Pińkowski, Radosław Stabaczewski and Monika Tuczyńska.

The trophies and other prizes were donated by the Chief Commander of the Polish Police, the Commander of the Police School in Piła, the International Police Association, the Trade Union of the Polish Police Force and the local authorities of Piła.

Additionally, every runner received a medal at the finish line with the image of Wiesław Perszke, a famous Polish marathon runner and Polish Champion in 1998. He also represented Poland in many famous marathons, such as Berlin, Boston, London and Barcelona, with a personal best of 2:11:15.

The classification of the International Open Police Cup – Half Marathon was as follows:

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The trophies were presented by the Commander of the Police School in Piła, Colonel Beata Różniak-Krzeszewska, the President of the IPA Group of Greater Poland Witold Drzażdżyński, a representative of the Polish Police Trade Union, Mateusz Przybyłowski, and the Vice President of the Police Trade Union in the Police School in Piła, Second L. Jarosław Pińkowski.

Sebastian Wegner, IPA Poland
IPA UK’s Nottinghamshire Branch’s 60th Anniversary

The Nottinghamshire branch of IPA UK had an overwhelming success celebrating their 60th anniversary in June 2018 with guests from the USA, Slovakia, Ukraine, Germany, France, as well as from the UK.

We started with a meet-and-greet event at the IPA UK HQ in West Bridgford, which also included an opportunity to tour around the Nottingham Forest Football Club.

The following morning, the Nottinghamshire Chief Constable Craig Guildford officially opened the IPA festivities at the Nottinghamshire Police headquarters, followed by a tour of the control room, the dog section and meeting armed response officers. Following a traditional English afternoon tea, our guests had a tour of Newstead Abbey, the ancestral home of Lord Byron, and its beautiful 300 acres of gardens.

On day 3, our guests had a choice of either a day’s shopping, a tour of the Council House on the Old Market Square with a visit to the oldest pub in Nottingham, Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, or visit the Major Oak famous for its historic association to the legend of Robin Hood. In the evening, our guests had the chance to relax over a pub meal and a beer or two. Sharing stories of previous IPA trips and experiences continued back at the hotel. Further drinks were enjoyed, but this time with a twist …our Ukraine guests provided us with a gift of Ukrainian Vodka!

On Sunday morning, those with sore heads were able to sleep it off in the mini bus… All guests had the opportunity to experience the historic town of Newark where they were able to watch a traditional Morris dance, followed by a visit to medieval Southwell Minster. On the last evening, Chief Constable Craig Guildford and the Nottinghamshire’s IPA Chair Tony Berrington closed the event with an exchange of gifts with our guests.

We were joined by many more local members, family and friends at the Masonic Hall function room in the city centre, where we all got on the dance floor. We were pleased to raise £162 through our raffle and £155 from selling challenge coins for the Roll of Honour Trust charity.

The evening concluded with further drinks back at the hotel with a timely display of fireworks at the National Watersports Centre. The success of the event could not have happened without the support of the festive committee members. A massive thank you goes to Geoff & Trish Tootell, Jim & Val Quinn, Henryk & Chris Kowalczuk and Andre Bak.

Gurmit Kaur, Region 5 Chairperson IPA UK
Friendship Without Borders:  
2\textsuperscript{nd} IPA Niš – IPA Karditsa Friendship Cup

The second edition of the Niš – Karditsa IPA Friendship Cup took place this summer, this time in Karditsa. The two local IPA regions of Karditsa (Greece) and Niš (Serbia) established the IPA Friendship Cup as an annual event, alternating locations each year.

The Friendship Cup does ‘what it says on the tin’: It is an initiative that aims for a deeper understanding between the two IPA regions, creates important connections and ultimately lays down the foundations of a great friendship.

This time around the Friendship Cup hosted two Greek (Karditsa and Samos) and two Serbian (IPA Niš Policija and Žandarmerija) football teams. After an exciting tournament with matches that went down to the wire, the team of Karditsa came up triumphant, winning the Friendship Cup after a penalty shoot-out against the strong team of IPA Niš Žandarmerija. The trophy was a collectible sculpture by the famous pottery artist Timos Hatzilagos from the island of Samos.

Our Serbian friends also had the opportunity to do some sightseeing, visiting the majestic Plastiras Lake and Meteora. It is worth noting that the tournament took place under the sponsorship of the County Police Headquarters of Thessaly and as a result, a number of formal and informal meetings took place in order to exchange views and experiences on a number of topics. It was a pleasure and an honour to see our General Mr Ioannis Tolias visiting the tournament on a daily basis, highlighting the importance of this ongoing initiative.

After the Friendship Cup tournament, the representatives of the two parties, IPA Karditsa President Mr. Georgios Zarchanis and IPA Niš Vice President Mr Saša Spacić signed a twinning protocol. They both highlighted the importance of continuing the Friendship Cup in the future, and made a promise to do their best in order to increase the number of teams.

IPA Karditsa and IPA Niš are already looking forward to next year’s tournament, which will take place in spring 2019!

\textit{IPA Greece Region Karditsa}
Law Enforcement and Counter Terrorism Policing: IPA Israel’s involvement in the ICT’s International Conference

The International Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT) held its 18th international conference, on the topic of ‘The art of counter terrorism’, from 3-6 September 2018 in Herzliya, Israel.

IPA Israel has been cooperating with the ICT for the last 3 years, and invitations to the conference, which included a discount for IPA members, were sent to all national sections.

Many IPA members attended the conference, and in the workshop dealing with law enforcement and counter terrorism for example, most of the police officers were also IPA members. I participated on behalf of IPA Israel and conveyed the greetings of the IPA President, Pierre-Martin Moulin and the IPA Vice President, Adv. Gal Sharon.

The workshop was chaired by Mr Denis Monett, former commissioner of Nassau Police, N.Y. In addition, Commissionaire Luc Van Taelen, the project manager of CoPPRa from Belgium and friends from NYPD, the UK and Australia took part.

My presentation was on community policing against violence and extremism, detailing the Israeli experience. All speakers emphasised the advantages of friendly and informal connections between police officers in all law enforcement agencies.

I took the opportunity to introduce the quick, informal and efficient connections between IPA members. Many problems can be solved with the help of friendly cooperation. The IPA is an association of policemen and -women, and not police forces. This gives us advantages in all aspects of human relation.

The ICT conference was a powerful tool to recruit young as well as ‘older’ members of the police. Some IPA members asked us to assist them with meetings and were keen to learn about the Israeli police, especially the Jerusalem district.

We were pleased to be able to assist the German IPA section, who had asked us to host Chief Daniel Heinke from Bremen, Germany, and to arrange meetings with the chief of police of Jerusalem.

**Dr Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel**
IPA Poland organises a highly successful 6th Open Polish IPA Championship in Table Tennis

Something for the body, something for the mind. The uniformed services do not have to be associated only with stress, constant availability, attachment to the work mobile phone or the ubiquitous ‘paperwork’. Every human being requires some kind of relief in order to stay sane and gain the necessary distance from work.

This is exactly where sports can help. Whilst training and sweating, the mind is able to rest. This can easily be combined with activities of the International Police Association, which has set out to popularise physical activity as one of its most important goals.

We do not lock ourselves in our own police world. Since its first edition, the IPA Table Tennis Tournament has always been an open championship. We invite all uniformed services, both nationally and internationally, to Radom.

This 6th edition, held on the weekend of 8-9 September 2018 in Radom’s construction school, gathered a total of 14 teams and 28 individual competitors. The most important aspect of the tournament was the spirit of fair play and the integration of all participants.

The level of the matches was as high as usual – some might even say that the standard is getting higher each year. The hall was roaring with the cheers of the competitors and fans.

Our competitors ranged from members of the fire brigade to soldiers, Police and IPA teams, active officers and pensioners. Athletes where it was hard to believe that they were amateurs! They came from many locations, including Szczecin, Wrocław, Nowy Sącz, Lublin, Bydgoszcz and even Nicosia, Cyprus.
The tournament was held under the honorary patronage of the President of the Polish Section of the IPA, the Provincial Police Commander in Radom, the Mayor of Radom, the Poviat (district) Staroste and the Polish Table Tennis Association. As always, we are grateful for those companies that supported us. The Provincial Police Trade Union Board in Radom and the Integration Club of Table Tennis Broń Radom acted as co-organisers of the tournament. Thank you all very much!

We are proud to announce the following results:

Individual Winners:
1. Kowal, Artur Bydgoszcz
2. Rakowicz, Maciej Bydgoszcz
3. Tsouderos, Stavros Cyprus
4. Woźniak, Dominik Nowy Sącz
5. Rybikowski, Przemysław Wrocław

Teams:
1. IPA & Prov. Police Trade Union Board in Wrocław (Lower Poland Province)
2. IPA Kuyavian-Pomeranian Province (Bydgoszcz)
3. IPA Region Nowy Sącz (Lesser Poland Province)
4. Regional Directorate of State Forests in Radom
5. Fire Brigade Skarżysko-Kamienna (Holy Cross Province)

In addition, the Fair Play Cup, founded by the Provincial Police Trade Union Board in Lublin, was presented by the Deputy Chairman of the Main Board of police trade unionists, Mr Artur Garbacz. The awarded player was Marinos Christodoulou from Cyprus.

Congratulations!

Text by Krzysztof Kapturski, chairman IPA Radom
Photos by Krzysztof Kapturski and Karolina Krawczyk

Hosting can be full of action – meeting an Ironman competitor

A few days prior to the start of the Bolton Ironman I had the privilege of picking up Richard and Grace Plager from their holiday apartment in Manchester - they were in our area to enable Grace to take part in the Bolton event on 15 July.

Richard, who is 90 years of age, is a long-time member of the IPA. A wartime naval veteran and an ex-Police Chief from Naples Florida, where at one time he was head of detectives in Dade County, Miami, he is still a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.
Grace is 60 years of age, was born in Toronto, Canada and is now an American citizen. She has taken part in Ironman events all over the world.

Both are voluntary members of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office.

Joyce and I live in Anderton, Lancashire, which is the area of the cycle event of the Ironman, and we were therefore able to give Richard and Grace a conducted tour of part of the circuit she would be taking the following Sunday.

Anderton is at the foot of Winter Hill, part of the West Pennine Moor system which for weeks prior to the event had been on fire, partly due to the long hot summer we had been enjoying, and the cycling route had been changed accordingly. We were able to show them the new route.

I am pleased to say that we had a great day with Richard and Grace and found them to be wonderful, inspiring people.

As for the result: On the day of the event Grace came first in her age group and will next run in the Ironman event which takes place in Hawaii in October of this year.

David Tetlow, member IPA UK

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2018

The theme of this year’s Stockholm Criminology Symposium was Police research, and the 2018 Stockholm Prize in Criminology was awarded to Professor Herman Goldstein from the University of Wisconsin Law School, USA.

As Chairperson of the Professional Commission, I participated in the symposium as a lecturer and presented the Swedish Crime Harm Index.

The opening ceremony and panel discussion can be seen at http://www.criminologysymposium.com. For all sessions in the auditorium, please see the Symposium’s YouTube channel.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 symposium: the next Stockholm Criminology Symposium will take place from 10-12 June 2019 at the City Conference Centre in
the heart of Stockholm. The building dates back to the 1890s and was originally built as a boys’ school. It is located close to hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and important landmarks such as the Old Town.

You can participate in the Symposium as a delegate, speaker or exhibitor. The registration for the 2019 Stockholm Criminology Symposium is not yet open, but you can contact symposium@bra.se for more information.

May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission

Awardees of the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2019

Congratulations to the following awardees of the 2019 Arthur Troop Scholarship:

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During the 63rd IPA World Congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, the Chairperson of the Professional Commission presented the 13 awardees of the ATS 2019.

In total 31 applications had been forwarded for assessment. The awardees receive between 800 and 2,500 Euros for their upcoming participation in a seminar at IBZ Gimborn, or at a comparable further training facility.

The Arthur Troop Scholarship application process for 2020 will be announced in the November 2018 edition of the IPA Newsletter.

In the meantime, any enquiries and questions regarding the Arthur Troop Scholarship can be emailed to cpc@ieb-ipa.org.

May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission
Professional Recognitions at the World Congress 2018

Congratulations to the following IPA sections on their recognition for delivering high-quality Police and IPA Professional Seminars/Conferences in 2017:

Police Professional Seminars/Conferences
IPA Austria       IPA Argentina
IPA Italy         IPA Moldova
IPA Montenegro    IPA Poland
IPA Romania       IPA Serbia
IPA Spain         IPA Ukraine

IPA Professional Seminars/Conferences
IPA Israel        IPA Mozambique

During the Gala Dinner of the 63rd IPA World Congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, the Chairperson of the Professional Commission, May-Britt Ronnebro, presented Certificates of Recognition to twelve IPA sections who had organised outstanding seminars and conferences and had reported these in their Progress Report for 2017.

Two IPA sections had educated national and regional board members in community skills and meeting techniques. Ten sections had delivered further training for IPA members and in some cases other law enforcement officers, on topics that can be identified as new or of outstanding interest within the Police community. In addition, several other sections not mentioned above had reported further training options for IPA members at national or international venues.

A cordial thank-you to all sections who support the professional pillar of IPA!

I am extremely pleased that in 2017, more than 16,000 IPA members received further training through IPA sections, plus an additional 1,000 members participated in further training at our education centre IBZ Gimborn.

May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission
IAWP Training Conference 2018

The 2018 International Association of Women Police Conference in Calgary, Canada, at the end of August focused on the policing world and how we can all lead change in our communities and workplaces. During the conference, we listened to leaders in personal and professional advancement in the following areas:

Organisational culture, respect and harassment, investigative strategies and case studies, recruiting, employment and retention, leadership, community engagement, working with partners, wellness, diversity and inclusion.

Police Chief Jennifer Evans, Director Sheldon Kennedy and hockey star Caroline Ouellette were keynote speakers; however Amanda Lindhout was the most captivating and unforgettable keynote speaker. Amanda Lindhout travelled to Somalia in August 2008, a country known as ‘the most dangerous place on earth’. On her fourth day, she was abducted by a group of masked men along a dusty road. She was held hostage for 460 days and converted to Islam as a survival tactic, received ‘wife lessons’ from one of her captors, and risked a daring escape. She was moved between a series of abandoned houses in the desert. Amanda survived on memories - every lush detail of the world she experienced in her life before captivity - and on strategy, fortitude, and hope.

There were 6 parallel seminars to choose between, 4 times every day, and amongst those Superintendents Kim Anne Hiorth and Therese Lutnæs of the Oslo Police District who work as minority/diversity liaison officers, gave a very interesting presentation on pioneer work among the female minority population in Oslo, Norway.

Shain Pninit from the National Academy of Israel delivered a seminar on leadership with the theme of ‘Trust on me’ and Tamia Dow, IAWP Chaplin, gave guiding words to the delegates.

Kim, Therese, Shain and Tamia were four of many female IPA members who participated in the IAWP Training Conference, which attracted 675 delegates worldwide.

*May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission*
LAST WORD

Any of you who have spoken to me in a little more detail, will know that my favourite food is cheese, and my favourite activity is cycling – therefore the location of this year's IPA World Congress - the Netherlands - sounded pretty much perfect to me!

And I am pleased to say that I was not disappointed: on a marvellously sunny Monday afternoon before the start of the World Congress, after we had finished our meeting with the organising committee, I managed to convince my colleague Kerry to join me for a leisurely 3 ½ hour bike ride through Rotterdam. Apart from a couple of hair-raising moments, when we found ourselves on the wrong side of the cycle path on the enormous Erasmus Bridge and faced a few angry moped riders …, this gave us the perfect opportunity to discover beautiful parks and old harbours, as well as marvel at the amazing architecture this city has to offer.

A visit to Gouda on the last day of my stay in the Netherlands provided a near-perfect ending to the congress for me: I can honestly say that I have never seen so much cheese in one place … and I made sure to bring some lovely Gouda home with me, for my family to enjoy.

Which brings me smoothly to a massive thank-you:

I will never cease to be amazed by the interesting food and drink I am lucky enough to bring back from IPA World Congresses each year! Thank you so much to everyone who takes the effort to carry in their suitcases all the delicacies and share them with all other congress participants!

My family and I enjoyed playing cards the other night, while sampling the IPA World Congress ‘goodies’: my son loved the chocolate from Kazakhstan, my husband preferred the Armenian chocolate, and the Estonian chocolate did not last long, either!

As for me? I have no idea who won the card game in the end – I was too busy enjoying a few glasses of the lovely Palinka from Romania 😊

Thank you to all!

Elke
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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At your service!

A great entry to our Photo Competition 2017
by Achilleas Trikalinos from Greece
WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

Young police officers with families often have difficulties finding affordable holiday accommodation on internet booking platforms, but for around 20 Euros per night, it is possible to book a fully-equipped apartment for the entire family in the centre of Paris, Timişoara or Berlin. It is not a secret: all you need to do is look on the IPA website at www.ipa-international.org/IPA-Houses and click on the latest edition of the IPA Hosting Book.

History in IPA Hosting – the first Hosting Sections’ Meeting

How to promote IPA Houses? How to find new hosting options? How to provide our members with the best possible service?

These are some of the issues we deal with during Hosting Sections’ Meetings (HSM). HSM are the new-format biennial meetings involving all IPA sections; and the first HSM was held in Bucharest, Romania, from 4-7 October 2018. Perfectly hosted by the Romanian section, it was professional, friendly, and organised in an extremely efficient manner.

Vossie Vos, member of the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC), is the leader of the IPA hosting project. Over the years, there have been a few problems concerning IPA Houses: questions relating to ownership, budget restraints for maintenance, and ensuring we have enough people willing to act as house managers. A few of our IPA Houses unfortunately closed. Looking into how we could offer a broad spectrum of accommodation to our members, we therefore decided to develop ‘other
accommodation’ options further: properties that are owned and managed by private persons or IPA members, which offer discounted rates for our members.

The SCC introduced new rules during the IEC 2013 in Copenhagen to regulate what the IPA offers to its members in terms of accommodation, which in turn led to the development of a new Travel Form and Procedure and the new Hosting Book, gathering all relevant hosting data in one place. It is updated regularly and ready to be uploaded onto all IPA websites.

Thank you to all sections who contribute: the success of the Hosting Book, which showcases our 49 IPA Houses and countless other accommodation options, relies entirely on the continuous input of each IPA section.

Effective management requires continued development, which is why we initiated the Hosting Sections’ Meetings. The aim is not to praise our activities, but to discuss how to advance our project further.

Participants of our first HSM in Bucharest came from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Moldova, Portugal, Romania and Sri Lanka. Each section was able to present the accommodation offers in their country, as well as share ideas for future development with all other participants.

The Hosting Sections’ Meeting will be held every 2 years, and Section Sri Lanka have expressed an interest in hosting the event in 2020. The topics discussed in the HSM concern all IPA sections: use of the Travel Form, electronic reservation of IPA Houses, and the verification of IPA membership internationally, to name but a few.

Our main aim is to offer a large variety of affordable hosting options to young IPA members worldwide.

An exciting project for the IPA!

Servo per Amikeco,

*Gal Sharon, IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the SCC*
IPA Placement Programme between Ireland and Poland

From 6-17 September 2018, two officers from Ireland’s An Garda Síochána, Grace Heffernan and Síobháín Ní Firbhisigh, visited Wrocław and Jelenia Góra, as part of the cooperation between IPA Section Ireland and IPA Lower Silesia. The delegation from Ireland began their stay with a visit to the Provincial Police Headquarters in Wrocław, where they learned about the history of the building, visited different departments, such as a Crime Lab and holding cells where they observed the work of the Polish police, and had the opportunity to meet the Provincial Chief of the Police, Chief Inspector Tomasz Trawiński.

During the following two days, a charity event for children suffering from cancer and sightseeing in the city of Wrocław, plus a chance to watch the International Mounted Police Championships, where Grace and Siobháin met with mounted officers from Poland and other countries, were on the programme.

On day four, the Irish officers visited the Wrocław-Fabryczna Police Station, where they learned about the structure of the Police station and the work of the different departments. This was followed by a visit to the Polish Border Guard Station at Nicolas Copernicus Airport in Wrocław to observe the main tasks of the Border Guard.

During the fifth day of the visit, the national football teams of Poland and Ireland played a friendly match in Wrocław, and therefore both Irish police officers were able to observe the work of the Police Riot Division and the Anti-Terrorist Team preparing for securing a sports event. Later on, they watched the match and met the Deputy Chief of the City Police in Wrocław, Chief Commissioner Karol Pawłowski.

The following day, our guests from Ireland visited the City Police Headquarters in Wrocław, where they had the opportunity to watch and learn about the work of police officers from the Prevention and Patrol Department, the Forensic Department, and were able to see the equipment used. Both were interested in the use of cameras on uniforms, when patrolling the streets of Wrocław, because this is not the case in the Irish Police. Furthermore, meeting with police technicians gave a chance to exchange experiences in the field of securing traces at crime scenes.

The second part of the placement programme involved five days in Jelenia Góra, where Grace and Siobháín got acquainted with the specifics of the mountain Police Stations in Karpacz. This included visits to the Wang Temple, Kowary with the Park of Miniature Monuments of Lower Silesia, Jelenia Góra with its historic old town and the charming Cieplice hot springs and the Norwegian Park. Each of these visits
provided a chance to learn about the work of Polish police officers and get to know their equipment.

In their free time, our Irish guests were able to enjoy the picturesque sights of the Jelenia Góra Basin while hiking to the top of Śnieżka (5,259 ft.), Szrenica (4,469 ft.) and Śnieżne Kotły (3,855 ft.), and visiting the Kamieńczyk and Szklarka waterfalls. In addition, they visited the IPA Hall at the City Police Headquarters in Jelenia Góra.

There was also time for a meeting with members of the IPA Region Jelenia Góra, and while enjoying a meal at a campsite in Ścięgny, Grace and Síobháin talked about their work in Ireland. The outcome of our friends’ stay was not only a deeper knowledge of the Polish Police, but also integration, new friendships and contacts that will allow for more visits and meetings in the future.

A return visit of Polish officers to Ireland is planned for October 2018.

*Sara Stanisz-Szachnowska and Michał Sługocki, IPA Poland*

**IPA UK holds a ‘Street Gangs to Organised Crime’ seminar**

Arthur Troop envisaged a social network, to unite police officers around the world. He achieved this vision, creating fantastic opportunities to travel and meet like-minded people. As the world became a much smaller place, with international travel available to many, another unexpected benefit arose out of our international fraternity: the sharing of experience and good practice. However, with international
borders becoming less of a barrier to criminals, the police also needed to become more joined up, and the IPA provides the perfect vehicle to achieve this. The ‘Street Gangs to Organised Crime’ seminar, held by Section UK at the Leicestershire Police HQ was a fantastic example.

The day opened with our trans-Atlantic visitors, Brian Dale & Charles Ashaim, from the Portland Oregon Gang Enforcement Team. They began by saying that ‘most visitors never see the side of Portland we deal with’, which many of us could say about the cities we police. A compilation of videos posted by gang members on social media and CCTV of several carpark shootings demonstrated just how blatant some of them can be. Brian described the gangs as ‘super empowered’ saying they were not afraid to display their gang association, were armed at all times and always in packs.

Steve Knight, from the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority, described his area of work as ‘slavery in its most pure form’, saying the gangmasters control lives, take their wages and keep them in captivity. The difficulty of Steve’s work is highlighted by what one worker told him; ‘I know I'm being exploited, but I can send £100 per week back to Romania. I would only get £30 back home’.

Dave Magrath spoke about organised immigration crime and its links to street gangs. He said that illegal immigration is not a victimless crime. Even without any criminality, it has a huge cost to taxpayers, through benefits and healthcare.

Mark Bullen gave a fascinating insight on Russian organised crime and their tradition of prison tattoos. All Russian criminals who have been in prison have tattoos, which used to be rarely worn by other people in Russia. The tradition began in gulags during Stalin's reign. These are poor quality tattoos, done in prison, with ink made by burning boot soles, diluting the residue in urine and straining through a bed sheet. Mark has published a book, called Thief in Law, which provides much more detail on the tattoos and their meanings.

DS Martyn Linton, of Surrey Police, told us about the County Lines problem with travelling drug dealers. Martyn described once being on the periphery of a London gang himself, until some of his friends were involved in a murder. That was his wake up call, which led to joining the police. His work has benefited from him winning an IPA scholarship to spend three days training with the Florida Police on drug gangs.

Other speakers included West Midlands Superintendent Rich Agar, on his Operation Jigsaw youth crime project; Nathan Hancock, on the Street Doctors project, where Leicester medical students are teaching kids first aid skills to deal with street violence, and Dr Matt Hopkins, on academic perspectives of criminal gangs.

It was a fantastic day’s programme, through which I learned an incredible amount.

A big thank you to the speakers who gave us such an interesting day.

Neil Hallam, IPA UK Editor of ‘Police World’
‘My Tree, My Peace, My Future’
IPA Kenya launches tree planting of 1 million seedlings

On 13 October 2018, the Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Joseph Boinnet, launched the IPA nationwide tree planting project at the Kenya Police Staff College, Loresho, Nairobi. Spearheaded by IPA Kenya, 273,000 tree seedlings were planted simultaneously in most police establishments and respective neighboring public institutions in 35 out of the 47 IPA regions across the country.

Addressing the participants, the Inspector General acknowledged the crucial role IPA Kenya had played in improving good policing practices in the National Police Service. He observed that the bonds of friendship had promoted national and international cooperation amongst Kenyan police officers, leading to the exchange of professional experience, the preservation of human rights and also contributed to world peace; in addition to promoting the respect of law and order amongst police officers. ‘This has enhanced the image of the police and assisted police officers to improve the relation with the general public, and contributed to a mutual understanding of mutual problems that police officers face on and off duty’, he said.

‘As police officers, we want people to understand that there is a direct correlation between the way we manage our natural resources, and peace. It is against this background that the International Police Association Kenya, in partnership with other stakeholders, has organised the ‘My Tree, My Peace, My Future’ initiative to incorporate all willing partners towards this worthy cause that will realise the planting of 1,000,000 tree seedlings in our Police institutions and neighboring public institutions’.

The initiative has been designed to achieve the following objectives:

- To bring communities together under the theme of My Tree, My Peace, My Future’ with the aim of preserving World Peace.
- To sensitise the young generation to the value of trees in our environment.
- To achieve the target of planting 1,000,000 trees in public institutions across the country within one year, beginning with the Police establishments.
- To improve police public relations by engaging the public (communities, schools/colleges, Scouts and county governments) in the exercise.
IPA Kenya envisages that this project will help communities create an environment which is friendly and healthy for habitation, reduce carbon gases to stop global warming, regulate the rainy season, boost agricultural produce, improve food production, revive the country's economy, provide wood fuel for schools, and ensure soil and water conservation. Additionally, the main idea is to have maximum public participation in the spirit of police – public partnership, thereby creating strong links essential for community policing.

The IPA initiative has already secured partnerships with learning institutions, county governments, private entities and individual members of the public, who have donated tree seedlings, both in cash and in kind. The partners include: the National Police Service, the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), county governments and public as well as private corporations.

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

World Congress 2018: Video from IPA Netherlands

The video link below will give you a further chance to gain an in-depth idea of what an IPA World Congress involves:

a friendly welcome, a varied opening ceremony, several days of congress sessions, an interesting visitors’ programme and excursions for participants, plus of course a gala dinner with an award ceremony to round the IPA World Congress off.

Thank you very much to John Korsel, Eran Israel and Marcel van Beek for this excellent film!

https://www.youtube.com/IPA World Congress 2018_NL
IPA San Marino’s former President becomes Head of State

In the name of the San Marino IPA Section, I am very happy and honoured to inform you that one of our members, Mirko Tomassoni, who was also my predecessor as President of IPA San Marino, was appointed as Head of State of the Republic of San Marino on 1 October 2018. He will hold this position until 1 April 2019.

I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to S.E. Mirko Tomassoni, who took over the powers of the Supreme Magistracy together with S.E. Luca Santolini, and wish them all the best for their work.

I believe it is very rare to see an IPA member become Head of State, and it is a great honour for us that this happened in one of the smallest IPA sections in the world.

Below you will find a link to a summary of the ‘Investitura dei’ ceremony of the Captains Regents of the Republic of San Marino:


Servo per Amikeco,

Renè Rosti, President IPA San Marino

IBZ Schloss Gimborn in der Hauptrolle 😊

Für viele IPA-Mitglieder ist die ZDF-Fernsehserie ‘Helen Dorn’ sicherlich ein Begriff: Anna Loos in der Hauptrolle als LKA-Kriminalkommissarin, die schwierige Fälle in ganz Nordrhein-Westfalen löst.

Seit 2014 läuft die Serie nun schon sehr erfolgreich, und für eine der neuesten Episoden wurde jetzt ein ganz besonderer Ort ausgesucht: das IBZ Schloss Gimborn!

14 Drehtage verbrachte das Produktionsteam im idyllischen Gimborn im Bergischen Land, und neben Außenaufnahmen im Schlosspark und in der Umgebung wurden auch einige Räume der Polizeiakademie zu einer Polizeiwache umgewandelt.
René Kauffmann, Direktor des IBZ Gimborn, ließ es sich nicht nehmen, die Hauptschauspielerin der Krimiserie persönlich zu begrüßen, und ihr das neue Seminarprogramm der Fortbildungseinrichtung zu überreichen.

Nach Ende der Drehtage heißt es nun abwarten, bis die Folge 'Nach dem Sturm' uns allen die Möglichkeit gibt, Schloss Gimborn in 'Helen Dorn' zu bewundern 😊

Für alle, die schon einmal zwischendurch mehr erfahren möchten, sind hier noch zwei Links, die mehr über die Dreharbeiten verraten:

http://www.oberberg-aktuell.de/Helen_Dorn_IBZ_Schloss_Gimborn
https://www.rheinische-anzeigenblaetter.de/Dreharbeiten_zu_Helen_Dorn

René Kauffmann, Direktor IBZ Schloss Gimborn und
Elke Schülpen-Roberts, IAC Office Manager

IPA UK’s Martin Turner investigates new recruitment ideas

I met German IPA member Philipp Kurz last year at the Gimborn Talks, my first IPA event. Philipp is the media/marketing board member for his local branch in Münster. He is also on the National Board in Germany and is instrumental in taking the push for young members forward both within Germany and across the IPA as a whole. His passion and innovation is inspiring and is probably the reason I became so passionate about the IPA.

I now lead a Young Members’ Forum within Section UK to gather ideas and opinions and ultimately improve the recruitment and retention of young members from within the police service. As part of this commitment and to try and work out how we can replicate the ideas in the UK, I attended an event at the Police Academy in Lille, France, last year.

This time, following on from the Lille trip, Philipp had arranged a similar event in the beautiful city of Münster, Germany. He invited several friends and colleagues from European countries to travel to Münster and assist staffing a recruitment stand at the intake of the local university.

Having settled into the local police school accommodation on Thursday, the next morning we headed to the local university to help Philipp and his fellow local branch member Walter set up their stand, next to the two Police Unions. It was impressive to see the banners, leaflets and items for sale laid out on the stall. Something we really need to up our game with in the UK!

We joined Philipp as he delivered a welcome speech to some 170 student police officers and then helped staff the stall – explaining the benefits of the IPA to those
students brave enough to speak to us! It was good to see many students take membership forms away and more than a handful sign up there and then.

We then headed to the local police headquarters, viewing the custody facilities (immaculate), control room, shooting range and vehicles. The evening saw us attending a traditional Brauhaus, meeting Philipp’s wife and another local IPA member. After a traditional and delicious meal washed down with far too much German beer it was time to hit the town.

The Saturday saw us attend an IPA event at a local distillery. Although possibly the last thing our small delegation from France, Belgium, Holland and the UK wanted to do after the night/morning before…in traditional IPA fashion we braved it! Several drams of Whisky later, we emerged into the sun – possibly cured, possibly even worse for wear – and headed back to Münster.

On our last day, Sunday, we were very kindly welcomed at Philipp’s house where his wife helped him feed us an exceptional brunch. After a lovely walking tour of Münster, it was all too quickly time to head home again.

My thanks go to Philipp and IPA Münster for their exceptional hospitality and generosity. The event further inspired me to consider how section UK can access new officers at source. With over 43 different police forces in England and Wales alone, it is a challenge to replicate accessing so many new officers at once, and all ideas are very much welcome!

*Martin Turner, IPA UK*

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**XX International Football Tournament IPA Poznań**

From 23-28 August 2018, the 20th edition of the International Football Tournament of IPA Poznań took place. 16 teams from Poland, Ukraine, Romania and Hungary took part in this friendly competition amongst law enforcement agencies.

This year's tournament was held under the patronage of the Provincial Police Commander in Poznań, Colonel Piotr Mąka; Wielkopolska Province Marshal Marek Woźniak; Poznań City President Jacek Jaśkowiak; Poznań District Starost Jan Grabkowski; the President of the IPA Polish Section Fryderyk Orepu; and the Chairman of the Polish Olympic Committee Andrzej Kraśnicki.
After the first day of group matches, the 16 teams were whittled down to 8, to
compete on Saturday afternoon in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. After a
fierce fight, the teams of the District Police HQ in Jarocin and the Convoy
Department competed in the match for 3rd place, while the IPA Poznań team fought
for the victory in the finals. Despite their high spirits, the hosts were defeated by the
Ukrainian team 1:0 after a goal from a free kick.

In the evening, a celebratory barbeque was held, during which cups, medals and
individual rewards were handed out as follows:

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All teams are already looking forward to the next tournament in Poznań in 2019!

Witold Drządźżyński, IPA Poznań
Arthur Troop Scholarship 2020

The Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) is now open for applications from IPA members worldwide. Arthur Troop Scholarships are awarded annually and preferably at least one will be granted to each continent in which we have member sections – Africa, America, Asia, Australasia and Europe.

Each scholarship consists of a bursary of up to 2500 €, to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre IBZ Schloss Gimborn, or at a comparable institution.

Applicants must have been an IPA member for at least 2 years before applying, and the scholarship must be taken between 1 January and 31 December of the year following the awarding of the scholarship (extensions are not granted).

Arthur Troop Scholarships may be awarded to any IPA member who is a serving law enforcement officer, but are predominantly targeted at our younger members. Applicants are required to submit an application form setting out their reasons to support their selection.

The Application Form must be processed through their national sections and forwarded to the International Administration Centre (IAC) at iac@ieb-ipa.org. All applications must be supported by a confirmation of membership from their sections.

The Chair of the Professional Commission (PC) will process the applications. After the assessment of the PC and the decision of the IEB, awardees will be announced during the World Congress in Croatia in October 2019.

The Arthur Troop Scholarship Application Form can be found on the international website at www.ipa-international.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2019.

May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission
Recognitions from the Socio-Cultural Commission presented at the World Congress 2018

Competitions, awards and recognitions are not a goal in themselves, but rather a way to encourage and strengthen IPA sections and members to participate in IPA activities.

Sports Trophy 2018

I am extremely pleased that in 2017, 55,000 IPA members participated in almost 1,500 sporting events both nationally and internationally!

Sports is a major activity in all police forces, with almost all police officers, and in particular the younger ones, participating. The IPA Games in Lisbon in May 2018 aimed at contributing to international co-operation between sections, and proved to be a major attraction to younger police officers. Awards were presented to winning teams and individuals alike.

Looking at sports activities organised throughout 2017, the following IPA sections reported more than 3,000 participants taking part in sports activities: Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Romania, and Serbia.

The IPA Sports Trophy for 2017 was awarded during the gala dinner of the World Congress, according to a formula that takes into consideration not only the number of events and participants, but also the number of members in a section. This year’s sports trophy was awarded to IPA section Poland.

Video Competition 2018

Managed by SCC member Kikis Pericleous in conjunction with a team of judges from Cyprus, the IPA Video Competition 2018 results are as follows:

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Website Awards

Awarded each year, these recognitions are not the result of a competition, but aim to reward high-quality national IPA websites and sites showing progress in this field. The use of the internet, new apps and social networks enable us to provide a quality service to members. There has been significant progress in this area, and every year we discover innovations and a great deal of investment by our sections, who develop new options and services for our members. All gold website awards were presented to the following sections during the gala evening of the World Congress:

Andorra | Australia | Belgium | Brazil | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Republic | Estonia | Finland | Greece | Ireland | Israel | Italy | Lithuania | New Zealand | Norway | Romania | Serbia | Slovenia | South Africa | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | UK | Ukraine and USA.

Denmark, FYRO Macedonia, Kenya, Macau, Montenegro and Poland were granted silver website awards.

I would like to congratulate all awardees of the 2018 SCC recognitions and at the same time express my gratitude to all IPA members and sections who took part and assisted.

Adv. Gal Sharon, IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the SCC
IPA International Photo Competition 2019

The IPA Socio-Cultural Commission is pleased to organise the IPA International Photo Competition 2019, open to all IPA members.

Following on from the successful and very popular Photo Competition 2017, there will be two categories:

*Open Category:* any photographic topic

*Subject Category:* Police at Work

A prize of 400 Euros will be awarded to the overall winner, with category winners and second and third places also receiving awards.

I would like to thank SCC member Kikis Pericleous for managing this project. Detailed information, including the official entry form, deadlines and competition rules, has been circulated to all IPA sections, and can be found on our website at [www.ipa-international.org/photo-competitions](http://www.ipa-international.org/photo-competitions).

The IPA International Photo Competition enriches IPA life by providing opportunities to create exhibitions for IPA offices, police units as well as special events.

We therefore hope that all sections will participate with as many IPA members as possible!

*Gal Sharon, IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the SCC*

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Encuentro IPA Madrid – IPA Perú
‘Lineamientos esenciales de una política de gestión de gobierno en materia de seguridad ciudadana’

El lunes 17 de setiembre de 2018 se llevó a cabo en la sede de la International Police Association (IPA) Sección España - Filial Madrid, en la ciudad capital española, una reunión técnica de trabajo para examinar el tema ‘Lineamientos esenciales de una política de gestión de Gobierno en materia de seguridad ciudadana’ con la presencia de los Consejos Directivos de la Junta Nacional de Gobierno del Círculo Ahumada de la Guardia Civil de...
España, presidida por Antonio Mancera López, la International Police Association (IPA) Sección España, Filial Madrid, presidida por Antonio Gómez Montejano y la International Police Association (IPA) Sección Perú, conformada por el general PNP (r) Sergio Monar Moyoli, quién tiene a su cargo actualmente la Dirección General de Inteligencia del Ministerio del Interior, el jurista y criminólogo peruano residente en Suiza, Javier Gamero Kinosita, quién actualmente es miembro de la Comisión Profesional Internacional de IPA y miembro de honor del Círculo Ahumada, el coronel PNP (r) Carlos Velásquez Salazar, quién actualmente presta servicios en la Dirección de Seguridad Ciudadana del Ministerio del Interior, en el Programa de ‘Barrio Seguro’ y el coronel PNP (r) Carlos Alfonso Vargas Vargas, miembro IPA, para abordar asuntos relacionados a la prevención y control de la criminalidad e intercambiar experiencias, en relación a las políticas y estrategias de seguridad ciudadana.

El encuentro fue coordinado por el experto en política criminal internacional Javier Gamero Kinosita, en el marco de la Comisión Profesional Internacional de IPA, quién hizo un breve alcance de la problemática actual de la seguridad ciudadana en la sociedad moderna, aduciendo que, contrariamente al discurso político actual, existe un debate en torno a la seguridad con resultados no muy alentadores, en donde se aprecia la pérdida de la seguridad y la casi imposibilidad de poder recuperarla. Mientras más grande es la demanda popular por la seguridad, más inalcanzable se ha vuelto ella para los ciudadanos. La sociedad de hoy en día, muestra no solo un mero déficit parcial de seguridad, concretamente en la protección ante la violencia criminal, sino que está estigmatizada por una carencia de seguridad estructural. Esta carencia es consustancial con el proceso de modernización y en opinión de los expertos irremediable.

Vínculo directo al informe completo:
https://www.ipa-international.org/News/Encuentro IPA Madrid-IPA Perú

*Javier Gamero Kinosita, Miembro de la Comisión Profesional*

IPA registered at the European Parliament

The External Relations Commission successfully registered the IPA in October 2018 at the European Parliament (EP) - see picture.

With the registration in the Parliament’s transparency list, the IPA gets access to all meetings, initiatives or legal acts of the EP, in particular in the area of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), education and training, Frontex and EUROPOL, as well as the fight against terrorism. Further to this, selected IPA members will have the possibility to apply for an access card to the EP in Brussels and Strasbourg.
IPA members who would like to contribute to the above-mentioned topics may get in touch with the representative of the IPA in Brussels, Oliver Hoffmann (oliver.hoffmann@ipa-deutschland.de). The Chairperson of the External Relations Commission Alexey Gankin and Oliver Hoffmann will coordinate all contributions.

IPA sections may wish to consider registering their section at their respective federal parliament’s transparency list in order to participate in law-making processes or regional initiatives.

Oliver Hoffmann, ERC Representative Brussels

New International Forum for Development of Policing

PoliceTalent is a new platform and forum for police leaders, police officers, politicians and others who want to contribute to the positive developing of policing.

Through the three media of Facebook, a website and a YouTube channel, PoliceTalent will put the spotlight on positive changes, effective work methods, and organisational change. With this, PoliceTalent hopes to have a positive impact not just on policing but also on employees, and the community the police is to guard. The goal of this forum is to offer examples of best practice and practical leadership guidance based on practitioners’ experience and academic results. PoliceTalent focusses on and emphasises the positive movement for an effective 21st century policing.

This is a forum for everyone who wants to make a difference. Contributors are:

- Chief of Police Mac Tristan (Coppell, Texas, USA),
- Dr. Ann-Christine Andersson Arntén, the Swedish Police,
- Senior Professor Trevor Archer, University of Gothenburg, Department of Psychology and Leader of the Swedish network.

For further information see: http://policetalent.com

May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission
LAST WORD

This November edition of the IPA Newsletter nicely highlights the wide variety of opportunities the IPA offers:

**Furthering your career** by applying for an Arthur Troop Scholarship run by the Professional Commission, or by attending a seminar, in this case Section UK’s ‘Street Gangs to Organised Crime’ event.

**Sharing your passion for sports**, for example by travelling to Poland with your football team and taking part in an international tournament.

**Volunteering** within the IPA, such as Section Kenya’s initiative to plant trees benefitting the local community, or IPA UK’s Martin Turner learning about new ideas how to recruit and retain new and young members for the IPA.

**Travelling with the IPA**, in this case by taking part in an IPA Placement Programme, such as the one between Ireland and Poland, or by taking advantage of staying in one of the many IPA Houses or IPA ‘other accommodation’ that are being continuously developed.

**Enjoying your hobbies**, by entering in the 2019 IPA Photo Competition, managed by the IPA Social Commission.

More IPA opportunities can be found on our website at [www.ipa-international.org/What-we-offer](http://www.ipa-international.org/What-we-offer).

So what are you waiting for?

Have a look and see what takes your fancy!

*Elke*
Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany. If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de

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Season’s Greetings!

We wish all IPA Newsletter readers a most wonderful time!
Dear friends,

The last newsletter of the year! Already! And almost time to close the 2018 books.

When you mention that the end of the year is getting close, you receive many different comments in return, such as: ‘May the next year come fast’; ‘I don't like Christmas time’; ‘I am happy to leave this year behind’; or ‘I hope that next year will be better’.

I don't know why, but it seems to me that we always hear more negative than positive comments when approaching this time of the year. Not for me to judge though.

Personally, I think that everything is going too fast, and that time is definitely getting shorter and harder to seize, like a hare that we run after trying to catch! With the added disadvantage that when getting older, we can't run as fast anymore, and the hare seems to accelerate 😊. What a contradiction!

In any case, reaching the end of 2018 gives me the opportunity to deliver three messages:

- Thank you to all of you for giving so much of your time, energy, motivation and ideas to our Association in 2018. The calendar of events proved once more that the IPA is alive and active in so many parts of the world. With so many successful events and projects gathering us all, we can rest assured that the IPA is developing in the true spirit of friendship.

- Merry Christmas to all of you who celebrate it, and best wishes for the holidays. If you are able to, stop for a few days and take the opportunity to gather and enjoy spending time with the people you love.

- Finally, my sincere wishes of sympathy and courage to all our members who are suffering from illness or pain of any kind, those who have lost a loved one this year, or who are experiencing the grief of separation or the suffering of someone else. May this special time of the year and the spirit of Christmas be a balm to soothe your wounds, as deep and painful as they may be.

Best wishes to you all, and thank you for believing in the ideals of the IPA.

Servo per Amikeco

_Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President_
International Youth Gathering 2019
Join us for 2 weeks in Croatia – the Land of Friendship!

It is with great pleasure that IPA Section Croatia is organising next year’s International Youth Gathering 2019 from 3-17 August 2019.

We look forward very much to receiving applications from many IPA sections around the world. Every year young people from across the globe - children and grandchildren of IPA members, are invited to visit another country and participate in an unforgettable event - the IPA’s International Youth Gathering (IYG).

For the participants it is an opportunity to experience travelling to another country and meeting people of a similar age from different cultures and backgrounds, whilst gaining a deeper knowledge of the history, social character, nature and family life of the hosting country.

Participation in the programme is open to the children or grandchildren of current IPA members. IYG participants must have reached their 16th birthday, but not have exceeded their 18th birthday at the start of the IYG. There are a maximum of 50 spaces available, and sections are invited to send up to 2 applications which will be dealt with on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The IYG encourages young people irrespective of gender, race, language or religion to participate.

Here are a few highlights to look forward to during next year's IYG:

The Pearl of the Adriatic - Dubrovnik, Lokrum Island sea kayaking, the Elaphites Islands cruise, the historical city of Šibenik, the unforgettable Plitvice Lakes National Park, the unique peninsula of Istria, the ancient city of Pula and the Brijuni Islands National Park, the adrenalin-packed Aquapark Istralandia, the city of Rijeka - European Capital of Culture 2020, Trsat Castle, the capital city of Croatia - Zagreb, Zagreb Zoo, Medvednica Nature Park, the award-winning Museum of Neanderthals in Krapina, Takošćan Castle, Tuhelj Thermal Water Park, plus a visit to the Maritime...
Police, the Special Police Counter-Terrorist Unit, the Croatian Police Academy, the Primorsko-Goranska Police Department, a gala dinner with entertainment and much more.

The full programme and registration details have been circulated to all national sections and is available to download on the dedicated IYG 2019 page of IPA Croatia’s website at https://ipa.hr/iyg-2019/, or alternatively at https://www.ipa-international.org/International-Youth-Gatherings.

Not sure whether to apply? Why not have a look at what is on offer at https://www.youtube.IYG 2019!

You are welcome to join in an unforgettable IPA adventure travelling side by side with fellow young people from around the world in the land of friendship … Croatia!

Servo per Amikeco!

Miljenko Vidak, President IPA Croatia

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Download the new joint IPA app from Sections Austria, Germany and Switzerland

Dear IPA friends,

As announced during the IPA World Congress in Rotterdam, Sections Austria, Switzerland and Germany started a project to launch a joint IPA App.

We proudly announce that the App is now available at the Google and Apple store for download, free of charge. Please search for ‘IPA App’ or scan the QR Code.

The App contains all relevant information about the IPA, including our accommodation options, Facebook pages, contact details, branches, and events.

Download it and check it out!

Your Webteam from IPA Austria, Switzerland and Germany
Baltic 100

IPA Estonia, IPA Latvia and IPA Lithuania jointly organised the road trip Baltic 100 - ‘We are grateful for your service’, devoted to the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as well as the 100th anniversary of their police forces.

The purpose of our 1000 km journey was to honour those who fought for our countries and our freedom as well as those who have fallen during service. In each country, wreaths and candles were placed at memorials.

People are remembered as long as their names are remembered. With this action we prove we have not forgotten our heroes - fallen or still standing.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to them!

Uno Laas, President IPA Estonia
Ilze Ungure, President IPA Latvia
Rimas Leleckas, Treasurer IPA Lithuania
35th Annual Congress of IPA Cyprus

The 35th Annual Congress of Section Cyprus was hosted this year by the IPA Region of Famagusta, from 25-28 October 2018.

The official opening of the Congress took place at the ‘Museum Thalassa’ Congress Hall in Ayia Napa on 27 October 2018, and was attended by the members of the National Executive Board of the Section and representatives from the six IPA regions of Cyprus: Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, Famagusta and Morphou.

Foreign delegations from Greece, Israel, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Russia and the United Kingdom also participated in the congress, and the IPA Vice President, Gal Sharon, attended as our special guest and addressed the delegations from Cyprus as well as all other guests who were present in the conference room.

Besides the congress work, the programme was enriched by many IPA activities, including guided sightseeing tours, visits to archeological and historical places, and all of our guests were given the opportunity to get a taste of the Cypriot culture, as well as the friendliness and hospitality of our people. They were also able to discover some of the beautiful sights of Cyprus. The congress participants were briefed about the IPA’s work and other IPA activities carried out by the Section and the IPA regions during the year under review. The heads of the foreign delegations addressed the congress participants and expressed their thanks for the invitation.

During the meeting, the President of Section Cyprus and the regional chairmen briefed all participants about the IPA work achieved during the year, and the decisions taken by the NEC were approved. Future plans and projects were also discussed, and the delegates were informed that IPA Cyprus will continue its efforts to promote the IPA’s ideals in the Middle East and especially in Arab countries.

Despite facing various problems, and with some governments not understanding fully that the IPA is not involved with politics or trade unions, we will continue our efforts. We will also continue following the development of the situation of the IPA in Turkey; however, unfortunately there is little we can do to assist at the moment.

Michael Odysseos, President IPA Cyprus
Gimborn Talks 2018

This year’s ‘Gimborn Talks’ took place from 19-21 October at IBZ Gimborn castle. Young police colleagues from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK were able to exchange views during these three days, discussing how to make the IPA even more attractive and exciting, how to attract new members and how to integrate existing members better into the IPA. The planning and implementation of the event was handled this year by the ‘Young IPA members’ team of IPA Germany, Philipp Kurz and Nathalie Schultz.

The main aim of the meeting was to produce video and photo recordings not only with a patrol car of the German Federal police, but also with a police car from Mechelen/Belgium and an American cop tribute car. These materials can be used at a later stage to create a promotional film, in member magazines and flyers, or to post on social media to attract new IPA members.

The group of 13 young IPA members had an intensive exchange about successful projects of the year 2018 and of course took the chance to look ahead to the next year. The calendar of events in many sections is filled with activities and events for potential and existing young members. National as well as international events all over the world are being planned to live the idea of friendship and also gain professional experience.

Simultaneously to the meeting of the young IPA friends, representatives of IPA Sections Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden Switzerland and the UK also got together and discussed the same questions as the young IPA friends.

As a key element, it was stressed that the ideals and goals of our founder should always be in the foreground of every effort: ‘The primary objective of the IPA is to establish friendly relations, mutual assistance and understanding between police officers.’

The next round of our ‘Gimborn Talks’ will take place in autumn 2019 at Gimborn castle, and will be organised by IPA Sweden.

Oliver Hoffmann, Vice President IPA Germany

Nathalie Schultz, IPA Germany representative of ‘Young IPA members’
Earlier in 2018, one of the many friends and colleagues I have made through the IPA mentioned a COPS training week in Belgium. Sven Maertens, who leads the Defensive Tactics Group within the section, is an experienced trainer and has grown up heavily immersed in a variety of martial arts disciplines. COPS was a training week arranged by Sven and other IPA members in Belgium in June and held at the joint fire/medical/police training site near Antwerp, Campus Vesta.

In Antwerp I was met by a couple of officers in a marked police vehicle, and off we went to the training venue. At Campus Vesta I checked into our accommodation – admittedly 8-man tents and portable bathroom facilities weren’t the most welcome in the hot and muggy conditions, but we all managed! We were welcomed that afternoon by the Campus staff and the trainers, handed very well-stocked goodie bags and were fed and watered. The evening was full of catch-ups, Belgian beer and a DJ providing entertainment.

The training over the next 4 days was intensive and thorough. Ranging from simulated vehicle defence, knife defence, unarmed combat, tactical emergency casualty care, point shooting and more. We had input around drone technology, behavioural detection, counter terrorism and ASP products. There was even a mini equipment store with numerous stockists in the compound we stayed in.

I was handed a Glock 17 at the beginning of the shooting, along with two magazines. The response from the Belgian trainer and the American Smith & Wesson manager to my ‘I’ve not really fired a handgun before’ was amusing: ‘You’ll be fine, just go second and watch what they do!’, indicating the other half of my team. To the surprise of the trainers and me, I was pretty good… After firing off close to 200 rounds I was certainly better than when I started anyway!

Our cultural trip was to a nearby brewery where beer and whisky was sampled and traditional food eaten in the co-located restaurant. All too quickly another great week with the IPA ended and it was time to go home. Sven and his colleagues had successfully pulled off a training week for close to 120 participants, including feeding and accommodating them. It was a real shame to be the only UK member present but hopefully as the UK Defensive Tactics Group training weekends gain more momentum, it may encourage other members to head abroad and take advantage of unparalleled training opportunities.

Martin Turner, IPA UK
IPA Ireland’s Colmcille Region welcome Swedish members to the 2018 Oranmore event in Galway

The Colmcille Region’s annual October weekend break to the Maldron Hotel in Oranmore, Galway, which is now in its 17th year, had a very welcome international element this time round.

This weekend event, organised and developed by regional Chairman Willie Maye since its inception, continues to attract big numbers and the fact that it continues to grow in popularity is testament to the excellent value and hospitality experienced by our members and to the appreciation of our members for the work put into it each year, ensuring that this event remains one of our Region’s most popular activities.

This year, we were delighted to welcome to our shores six IPA members from Sweden, led by Britt-Inger Kihlström, who had taken up the invitation to join us, which was extended by our group during our regional tour to Stockholm last December.

On Thursday, 18 October 2018, Britt-Inger, accompanied by Katrina Ellstrom, Stig Hagstrom, Tomas Jaenkrok, Roger Ostergren and Johan Kust, arrived by train in Galway city. The second such visit for Britt-Inger, but the first for her five colleagues. We met them that evening in Oranmore and following dinner, enjoyed a relaxing night in the hotel lounge.

Next morning, our visitors headed off to see the rugged landscape of south Galway and west Clare, hoping to take in the views from the Cliffs of Moher, but Mother Nature sent her mist down – our Swedish friends will have to come this way again to get the full benefit of those magnificent views 😊.

That evening our guests had the opportunity of meeting some forty members in our group following a fine dinner in the hotel.

On Saturday morning, IPA Claddagh Regional Secretary & IPA International Auditor Michael Walsh provided transport for our guests into the city where another Claddagh regional member, John O’Brien, was on hand to conduct a very informative walking tour of the city. This tour was thoroughly enjoyed by our group members and was followed by a relaxed and satisfying lunch in the city, hosted by IPA Ireland.

In the afternoon, our guests enjoyed some free time to further explore Galway city before being transported back to the hotel by Michael Walsh. We were also delighted...
Britt-Inger Kihlström, IPA Stockholm
with Joe Lynch and Willie Maye
to be joined on Saturday by former President of IPA Ireland, Billy Saunderson and his wife Pauline, who arrived from Co. Clare to take part in our event. That night we were pleased to welcome back Michael Walsh and John O’Brien to our ‘formal’ dinner of the weekend where the hours just disappeared as we enjoyed a fine meal before presentations were exchanged with Britt-Inger Kihlström, regional Chairman Willie Maye and Joe Lynch for and on behalf of our Swedish guests.
As is now usual at our IPA events, a collection was made for the benefit of the ‘IPA Laura Fund’. This IPA Ireland support fund assists members and their families who are suffering financial hardship as a result of illness. Our thanks to all of our members for their kind support.
The next few hours disappeared quicker than the mist over the cliffs. Sunday morning was the usual hustle and bustle as we took our leave and bid farewell to our guests from Sweden.
Here’s to next year’s Oranmore event!

Joe Lynch, Editor IPA Ireland

3. Raid Storico Vicenza – Budapest – Vicenza
auf Station in der Steiermark


4 Bikerinnen und 37 Biker nahmen am Rennen teil, die unterstützende Crew bestand aus 12 Personen, darunter der Renndirektor, Gaudenzio Miglioranza, einer der Sponsoren und Partner der IPA Italien, Pietro Laverda (Laverda Motorcycles Italy) und diverse Bereichsverantwortliche für alle Belange des Rennens wie Zeiterfassung, technischer Support und medizinische Versorgung. Hauptsponsoren der Veranstaltung waren die Sparkasse Brunico und Caliba Viaggi.
Rennverlauf (Vicenza-Budapest-Vicenza) über 1.800 Kilometer Streckenlänge:

- Tag 1: Vicenza/Birreria Pedavena (IT), Birreria Pedavena/San Daniela Del Friuli (IT), San Daniela Del Friuli/Bohink (SI)
- Tag 2: Bohinj/Celje (SI), Celje/Jeruzalem (SI), Jeruzalem/Sümeg (HU)
- Tag 3: Sümeg/Budapest (HU)
- Tag 4: Budapest/Gönyü (HU), Gönyü/Sopron (HU), Sopron/Leoben/Zeltweg
- Tag 5: Zeltweg/Judenburg/Murau, Murau/Lienz, Lienz/Brunico (IT)
- Tag 6: Brunico/Predazzo (IT), Predazzo/Bassano del Grappa/Vicenza (IT).


Unter Applaus der zahlreichen Zugaesten und mit vielen neuen Eindrucken ging es dann quer über den Hauptplatz von Leoben in Richtung Zeltweg, wobei die Polizeieskorte durchgehend organisiert war - in St. Michael übernahm die Autobahnpolizei Gleinalm, und gemeinsam mit der ASFiNAG und der IPA Leoben wurden alle Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer sicher in ihre Unterkunft nach Zeltweg gebracht.

In Zeltweg wurde die Gruppe vom Vorstand der IPA Leoben in die Obhut des Vorstandes der IPA Murau-Murtal übergeben. Der Abend klang in angenehmer Atmosphäre bei Plaudereien und der Besprechung des Programms für den Folgetag im Beisein beider Verbindungsstellenleiter aus.

Gut erholt und gestärkt wurde die Gruppe am 7. September von der IPA Murau-Murtal mit Polizeieskorte zum Hauptplatz in Judenburg geleitet, wo ein Hindernisparcours vor zahlreichen Zuschauern aus der Region stattfand. Der Tourismusverband Judenburg lud zu einem Getränk ein, und ein Fotoshooting rundete die Veranstaltung in Judenburg ab, bevor die 41 Bikes in eine neue Rennetappe gestartet wurden.

Der Start in die Tagesetappen Judenburg – Murau - Tamsweg erfolgte im Minutentakt, und der Konvoi wurde bis zur Landesgrenze Salzburg von der Polizei eskortiert. Die ungestörte und sichere Durchreise der italienischen Gäste durch die Steiermark war auf Grund der permanenten Polizeibegleitung, abschnittsweise unterstützt durch die ASFiNAG und die IPA gewährleistet.

Die Veranstaltung fand äußerst positive Resonanz bei den zahlreichen Zuschauern in Leoben und Judenburg, und entlang der Strecke gab es immer wieder Schaulustige, die den Vorbeifahrenden vollste Aufmerksamkeit widmeten.


SERVO PER AMIKECO!

IPA Verbindungsstellen Leoben und Murau-Murtal, IPA Österreich
IPA Ireland host IPA Poland as part of a Placement Programme

From 10-21 October 2018 two serving police officers from the Lower Silesia region of IPA Poland, Dariusz Barczyński from Jelenia Góra and Michał Sługocki from Wrocław, went to Ireland for 11 days as part of the IPA Placement Programme.

Accommodated for 3 days in the IPA House in Dublin, both officers were able to explore the city and visited the government building, court houses and the Garda facilities to learn about the services An Garda Síochána provide. They also met a group of Polish members of IPA Ireland, all working in different posts in the Garda, to exchange experiences and compare policing in the two countries.

Thanks to IPA Hiking Club member Síobháin Ní Firbhisigh, on day 4 Dariusz and Michał were able to admire picturesque sights during a hike to Tory Hill, before spending the afternoon in Kilkenny, where they met with IPA Ireland President Conor O’Higgins, who gave them a tour around town. In the evening, the Polish officers enjoyed the nightlife in Kilkenny, visiting several pubs with live music and tasting a local brew.

The next day, both IPA members from Poland went to Birr, where they met with Grace Heffernan, an IPA Ireland member who they had hosted in Poland as part of the placement programme in September 2018. Grace showed them around the Garda Station in Birr, where they met Superintendent Patrick O’Callaghan and IPA Ireland Secretary General Carlo Griffin. Later, the beautiful gardens of Birr Castle and trip to Tullamore combined with a visit to the whiskey distillery Tullamore DEW were on the programme. In the evening there was time to meet with local Garda officers and discuss police work over a few pints.

On their return to Dublin, on day six the Polish policemen visited the Guinness Storehouse and enjoyed the panoramic views from the Gravity Bar. Afterwards, they went to the Aviva Stadium to observe a briefing of the Garda officers who were securing a football match between Ireland and Wales. Of course they kept their fingers crossed for Ireland while watching the match in the stadium!

The next morning, Carlo Griffin took the visitors to Galway on the west coast of Ireland, where they stayed at the IPA Apartment. IPA Ireland Vice President Michael Walsh showed them around one of the Garda stations in Galway, and later, over a pint of Guinness, honoured the guests from Poland with membership in the IPA Guinness Forum.
The following day, both IPA Poland members visited the Garda Síochána College in Templemore, where they met with the Chief Superintendent, had a tour around the college facilities, and observed Garda students practicing their foot drill. The evening provided an occasion for Garda Students to talk with the Polish policemen about the police work in Poland and the differences in their training programmes. The next day was spent hiking up Devil’s Bit, and even the rain did not stop the visitors from reaching the top! After a tiring day, the IPA members from Poland met with IPA Ireland members Gemma Grogan and Chris Verling.

On day ten Dariusz and Michał were taken to a game of hurling, where they were able to enjoy the dynamics of the fastest team sport in the world. After a final evening in Birr, the Polish police officers enjoyed a visit to the Teeling Whiskey Distillery before flying back home to Poland.

It is needless to say that the time spent in Ireland on the IPA Placement Programme was a great adventure for the Polish policemen, and they will surely remember it well, as it was not only a chance to watch and learn about police work in a different country, to observe how the IPA functions and is organised in Ireland, but above all to spend time making new acquaintances and tightening the cooperation between both countries.

Servo per Amikeco!

*Michał Sługocki, Lower Silesia Region IPA Poland*

**IPA UK’s John Bull honoured in Germany**

For 30 years Anitra and I have visited the October Gallusmarkt, a well-known traditional fair, in Grünberg / Germany, staying with our friends Karl-Ludwig & Doris Ruckelshauss.

Every year, four people not born in the town are honoured officially for giving their time, working voluntarily for Grünberg - it is considered a great honour.

In addition, each year, selected individuals are recognised for taking part in the market and giving exceptional friendship to the town.
I had been warned that something was coming my way this year and so, during the festivities and in the main tent in front of over 3,000 people, I was called to the stage by the Bürgermeister (mayor). A history of my attendances was announced, and I was presented with a unique Bierkrug suitably decorated. I am only the 15th person to have received this award and the first person from outside Grünberg, let alone Germany. My thank-you speech (in German) was a blur but seemed to go down well, as I had managed to open and close it with words in local dialect. I must say that the warmth with which I was received and congratulated was very moving!

This all originally came about through an IPA friendship which has been going for 32 years. It was apt that the catalyst for these friendships, Rene Vuylsteke who is originally from Brussels, was present. Our first contact was through a visit by Milton Keynes Police under the auspices of IPA to Wittlich in Germany, where we met Rene who was part of the organising team of the annual Anderlecht Police March.

This shows where IPA friendships can lead!

*John Bull, Secretary Thames Valley Branch, IPA UK*

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**ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB**

**Curso IPA España**

‘La Amenaza del Terrorismo Yihadista en Occidente’

La IPA Sección España organizó el curso ‘La amenaza del terrorismo yihadista en occidente’, celebrado en el Centro Integral de Formación y Seguridad y Emergencias (CIFSE) en la ciudad de Madrid, del 25 al 27 de octubre de 2018.

Las palabras de bienvenida estuvieron a cargo de Antonio Gómez Montejano, Presidente de IPA Filial Madrid y las palabras de inauguración a cargo del Ministro del Interior de España, Excmo. Sr. Dr. Fernando Grande Marlaska.

Dicho evento congregó en el podium a los más connotados expertos en terrorismo de España, entre ellos magistrados de la Fiscalía de la Audiencia Nacional de España, catedráticos de las Universidad Isabel I de Castilla, de la Universidad P. Olavide, miembros de la Coordinadora de Estudios Islámicos del Grupo Especial de Escoltas, Emergencias y Seguridad, expertos policiales de los diferentes Cuerpos de Seguridad de España (Guardia Civil, Policía Nacional, Ertzaintza, Mossos d’Esquadra).
d’Esquadra y Policía Local), oficiales profesores de Estrategia y Organización de la Escuela de Guerra del Ejército de Tierra de España, consultores de Análisis de Estrategia e Inteligencia de España, investigadores del Programa sobre Radicalización Violenta y Terrorismo Global del Real Instituto Elcano y de la Escuela Internacional de Criminología y Criminalística, funcionarios de la Dirección de Seguridad de Telemadrid, funcionarios de la Dirección General de Protección Civil y Emergencias y finalmente, un experto en política criminal internacional del Foro de Berna para las Ciencias Criminales de Suiza, miembro de IPA Perú y de la Comisión Profesional Internacional.


Javier Gamero Kinosita, miembro de la Comisión Profesional Internacional, concluyó en su disertación, que el terrorismo internacional es la guerra del siglo XXI, constituyendo una amenaza global y el más grande desafío del Estado de derecho moderno, subrayando que se trata de un nuevo enemigo planetario, que desconoce fronteras, territorios, credos y culturas, inspirado en nacionalismos periféricos, mesianismos religiosos y dogmatismos seculares, enfatizando además, que en la lucha contra el terrorismo deben de respetarse los valores de los derechos humanos, que el occidente secularizado predica urbi et orbi, de lo contrario perdería credibilidad, sin credibilidad no hay legitimidad y sin legitimidad no hay éxito. Finalmente recalcó, que no se puede disparar a una idea, una idea debe de ser combatida con una idea mejor.

Luego de la entrega de la Metopa Institucional de IPA España a los ponentes, el acto académico fue clausurado por el Dr. Antonio Varela, Vicepresidente de IPA España.

**Javier Gamero Kinosita, Miembro IPA Perú y de la PC**
LAST WORD

In my first job after university, I worked for several years as a Business Analyst in industry. The time leading up to the year-end always meant producing a wealth of statistics, hopefully showing that the past year had been a successful one, and with the aim of creating a solid base for the following year’s budget and targets.

Surprisingly to myself, statistics and I developed a great relationship … I like the idea of being able to get to the bottom of developments, the safety and possibilities the figures give me to see where it could lead, and to plan where I would like them to go.

As it is getting close to the end of this year, and I had a little time on my hands, I had a look into the figures behind the IPA Newsletter 2018. A day later, and a database richer, here are some of the interesting things I found:

Overall, our 11 editions of 2018 were made up of 197 pages stemming from 144 articles, dividing nicely to give you 12 new articles to read each month 😊

I am happy to see that 30 sections from 4 continents, plus IBZ Gimborn, contributed in some way or other to the Newsletter, which is close to half of all IPA sections. 66% of articles came from sections directly, with the remainder coming from the IEB or Commissions (19%), plus of course Introductions and Last Words.

Our articles are not restricted to the monthly Newsletter – you will also see them appear on the IPA international website and on social media – promoting the IPA as much as we can. Thank you to all who have contributed this year!

A staggering 291 photos or images were used. The majority of these were sent in by our sections. I am also very grateful for the biennial IPA Photo Competitions, which are the perfect source for many IPA Newsletter front covers, with 5 having been used in 2018. The IAC has a photo archive where all IPA photos are stored, and we are also working on establishing a photo gallery on the website for all of you to enjoy.

So far for 2018…for me, this is just the ‘baseline’. I now have all the figures in hand to see where there are further opportunities to develop the Newsletter. So to start off with in 2019, I am very much looking forward to contacting some of the 35 sections who missed the opportunity to contribute in 2018, inviting them to share their IPA success stories with the rest of the IPA world 😊

Figures and statistics are not all, though:

‘Life it is not just a series of calculations and a sum total of statistics, it’s about experience, it’s about participation, it is something more complex and more interesting than what is obvious’. Daniel Libeskind

Seems to me that the IPA is just that: perfect for experiencing and participating.

In this respect my wish for you for next year is that you are not a mere statistic in the IPA, but enjoy actively all the opportunities the Association offers, and for me that you keep sending plenty of articles for us to publish in the Newsletter!

Elke
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

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FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany. If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

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