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
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
Women's Day in IPA Israel

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
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. Bartłomiej 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 Gabrič, 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 Mancic 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
Die Gründer der IPA Österreich und die Aufnahmeurkunde 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 Tormäufer 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
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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.

Contact Details & Bookings:

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- Address: No 8. ‘The Cobblestones’, Eyre Street, Galway
- Reservations: Chris CAHILL
- Tel: ++ 353 1 8302907
- Email: housesecretary@ipaireland.ie
- Website: https://www.ipaireland.ie/acc-galway.php

*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!

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

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