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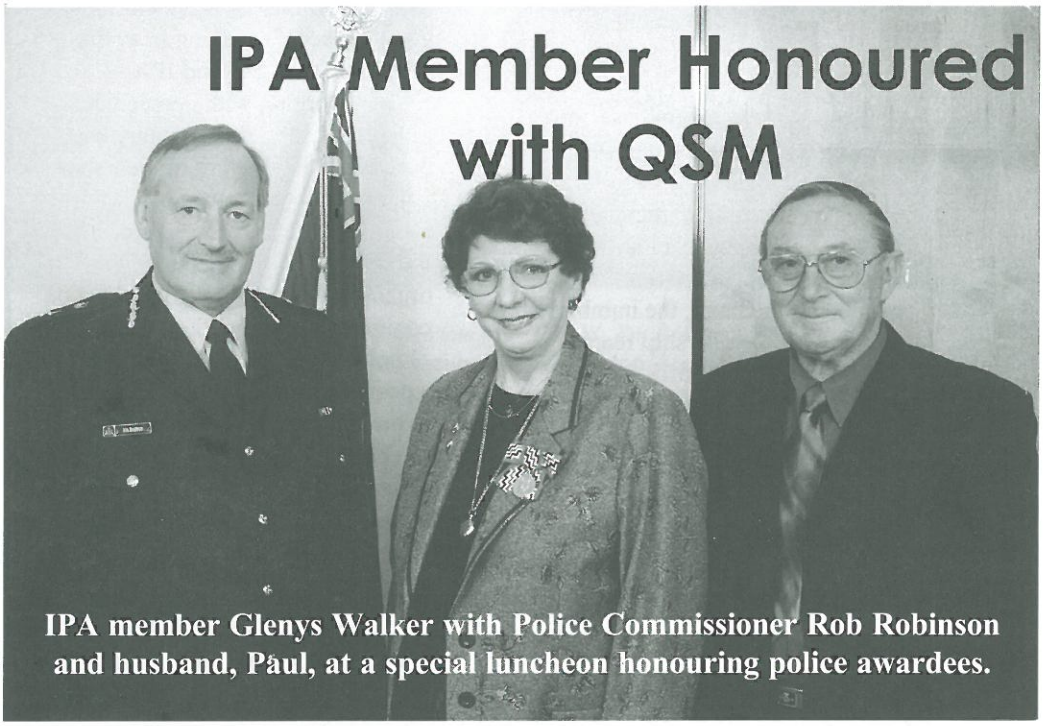

IPA member Glenys Walker with Police Commissioner Rob Robinson and husband, Paul, at a special luncheon honouring police awardees.

One of our long-standing members, Glenys Walker, was presented with a Queen's Service Medal this year. A great supporter of IPA, together with her husband Paul, she has hosted many activities and visitors at their home in Seatoun.

The following article was printed in the Cook Strait News community paper.

When Glenys Walker first attempted to join the police force she was 19 and underage, an immigrant working in a factory under a two-year contract.

Undeterred, she began borrowing books from the superintendent so she could study. One Friday at the factory, she received a message to report to the police station. The reason? To be sworn in as a police officer.

She immediately gave her notice and left the factory.

"If they can do it, I can do it, that's my motto."

This maxim illustrates the attitude that has helped the Seatoun resident achieve in many different areas of her life.

Mrs Walker has been awarded a Queen's Service Medal for community service in recognition of her work with the police force, in which she achieved the rank of Detective Constable, with the International Police Association (IPA) and with the RSA. However, she professes to be "absolutely amazed" at the honour, despite her long history of assisting others.

From 1990 to 1999 she was the secretary of the IPA, a police friendship association involved in hosting other IPA members from around the world.

She helped organise the Policewomen's 50th Jubilee, and the IPA World Congress in 1991, which was "exhausting but good fun".

In 1988 she joined the RSA, and is now in her seventh year as a welfare officer. This involves assisting returned service-men and women in any way she can, from visits to rest homes between Island Bay and Hutt City, to taking people to the hairdresser or on a scenic drive.

"If I'm able to help I will...I don't do enough, I think."

"A thank you is a reward in itself"

However, Mrs Walker's diverse career history shows she's hardly been idle. A part-time job as a dresser for a fashion shoot led to a modelling career, which lasted for 25 years. During

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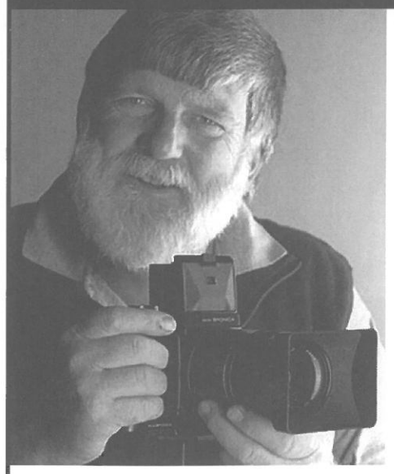

I had the opportunity to re-visit South Africa after my recent attendance at the World Congress in Norway in May. I was well looked after while there and it is pleasing to see a section that is progressing well in the current world climate. We, in New Zealand, speculate over the reasons why we are not attracting new members but the fact is that the world average joining age is 42 years. That is the time when people tend to find that their families are moving out of home and there is more money and time available to commence travelling and experiencing IPA.

Of the 59 sections (countries) that make up the International Police Association, 34 show and increase in memberships, 14 show a decrease and 11 show no movement.

Some countries with police numbers exceeding 100,000 have very low IPA memberships. Japan with 274,000 officers, has 149 members, Mexico has 185,000 officers and only 202 members and Nigeria, which has similar figures with 180,000 officers, has 201 members. In Brazil, the numbers are higher with membership reaching 538 out of 105,000 officers.

Currently, the world membership stands at 318,993 members, which is just over a three per cent increase in international membership. When looking at how we are progressing here in New Zealand, we had a four per cent increase in membership – just a little ahead of the international movement.

Without doubt, there is more IPA sporting and social activity in the Northern Hemisphere than in the southern. For instance, were you aware that the Italian Section hosted a successful painting show and competition that had over 50 artists from several countries participating?

Here in New Zealand, our web page is beginning to firm up and with some more work, it will look good for people logging in to find out about New Zealand IPA.

When working with people who give their time on a voluntary basis we have to be tolerant of their shortcomings, especially as now, we live in a society where people are moving away from joining organisations and being involved on committees and the like.

I believe we are moving forward in a positive way so let us all work well to the future of IPA in New Zealand.

Yours in friendship,
Bruce HUTTON QSM, FPSNZ

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this time she took up porcelain painting, a hobby which soon turned in to a passion. She became a porcelain painting teacher and was a founding member of the Seatoun Arts and Crafts Club.

Despite her outstanding involvement in the community, Mrs Walker's initial reaction to the award was that someone was playing a practical joke. Her son persuaded her that it was genuine.

"What did I do to deserve an award like this? I just assist people the best I can.

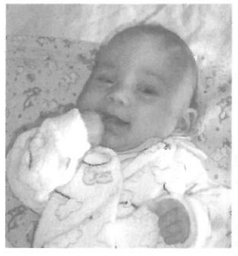
"I'm still trying to find out who nominated me."

Mrs Walker is not one to give in, so no doubt she will find the culprit!

Written by Charlotte Bull, journalism student. Re-printed with permission from Capital Newspapers, Wellington

From the Editors PC

As I write this Editorial, I am anticipating another squeak or cry from for our darling little daughter. We have had a very challenging year this year, mainly due to the extremely premature birth of our baby girl, Teina, weighing in at a mere 680 grams and born at only 24 weeks (only half-cooked). Teina's arrival into the world was hugely disruptive and distressing for all of our family. It meant my first ever operation, three weeks of absolute dread and trepidation, four-and-a-half months of hospital life and total disruption for our family. Having gone down this track five years ago with Gabriella, who was born at 28 weeks, I thought I would have plenty of "down time" to work on the magazine. Last time, I recall becoming quite bored hanging around the hospital waiting to feed Gabriella and being somewhat at a loose end at times. How different this time around! I had no spare time at all. It was all taken up with worrying, looking after Gabriella, learning everything I could about Teina's various conditions and basically trying to hold myself together. So I do apologise for not realising that I could not fulfill my responsibilities regarding the magazine and the fact that it should have been out months ago.



I know that it has left a void in the IPA because you have been left in the dark to a certain extent as to what is going on with IPA. I just hope that I can deliver to you a magazine which is interesting and informative.

I am also open to suggestions and comments.

Kia manuia,
May Seager, Editor.
Contact details on back page.

UK Bobbies Recruited into NZ Police



IPA representative, and a fellow ex-patriate from the UK, Val Redshaw (left) with IPA prize recipient Helen Chiell (centre) and her partner Bryony James.

212 British High Commission Wing

The recent recruitment drive of "British Bobbies" led to a wing being dedicated to an intake of police officers imported from the United Kingdom.

This wing graduated on 26th June, 2003, from the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua. Val Redshaw from Plimmerton represented the New Zealand section of the International Police Association. It was appropriate that Val Redshaw represented the IPA as she had come to New Zealand from the United Kingdom and retrained to be a New Zealand police officer.

The British High Commission Wing received a great deal of publicity with fears that the new immigrants would have problems dealing with New Zealand culture. The Brits were given a shortened course of training, taking into account the acknowledgement of their expertise.

The winner of the IPA prize for this wing was **Helen Chiell**, who was a trained teacher of English and Physical Education before joining the North Yorkshire police in June 1993.

However, she left and came to New Zealand to join her partner Bryony 18 months before the recruitment of the wing and so was able to join that wing without immigration problems.

Helen had spent all of her service in York, most of it in uniform rather than CID as that is the type of work she enjoys, particularly emergency response.

She is finding work in Glen Innes, Auckland quite busy but is looking forward to getting out and about when time allows it.

I not only enjoy driving but also riding my motorcycle, a Suzuki RD600 and New Zealand offers many touring opportunities," says Helen.

Letter to the Editor

I recently had to make very quick arrangements for my wife and myself to fly to Brisbane, as we had a 50 ish year old relation, terminally ill with cancer. With help from Greg McManus, Jim McCarthy, and Marlene Merriman I was quickly put in touch with Queensland's Ken Woodsell. With local knowledge of Brisbane, he was able to confirm several uncertain points regarding accommodation. He extended that typical IPA offer of help, even though he was trying to get some day sleep during a week of nightshift. As it happened, it was not necessary to call on his nor other IPA help.

Through the internet Frances & I were able to make a booking at Oxley Motel (SE Brisbane) midway between the retirement village where my Aunt lived and the home of her daughter (my cousin). We were 10 minutes drive from the car hire firm too. There was no need to go into or near the city centre. The train services were excellent. From airport to Oxley at about A$3.50 each and a A$6.50 taxi to the Motel. Later a train trip to a station within 15 min walk to the Motel Northgate—nearest to Airport (double glazing, free shuttle service) Though we booked and travelled over with 'Freedom Air', for some reason our return to Auckland was delayed three hours and we came back on a Qantas flight (so we did get couple of free lunches !) We would be only too happy to advise others travelling to Brisbane or helpful websites and mapsites.
John O'Ferrall.

Souvenirs available:

Lapel badges showing a small IPA logo surrounded by a kiwi on a green background, $3;
decals suitable for sticking on to any other souvenir ($1.30) - available from national stores person, Bruce Hutton.
Number plates can be obtained from the national treasurer - surrounds with the words "IPA New Zealand" $4 a pair.
Banners/pennants, excellent quality available at $25 each from regional secretaries.
Contact details for these people on the back page.

17th World Congress 13 - 18 May 2003, Norway

by Bruce Hutton

Women played a strong role at the 17th World Congress held in Trondheim, Norway earlier this year. Two of the main speakers at the opening were women, the Commissioner of Police, Ingelin Kellengreen, and also mayor, Anne Kathrine Slungaard, who both delivered strong positives messages.

The beautiful and historic city of Trondheim in Norway, was the setting for this international meeting where the tri-annual election of IPA's international officers was held. However with the price of a glass of beer being $NZ16, there was never any chance of having a hang-over from drinking.

I was the delegate and John Coomber, our immediate Past President of the New Zealand Section, attended as an observer, by using up his air points. Without doubt, it is very essential to have other people attending, as it is very difficult to keep track of what is going on at the meetings.

It was fortunate that John was invited by the British Section to attend the annual meeting prior to going to Norway. This enabled him to represent us at the farewell function in Nottingham for the International Secretary General Alan Carter. It was pleasing to report that photographs in his farewell album included Alan and his wife Mary on their visit to New Zealand for the graduation of the IPA wing at the Royal New Zealand Police College.

A roll taken at the start of the meeting showed that there were 52 delegates representing sections, assisted by 64 observers. There was one section with no voting rights and another, Croatia, in formation.

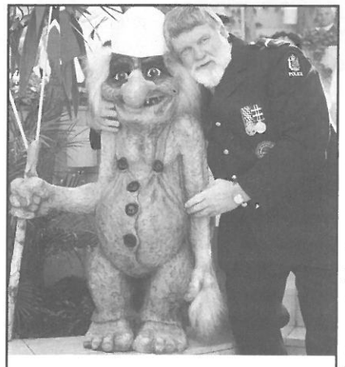
A highlight of the meeting was when the IPA World Police Prize was awarded to Concern of Police Survivors (COPS) with its first president, Lynn Bolton Bebeau, accepting the prize from IPA's international president, for services to the surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. COPS was founded in 1984 and its main objective is to assist partners and families of those lost in the line of duty.



Former NZ President John Coomber with John Barabich, from Gibraltar, with some of the graduating students in the May Day Parade.

The New Zealand section's quotation for the making of a bush of Arthur Trop was accepted. Brigitte Wuest from Waikanae will be commissioned to create the work.

We purchased several copies of the book, Police and Crime Museums of the World, which was released by the International Professional Commission. Some will go to the Police Museum and the National Police Library.



NZ President Bruce Hutton with one of the many friends he met at the World Congress in Norway

Items of interest:

- Michel Theraulaz presented the treasurer's report which was adopted. He was thanked for all his good work prior to standing down;
- Another short article competition, being held in 2004, is in the pipeline – more details to follow;
- Members from Lithuania, South Africa and Sri Lanka were awarded Arthur Troop Scholarships to be taken up in 2004. Eight applications had been received in total. The deadline for the next round of applications is February 1, 2004;
- A number of research projects are under way with the commencement of the Sparta Project (the IPA Research Centre) which opened in Greece in December 2002. All sections will be able to use information from these projects;
- Approval was given for an international Folklore Festival to be held between 1st and 6th October, 2004 – being organised and run by the Bulgarian Section;
- IPA sports trophies were presented to the Spain and Poland sections for their increasing efforts in organising sporting activities in 2002.
- The official languages have been amended to include Spanish along with French, English and German.

As can be appreciated, there are a great many items, (many of these housekeeping type items) which are discussed at great length and they are not easy to report on. The International President goes to great length to give all sections a chance to speak and it is fair to say that some of them do not know when to sit down or in some cases, to even speak. However, we are a friendship organisation and so we must be tolerant of all.

Election of Officers:

International President
Michael Odysseos, Cyprus

1st International Vice-President
Friedrich Schwindt, Germany

2nd International Vice-President
Daniel Condaminas, France

3rd International Vice-President
Basie Smit, South Africa

International Secretary General
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Ioannis Panoussis, Greece

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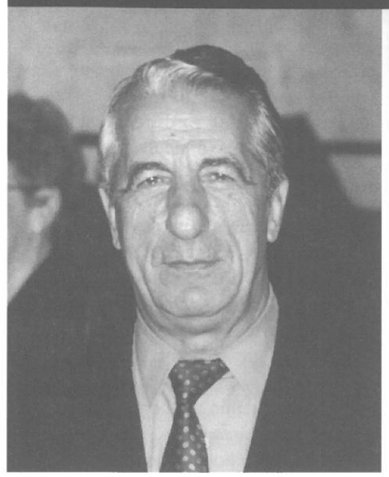
Assistant Treasurer
Romain Miny, Luxembourg

International Presidents Message



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE
from
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
MICHAEL ODYSSEOS

Now that the year is drawing to its end, I feel the need to communicate with all IPA Members and convey to them and their families the very best wishes of the Permanent Executive Bureau for the New Year.

The highlight of the year was, of course, the XVII IPA World Congress in Trondheim, Norway. I am convinced that everyone who participated will agree with me that it was a very good and successful Congress. I take this opportunity to compliment once more the Norwegian Section on their arrangements. Personally for me, this Congress was a very special event as I was re-elected as your International President for a second term. I thank you all for your confidence in me and for your kind letters and emails with congratulations and good wishes. They made me feel happy and encouraged me in the performance of the very important and difficult tasks with which you have entrusted me. It was also a Congress at which important decisions were taken and the Delegates approved the amendments brought to our International Statutes, Rules and Directives. I am certain these changes will be for the benefit of our Association for the years to come.

During the same Meeting, the new IPA Section of Croatia was affiliated and Botswana and Mozambique were given the Section in Foundation Status. All three Sections are welcomed to our worldwide IPA family.

Another event to be highlighted is when, in February 2003, the PEB submitted to the United Nations our application to upgrade our Consultative Status "Roster" to "General Consultative Status" with the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

The year 2003 has been characterized again by violence and hardship. In many countries, local wars are continuing and costing the lives of innocent victims. Unfortunately, a world where peace reigns is still far away.

At a time where idealistic organisations struggle for their existence, it is almost unbelievable that the IPA has been able to reach a membership of almost 320,000 in 60 National Sections. This indicates the strength of the ideals the IPA stands for. This development should encourage us to continue our work and to keep aiming at spreading our ideals among more colleagues, especially in countries where IPA does not exist.

Our Founder had a vision of worldwide friendship among police officers but I doubt if he anticipated that within such a short period of time, the IPA, under adverse situations, would flourish and develop into an organisation of this size. In a world full of conflict, there is obviously a need for international organisations where people can meet in friendship, solidarity and full respect.

Concluding this New Year's message, I thank you all for your loyalty to the IPA. As long as you are active IPA members, I feel obliged to convey to you my particular thanks because, without the effective assistance of many IPA friends who, on all levels, are always ready to give their support to the IPA, our work could not be accomplished.

Our motto "Servo Per Amikeco" is very close to the Christian Commandment of "Love your fellow man". Particularly these days we should bear this in mind and not forget that this kind of serving must always be based on reciprocity.

On behalf of the PEB, I wish you health, happiness and peace for the year 2004. For those of you who celebrate Christmas, I wish you and your families' best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Michael Odysseos
International President

International Youth Gathering

This is being held in the Ukraine from 11 July to 25 July 2004. English will be the official language for this event. Participants must be the children or grandchildren of financial members of the IPA and must be aged between 14 and 17. The cost to participants will be approximately NZ$3000 for airfares together with a portion of the registration fee. Such fee is about $900 but will be subsidised by an amount not yet determined by our National Council, and dependant on the number of applications received

Should any member of your family qualify and wish to be considered as a participant, please contact Ron Pilbrough (03 3770106) before the end of December 2003 in order that any application can be endorsed by the Regional Committee and forwarded on to the Selection Committee.

Moments in time

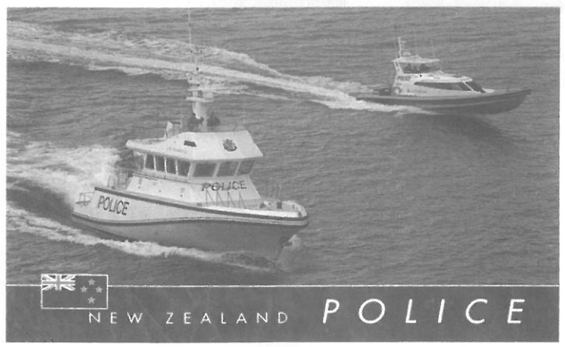


NZ Police 2001 Holden Commodores

Although not visible in black & white the car on the left has yellow & blue livery which signifies it as a Highway Patrol Car and the car on the right had orange & blue livery which signifies it as a General Patrol Car.

1996 BMW K1100 Road Policing Branch Motorcycles





NZ Police "Lady Elizabeth 3" based in Wellington

and a 12 metre Interceptor used for policing the Americas Cup Competition

Lady Elizabeth 3 is powered by 2 Detroit 8V9T engines with a top speed of 20 knots. The Interceptor is powered by 2 x 225 Yamaha engines with a top speed of 43 knots.

Auckland Police Air Support Aerospatiale AS355 F1 Twinstar Helicopter code named Eagle



What Did We Use BEFORE E-MAIL

At the turn of the 1900s, people kept in contact using picture postcards, a far cry from the instantaneous convenience of e-mail.

From collecting cards today, it has become obvious to me that a quick way of communicating then was by way of brief notes on the back of picture postcards, sent mainly to friends. These cards were then gathered and placed into collections. These collections became the poor man's encyclopaedia, as they became of great interest to friends and family and created great discussion within the home. When purchasing cards today, you find them in collections which range from tourist picture cards, comic seaside cards and greeting cards for all occasions. Although the great period for postcards was the 1896-1914 period, cards are still produced in great numbers and sold through many varied tourist operations.

Last year, it was decided that the cards being sold at the Royal New Zealand Police College's Munro canteen should be up-dated. After discussing the matter, I commenced to gather a number of images for a selection process. With international golfer, Tiger Wood, coming to Paraparaumu, the matter came to a head with the additional bonus of having the Auckland Police Air Support Unit Aerospatiale AS355 F1 Twinstar Helicopter (Code name Eagle) based at the college. As a consequence, three cards include the Eagle, while others have traffic bikes, highway and general duty marked cars and the Lady Elizabeth 3 police launch from Wellington, as well as a 12-metre Interceptor boat from the America's Cup police base in Auckland.

The set of six cards was produced using a new layout and is now on sale at the college canteen. Having taken these cards overseas and given them to several people, they have been much appreciated and I have had numerous requests to provide others. This is one inexpensive gift to consider.

Article supplied by Bruce Hutton

Hobbies - Tony & Anne Picketts

A number of requests for patches, badges etc have been received since our last issue. If you can help please reply direct to the following :

Marek LUKES
Hromuvka 1894
753 01 HRANICE
Czech Republic
E-Mail:
marek.lukes@mesto-hranice.cz

Marek is a member of the territorial group Hranice in the Czech IPA and is interested in collecting pennants of national sections world wide.

Suresh Kumar **RETNASINGHAM** is a member of British Section IPA and would like "correspondence friendship" with NZ IPA members. Suresh is a Custody Support Officer with the West Midland Police Service based in Birmingham. He was born in Sri Lanka and went to the UK in 1974. Suresh would also be happy to offer assistance to any NZ members visiting Birmingham. You may contact him at:

Suresh Kumar RETNASINGHAM
PO Box 10516, Birmingham,
B43-6WD, West Midlands, England
E-mail:
suresh.retna@btinternet.com or
suresh.retna@policeone.com

Ulf **ENGELN** of Cologne in Germany is interested in collecting Police patches world-wide and would particularly like some NZ Special units and Military Police patches. Ulf and his wife Anja visited NZ in 2000. If you can help add to his collection, you can contact him at:

E-mail:
The.Engelns@t-online.de(Engeln)

Francisco Guerreiro **da SILVA** is a Police Inspector at OIPC-INTERPOL BNC in Lisbon, Portugal and collects pins, badges, symbols and patches of all police forces and criminal judicial departments. If you'd like to exchange or help with his collection:

Inspector Guerreiro da SILVA
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Rua Gomes Freire, 213
1150-178 Lisboa
Portugal
E-mail: f.guerreiro@pj.pt

And fresh in off the "e-press" is a request from Dario **ESTRABAO** who has been given the task of updating the display in their Police Assoc building. He would like a patch and hat badge from NZ. He asks for one of each, so it might be an idea to contact him first in case he ends up with many. He can be contacted at:

Ofc. Dario ESTRABAO
San Jose PD, California, USA
E-mail: de2109@ihot.com

Amir **EINAV** is a senior Staff Sergeant Major in the Amaqim sub district of the Israel police and would like to trade patches, pins, caps, cap badges, key rings, postcards, model cars, Police insignia, pennants and plaques. He also collects all kinds of business cards. Contact Addr:

Amir Einav
PO Box 1
Hutzot Alonim
30040 Alonim
Israel

There is an e-mail address but unlike other forwarded messages, this one is difficult to decipher. Please contact Amir by conventional mail.

Uwe **DERKS** of Germany would like to exchange police hats and/or make contact with other collectors:

E-mail:
webmaster@ipa-gelsenkirchen.de
or you can visit his homepage at
http://www.ipa-gelsenkirchen.de

Luc Van **PETEGHEM** is a new IPA member. He is Chief of Police in Lochristi in Belgium and would like to make contact with many foreign Police Officers. Luc also collects Police hats. He can be contacted at:

E-mail: Luc.VanPeteghem@regio-puyenbroeck.be

Grzegorz **GRYZ** is a Police insignia collector in Poland:

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Ul. Lipowa 11
24-100 Pulawy
POLAND
E-mail: gryz997@go2.pl
url: http://geocities.com/gryz997

Herbert **FUCHSHUBER** would like to exchange patches and police caps:

Herbert FUCHSHUBER
Marchtrenker Strasse 2
A-4600 Wels
Austria
E-mail: welserbulle@gmx.at

We have received other e-mail requests for patches etc but sometimes forwarded messages have come through several different contacts and servers and the original sender's address tends to get lost in the 'packaging'. ***Please*** be sure to include your address (e-mail and/or postal) ***with*** your actual request. A reminder also that the IPA requires proof of identification before requests can be actioned. This can be done quite easily with an e-mailed scan of your membership card to me at waipu9@xtra.co.nz

Hints for Family Research

For family researchers, a new site for UK mailing lists is now available at:
http://www.british-genealogy.com/

I have had success with it already and if you're keen to trace those illusive UK ancestors and put some "meat on their bones" don't be afraid to give it a go. Mailing lists can be time consuming an quite often contain "dribble" but if you ignore the rubbish (the solution is at your finger tips – use the DEL key if there is no significant statement in the Subject line) they can also be of considerable advantage and assistance.

On 30th June we will be retiring (for the second time) and handing our business over to our son David and partner Lynda. Hopefully we will have more time to devote to IPA Hobby members. I would like to start by creating a data base of all collectors. This would make it easier and quicker to put people in touch with collectors in New Zealand when I receive requests from overseas. Please get in touch if you would like your details (name, e-mail and postal address and interests) kept on file and be available for immediate contact rather than waiting for publication of our mag.

Yours in Hobbies Tony and Anne

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Friday 23 April 2004 at Napier

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