IPA Newsletter

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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'!

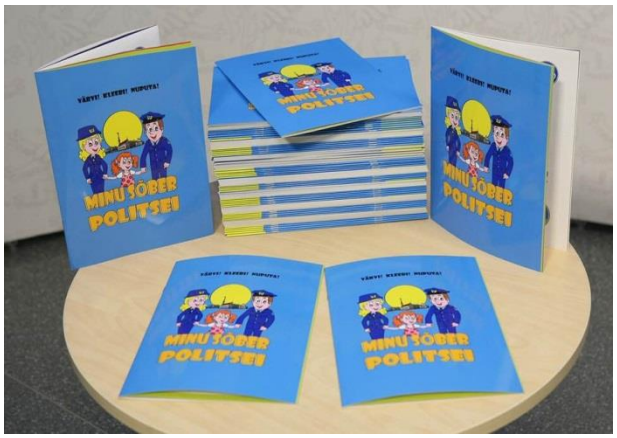
'The International Police Association (IPA) supports the Consortium for Street Children (CSC) to globally raise street children's voices, promote their rights and improve their lives. We pledge to inform the Police Services within our 66 country sections on five continents and our +400,000 members worldwide 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.



IPA Kazakhstan giving a warm welcome to the International Executive Board and guests

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'.



IPA Presidents Baizakov (Kyrgyzstan), Moulin (International) and Nurgaliev (Kazakhstan)

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 Hlao, 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

Exekutivbeamte/innen und IPA-Wintersportler aus 11 Nationen (Deutschland, Estland, Finnland, Italien, Litauen, Kanada, Norwegen, Rumänien, Slowenien, Russland und Österreich), nahmen in der Zeit vom 27. Jänner bis 03. Februar 2018 an der IPA Wintersportwoche in der Region Nassfeld-Hermagor, Pressegger See teil, um das Skifahren in Kärnten, im südlichsten Bundesland in Österreich, zu genießen.



IPA-Wintersportler

Die IPA-Skiwoche wird seit 30 Jahren von der IPA Kärnten/Oberkärnten organisiert und bietet einen unvergesslichen Winterurlaub bei Freunden. Die Betreuung der Wintersportler erfolgte von IPA Mitgliedern aus der Region. Unter den 170 Teilnehmern an der Skiwoche, darunter 47 neue Gäste, wurden Kontakte geknüpft sowie Freundschaften aufgebaut und gefestigt.

Die Skifahrer wedelten flott über die gut gepflegten Skipisten und zeichneten schwungvolle Spuren in den Schnee. Bei einer lustigen Rätsel-Rallye über das gesamte Skigebiet mussten die Teilnehmer bei verschieden Stationen interessante Aufgaben bewältigen. Gemeinsames Skifahren und gesellige Zusammenkünfte mit kulinarischen Schmankerln aus der Region wie Spanferkel, Ritschert-Suppe und ein Jausen Teller bereicherten den Urlaubsaufenthalt in der Skiregion. Die italienischen Lokale mit ihren Nudel-, Fisch- und Muschelspezialitäten waren auch Stationen zur Mittagszeit. Gestärkt von dem vorzüglichen Speisenangebot wurden die Skiabfahrten in Angriff genommen.

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.



Gute Stimmung!

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

Polizeiseelsorgern Dr. Christian Stromberger und Mag. Michael Matiasek eine feierliche Andacht zelebriert und vom Bläserensemble der Polizeimusik Kärnten musikalisch umrahmt.

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;

für 20 Jahre - Klaus Vaupel, Gudrun Vaupel, Dieter Richter, Herbert Noe, Marianne Noe, Franz Liedl und für 25 Jahre - Jürgen Tobien- geehrt.

Landespolizeidirektor Stellvertreter Wolfgang Rauchegger, Astrid Schrenk und IPA-Landesobmann Wolfgang Gabrutsch besuchten ebenfalls die 30. IPA Skiwoche.

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

Ewald Grollitsch – der Erfinder, Organisator und Motor der 30 IPA Skiwochen übergab die verantwortungsvolle Aufgabe der Organisation der Skiwochen an Hannes Burgstaller.

Die Vorbereitungsarbeiten für die 31. IPA - Skiwoche in der Zeit vom 26. Jänner bis 2. Februar 2019 wurden bereits in Angriff genommen.

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

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



IPA Kenya President Alfred Osur giving his opening address at the AGM

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

formations. He urged the leadership to show more commitment in this area so as to enrol more police officers to join the Association.



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.



Group Photo of the Delegates attending the AGM 2018 in Nairobi

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

2nd International Conference 'Security of Historic Cities': a successful partnership for IPA Croatia's Split-Dalmatia RC



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.



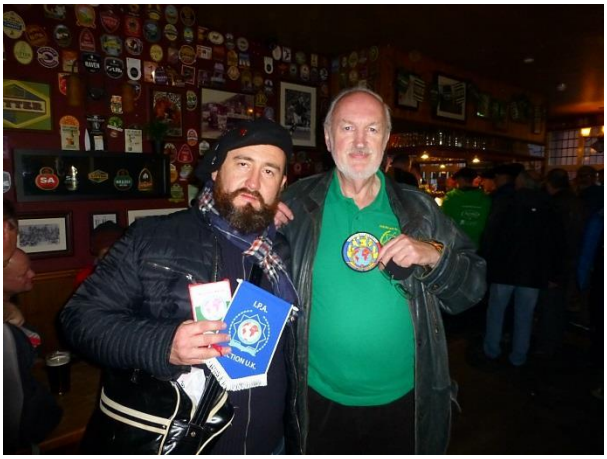
For photos and a short video of the concert, please follow the links:

www.facebook.com/pg/ipa.beograd/photos ; www.facebook.com/ipa.beograd/videos

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 finest Brains 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 'Iachy 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

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

Section	***Date***	***Event***
Austria	19-22 Apr 2018	IPA Austria Event 2018, Feldkirch
Croatia	28 Apr- 12 May 2018	Croatia Coast and Country Tour
Croatia	5 May 2018	Precise Shooting Tournament, Split
Russia	8-13 May 2018	Mayskaya Week, Moscow
Greece	9-13 May 2018	34th National Congress, Crete
Belgium	10-13 May 2018	60th Anniversary celebrations IPA Liège
Sweden	10-13 May 2018	60th Anniversary IPA Sweden, Malmö
Portugal	13-18 May 2018	IPA Games, Lisbon
Spain	17-20 May 2018	XV Int. Footb. 7 Champ. for Police, Tarragona
Germany	18-21 May 2018	International Motorbike Meeting, Husum
France	18-22 May 2018	Int'l Friendship Week, Nîmes
Croatia	18-25 May 2018	IPA Dubrovnik Diving Week
San Marino	22-26 May 2018	IEB Meeting, San Marino
Hungary	24-27 May 2018	Conf. Centr. & East. Europ. Sect., Rackeve
UK	25-28 May 2018	Photography Seminar, Gimborn
Cyprus	28-31 May 2018	Larnaca Friendship Week
Cyprus	31 May-3 Jun 2018	Conference of Med. Sections, Nicosia
Latvia	1-3 Jun 2018	Nordic Baltic Meeting
Poland	2 Jun 2018	International Police Swap Meeting, Katowice
Belgium	4-8 Jun 2018	COPS 2018, Antwerp
France	6-10 June 2018	Rhône/Alpes Motorcycle Meeting
UK	7-10 Jun 2018	Notts Branch 60th Anniversary Celebrations
Austria	14-17 Jun 2018	Northern European Forum, Vienna
Spain	14-17 Jun 2018	Football Tournament, La Coruña
Italy	14-17 Jun 2018	8th IPA Motorcycle Rally, Predazzo
Italy	15-17 June 2018	3rd IPA Europ. Police Bikers' Reunion, Udine
Germany	16 Jun 2018	IPA Speyer 60th Anniversary, Speyer
Austria	16-23 Jun 2018	Hiking Week, Nassfeld
France	17 Jun 2018	Bourse du Collectionneur, Lyon
UK	22-25 Jun 2018	Walking weekend, Gimborn
Sri Lanka	7-14 Jul 2018	International Friendship Tour, Sri Lanka
USA	8-12 Jul 2018	US Section Training Program, Green Bay, WI
Austria	13-15 Jul 2018	6th Int'l Blue Light Tournament, Würmla
Lithuania	13-15 Jul 2018	XXI International Summer Gathering
Estonia	16-22 Jul 2018	Friendship Week, South West Estonia
UK	6-19 Aug 2018	Int'l Youth Gathering, Sherwood Forest
Germany	10-19 Aug 2018	VIII International Friendship Meeting, Bork
Poland	23-26 Aug 2018	XX International Football Tournam., Poznan
Russia	27 Aug-2 Sep 2018	Spasskaya Tower Friendship Week, Moscow
Spain	28 Aug-2 Sep 2018	Football Tournament, La Coruña
Poland	2 Sep 2018	Open Police Cup Half Marathon, Piła
Italy	13-16 Sep 2018	5th Riviera delle Palme Trophy, Ascoli Piceno

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UK	17-21 Sep 2018	Writers' Seminar, Gimborn
Netherlands	19-23 Sep 2018	63rd IPA World Congress, Rotterdam
Italy	19-23 Sep 2018	35th Anniv. Lignano Basso Friuli
Spain	20-23 Sep 2018	II IPA Trans-Pyrenean Motorcycle Route, Barcelona
Greece	24-30 Sep 2018	4th IPA Members' Fine Art Exhibition, Athens
Spain	1-3 Oct 2018	Motorhome Trip to Oktoberfest Munich
Germany	3-4 Nov 2018	IPARC Contest
USA	4-9 Nov 2018	NEC/NDC Meeting 2018, Las Vegas
Ireland	21-24 Nov 2018	IEB Meeting, Dublin
Spain	1 Dec 2018	18th International Trader Show, Barcelona

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



Date	***Seminar***	***Language***
03-07 Apr 2018	ASP Instructor Course	E
09-13 Apr 2018	Protection de l'environnement	F
16-17 Apr 2018	Social Media und Recht	G
04-05 May 2018	Fortbildung 2018 Funktionäre IPA Deutsche Sektion	G
22-24 May 2018	Was Sie schon immer über Facebook, Twitter, YouTube und Co. wissen wollten, aber noch nie gefragt haben – Social Media für Einsteiger	G
05-08 Jun 2018	Environmental Crimes / Finland	E
11-15 Jun 2018	In Zeiten terroristischer Bedrohungen; W czasach zagrozenia terrorystycznego	Pol and G
15-17 Jun 2018	Rücken verstehen – Schmerzen entgehen	G
18-22 Jun 2018	In der Katastrophe handlungsfähig bleiben; Capacità di intervenire in situazioni d'emergenza	I and G
25-27 Jun 2018	Circle Training Social Media – Fit für die Öffentlichkeitsarbeit, fit im Nutzen neuer Medien	G
02-06 Jul 2018	Wenn die Stressverarbeitung nicht mehr funktioniert – Hilfe durch Stressmanagement	G
09-13 Jul 2018	Social Media Management für Polizei, Justiz und Öffentliche Verwaltung	G
13-15 Jul 2018	Chill Out im Bergischen – Landhandwerk mit Muskelkraft	G
16-20 Jul 2018	Police Street Survival Training	G


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