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IPA Games 2026, Wroclaw, Poland

More than 600 police officers from 32 countries gathered in Wrocław, Poland, for the IPA GAMES 2026, celebrating sporting excellence, international friendship, and professional cooperation. Across a wide range of sporting disciplines, participants demonstrated determination, teamwork, and camaraderie. Page 19.

Beach Clean Up

IPA members from 12 National Sections joined forces throughout June for the IPA Beach Clean-Up Initiative, helping to protect our coastlines and support World Environment Day. Read more about this inspiring international environmental campaign on page 27.



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Foreward

Dear IPA Members, Dear Friends!

Welcome to the first edition of IPA Connect!

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the very first edition of IPA Connect, the new monthly publication of the International Police Association.

The decision to introduce a new name was not simply a cosmetic change. During recent years, our monthly newsletter has evolved far beyond a traditional newsletter. Today, it has become a comprehensive international communication platform that reflects the life and activities of our Association across the world.

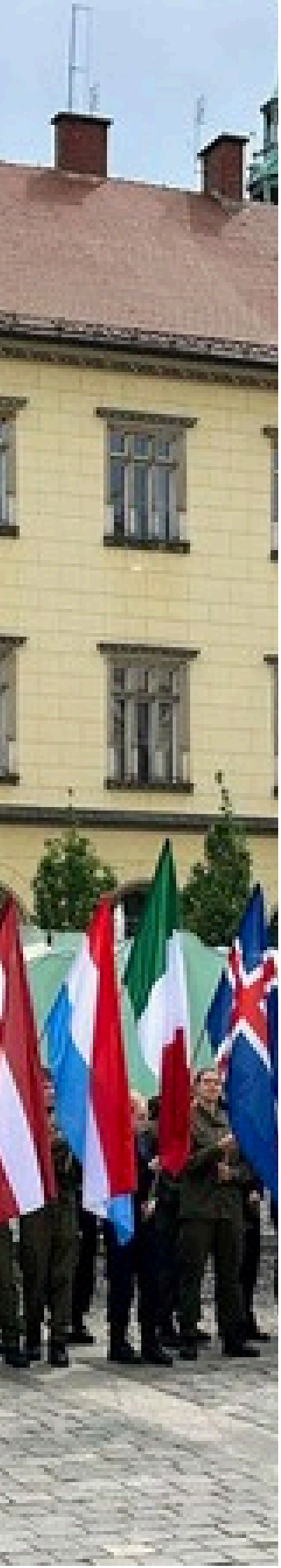
Each month, IPA Connect will keep you informed about international and national events, seminars, upcoming activities, IPA Houses, travel opportunities, ongoing projects and many of the achievements of our Sections, commissions, teams and members worldwide.

IPA Connect is not only about sharing information. It is also a platform for the entire IPA family. I warmly encourage all National Sections, Regions, Branches, International Commissions, project teams and all other IPA bodies to contribute reports about successful events, innovative projects and professional initiatives, as well as announcements of upcoming seminars, conferences and activities. By sharing your experiences, you inspire other members and demonstrate the strength, diversity and vitality of our worldwide Association.

The name IPA Connect was chosen by our members through an international poll. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in shaping the future identity of this publication. The result perfectly reflects what the IPA stands for – friendship, communication, cooperation and international connection.

One of the questions I am asked most frequently is: "Why should someone become an IPA member? What is the benefit?" From now on, my answer is simple: Read IPA Connect!





Every edition demonstrates the remarkable range of opportunities available through the IPA. It shows that membership is much more than carrying a membership card. It is about being part of the world's largest police family, creating international friendships, participating in professional seminars, discovering new countries through IPA hospitality, sharing knowledge and experiences, and belonging to a truly global community built on our motto Servo per Amikeco.

For this reason, I also encourage every Section and every IPA organisation to actively share each edition of IPA Connect after publication with their members, police colleagues and those who may be considering joining the IPA. Every edition highlights the opportunities, friendships and professional benefits that our Association offers and can become one of our strongest tools for promoting the IPA and attracting future members.

This first edition also marks another exciting milestone in the modernisation of our Association. Following the decision of the International Executive Board, development has officially begun on the new IPA Global App, one of the flagship projects of our IPA Strategy 2024–2027.

The IPA Global App has one clear objective: to make IPA membership even more valuable and accessible for members around the world. It will bring together IPA Connect, international events, seminars, travel services and many other member benefits in one secure and easy-to-use platform. Its first release will introduce the new Digital Membership Card (dMSC), while allowing each participating Section to decide whether to use a physical membership card, a digital membership card or both. Developed in phases, the app will continue to expand with new services that strengthen communication, networking and international cooperation, demonstrating our commitment to innovation and delivering lasting value for current and future generations of IPA members.

The IPA continues to grow, innovate and strengthen the value of membership. Whether you are a new member or have been part of the IPA for many years, I hope every edition of IPA Connect will inspire you to discover new opportunities, build new friendships and experience the true value of our international Association.

Thank you for being part of this journey.
Servo per Amikeco.



Martin Hoffmann
International President

Our Future Begins With Training

In a world where security challenges change at the speed of light and crime ignores all geographical borders, there is one weapon that, above all, guarantees the effectiveness of law enforcement: shared training.

This is the spirit in which, every year, the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) Team selects and funds the most deserving colleagues worldwide, honoring our founder's legacy and tangibly carrying forward the motto Servo per Amikeco.

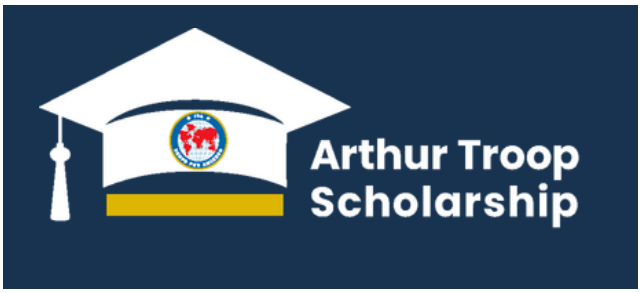
What is the ATS and How Does the Team Work?

Founded to provide opportunities to access high-level study paths, conferences, and courses, the Arthur Troop Scholarship awards annual funds (up to a maximum of €2,500 per candidate) to cover travel, accommodation, and registration expenses for international seminars.

Behind this massive organizational effort moves a complex machine, whose international strategic direction is headed by Diego Trolese (Chairperson of the International Professional Commission). The process of analyzing and awarding the scholarships is managed on the ground by a team of 4 dedicated experts for the current mandate:

- Salvatore Del Giglio (Italy) – Project Lead
- Karen Frost (Canada)
- Maryvianne Agutu Mudho (Kenya)
- Janet Zammit (Malta)





Our Future Begins With Training

This international committee applies a strict and transparent evaluation matrix to the profiles received, working in close cooperation with the National Committees of the various local sections. The latter play the crucial role of a first filter on the territory: they promote the call among their members, verify the candidates' association standing, evaluate the consistency of the submitted documentation, and endorse to the international ATS only those profiles that fully meet the required criteria of merit and excellence.

The primary objective of the team is to support all active-service members of the association (including the youngest or least experienced), giving a decisive boost to their careers and achieving the scholarship's goals.

The "Gimborn Method" and Global Impact

The vast majority of winners select IBZ Gimborn in Germany as their study destination—the castle-academy considered the beating heart of IPA international police education.
From courses on Cybersecurity and operational stress management to negotiation techniques and combating transnational crime, participants acquire cutting-edge skills while exchanging views with colleagues of all nationalities.

The Multiplier Effect: A Duty Toward Colleagues

The ATS winner's work does not end when the classroom lights go out. Upon returning home, each scholar is tasked with drafting a technical report and, above all, transferring the acquired knowledge to colleagues within their own department or station.

In this way, the budget invested by the IPA in a single officer transforms into shared value for hundreds of operators on the ground, raising the safety standards of our local communities.

"The Arthur Troop Scholarship is not just an award, but an investment in the leadership of the future."

How to Apply for the Next Call

If you are in active service, have been an IPA member for at least 2 years, and wish to broaden your professional horizons abroad, visit your National Section's website or the international IPA portal.
To submit your application, you will need:

- A coherent study plan (identifying a course to be held in the year following the application deadline, which is always March 31st).
- An estimate of costs.
- The motivation to become a point of reference for your department.

Salvatore Del Giglio - ATS Project Lead

> **The next face of the ATS could be yours.**



Strengthening Skills Through the IPA Defensive Tactics Group



One of the newest initiatives bringing our philosophy of "Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship" to life is the IPA Defensive Tactics Group (DTG). This program is an international network dedicated to enhancing officer safety, professional development, and cooperation among law enforcement professionals around the world.

The Defensive Tactics Group was established to provide a platform where IPA members with expertise in defensive tactics, use of force, officer survival, less-lethal technologies, instructor development, and operational training can collaborate across international borders. While police officers often face different legal systems, policies, and operational environments, the fundamental principles of officer safety and effective training remain universal.

DTG's serve as a hub for sharing best practices, new and innovative training methods, and emerging technologies. Members have opportunities to exchange ideas, compare techniques, discuss lessons learned, and build professional relationships with instructors from a wide variety of countries and policing traditions. This exchange strengthens not only individual instructors, but also the agencies and communities they serve.

One of the group's primary goals is to encourage IPA Sections to identify instructors and training specialists within their own organizations who are interested in participating. By creating a worldwide network of subject matter experts, the DTG can facilitate international seminars (online, in-person, and expand IBZ Gimborn's course offerings), instructor exchanges, and collaborative training opportunities that benefit IPA members regardless of their location.

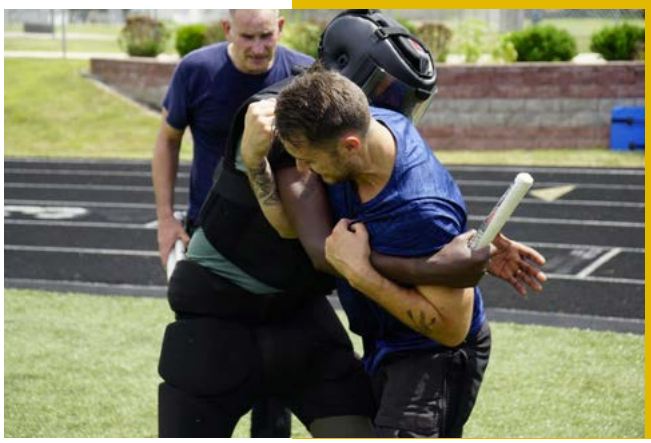
The group has already begun developing international educational opportunities through online presentations and discussions focused on officer survival, instructor development, and current trends in defensive tactics.

Strengthening Skills Through the IPA Defensive Tactics Group

The DTG is also working closely with respected training organizations and industry partners to provide members with access to current information regarding less-lethal options, instructor certification programs, and evolving training methodologies. These partnerships help ensure that IPA members remain informed about developments that can improve officer performance and public safety while respecting the legal and cultural differences that exist among participating countries.

Perhaps most importantly, the Defensive Tactics Group demonstrates the true international spirit of the IPA. Every seminar, webinar, and discussion creates opportunities for officers to learn from one another while building friendships that extend well beyond the training environment. These professional relationships strengthen cooperation between IPA Sections and contribute to safer policing worldwide.

As the program continues to grow, the DTG welcomes participation from experienced instructors, trainers, and officers with an interest in professional development. Whether your expertise lies in defensive tactics, firearms, less-lethal systems, crisis intervention, instructor development, or officer wellness, your knowledge can help strengthen this global network. If you are or know an experienced trainer within the IPA that would like to be more involved and be included in our newly formed database of instructors, please reach out to Education Team Lead Joe Johnson at president@ipa-usa.org for more information.



Together, through shared experience, mutual respect, and a commitment to excellence, the IPA Defensive Tactics Group helps prepare officers for the challenges of modern policing while continuing to embody the IPA's enduring mission of Service Through Friendship.

Joe Johnson - IPA President United States Section and Education Team Lead

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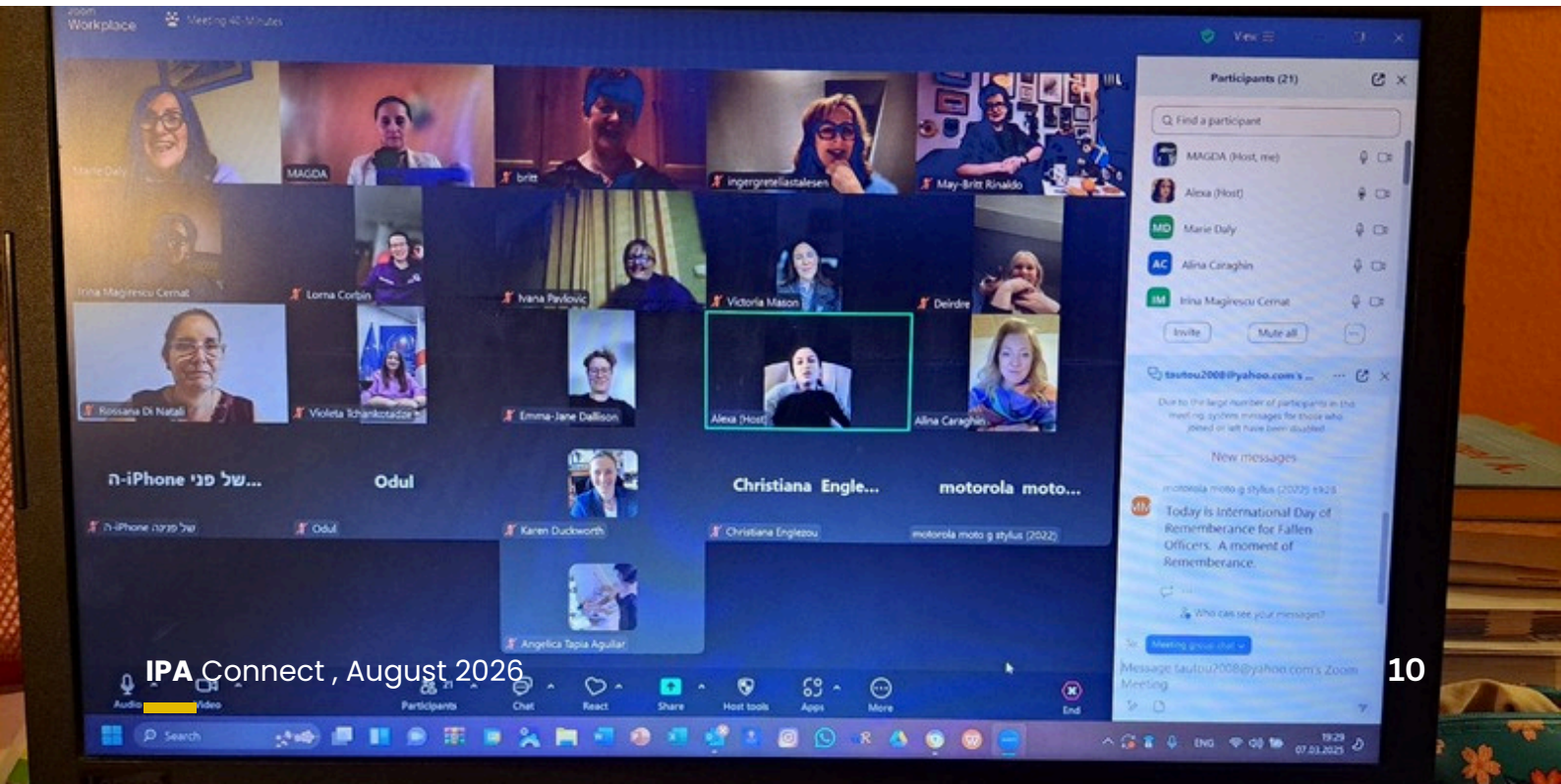
Inside TEAforSHE
A community in motion

In a fragmented urban culture, where time seems divided into notifications, rushed meetings, and incomplete breaks, in an era of deadlines and “fight or flight” reactions, human connection is often mediated or replaced by screens or touchscreens, Thus, the need to observe rituals becomes a form of emotional stability, creating continuity and meaning, as rituals have the power to bring communities together and organize social life around them.

The tradition of 5 o’clock tea, Afternoon Tea, a custom that has become a cultural symbol, associated with the atmosphere of aristocratic salons, full of refinement and elegance, is linked to Anna Russell, Duchess of Bedford, who, in the 19th century, transformed a simple need —that of filling the long interval between meals— into a true social and cultural ritual, which quickly became a pretext for conversation among members of a community, a break transformed into culture, a setting for shared presence. Classically associated with the United Kingdom, tea has become a global cultural language. In Japan, the tea ceremony is built around the idea of harmony and mindful presence. In Morocco, mint tea is a symbol of hospitality and openness toward others.

The “TEAforSHE” project is a modern reinterpretation of this ritual of gathering and conversation. More than just an online event, the project creates a safe and authentic space for dialogue for all women in the IPA—a setting where professional and personal experiences can be shared without the pressure to perform or conform to social roles.



Inside TEAforSHE
A community in motion

Following its official launch in 2025, on International Women's Day, the first "TEAforSHE" session took place on the Zoom platform and was dedicated to the topic of "Imposter Syndrome." The session brought together participants from different countries, demonstrating that, beyond language, religion, or geographical differences, many of the challenges faced by women in law enforcement are similar. The participants' impressions speak for themselves:

ERICA VAN ECK, IPA SOUTH AFRICA

The first Tea for SHE Zoom session on Imposter Syndrome was both insightful and impactful. The topic is highly relevant, especially in professional environments where many women silently struggle with self-doubt despite their competence and achievements. The session created a safe and supportive space for open discussion, which encouraged honest reflection and sharing among participants. (..).The interactive nature of the session also helped maintain engagement and allowed participants to feel heard and validated.

NATASHA CALITZ, IPA SOUTH AFRICA

The first thing I realized is that we, women around the world, face the same challenges and issues related to our experiences in our respective law enforcement environments, regardless of language, culture, religion, or race. (...) Most women in law enforcement come from positions and environments where we have to demonstrate strength and clarity every day, in everything we do, just to prove our worth—all the time!

NATASHA CALITZ, IPA SOUTH AFRICA

This seminar showed me that we don't have to carry these thoughts alone. We have many "sisters" with whom we can talk and who offer us support when we need to speak. There is a vast network at our disposal, especially among our sisters in the IPA, who can support one another.



In the same spirit of human reconnection and building an authentic community, SHEisIPA is developing other initiatives that encourage empathy, personal reflection, and a sense of belonging: "SheisSecretSanta," "Write a Letter to Yourself," "Blind Date with a Book," etc.
"TEAforSHE" isn't just about drinking tea, but about recognizing that vulnerability doesn't have to be experienced in solitude and that mutual support can transform individual experiences into a true network of female solidarity; it is about the need to create spaces where people feel heard, supported, and inspired. It is about the time we choose to give to one another.

For more information about upcoming TEAforSHE events, visit the SHEisIPA Project page on the international website.

Magda Raducu
#SHEisIPA Project Team member

YOUNG MEMBERS

ILDEP – Turning International Friendship into Professional Exchange

One of the greatest strengths of the International Police Association lies in its ability to connect police professionals across borders, cultures and policing systems. The International Learning Development and Exchange Programme (ILDEP) transforms these connections into meaningful professional and personal experiences.

A recent example from Germany demonstrates the unique value of the programme. In 2026, a German IPA member travelled across several states in the United States, including Texas, New Mexico and California. What began as a personal journey became an extraordinary professional exchange through the support of local IPA members.

Thanks to the IPA network, the participant was able to visit multiple police agencies, training institutions and specialised units, while also taking part in several operational ride-alongs. These experiences provided firsthand insights into different policing structures, training philosophies, tactical concepts and community engagement strategies. From local police departments and sheriff's offices to state-level training academies, the exchange offered perspectives that would have been impossible to gain through traditional study or online communication alone.

Equally important was the opportunity to discuss similarities and differences between policing systems.



While organisational structures, legal frameworks and operational approaches may vary from country to country, the exchange highlighted a common commitment shared by police professionals worldwide: serving and protecting their communities.

The German participant repeatedly noted that beyond the professional lessons, it was the hospitality and openness of fellow IPA members that made the experience exceptional. Local colleagues not only organised professional visits and ride-alongs but also welcomed their guest as a friend, offering their time, knowledge and support throughout the journey.

This example illustrates the true strength of ILDEP. The programme is not simply about visiting another country; it is about creating opportunities for learning, understanding and cooperation through personal relationships. Every exchange helps participants broaden their professional horizons while strengthening the international network that defines the IPA.

In an era where law enforcement challenges increasingly transcend national borders, international dialogue and mutual understanding have never been more important. Programmes such as ILDEP help build these bridges by bringing police professionals together in practical, meaningful and memorable ways.

The success of exchanges such as the recent German-American experience demonstrates that the IPA motto, Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship – is far more than a slogan. It is a principle that is actively lived by IPA members around the world every day.

As the IPA continues to grow internationally, ILDEP remains one of the organisation's most valuable tools for promoting professional development, cultural understanding and lasting friendship among police professionals worldwide.

Philipp Kurz
Young Members Project Lead & President Section Germany



The Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) will be held in Selm, Germany from 2-9 August 2026.

YPOS 2026 will bring together approximately 50 young officers from around the world for an intensive programme focused on how digitalisation and modern technologies are transforming police operational training.

Look out for the full report, coming soon!

IPA Video Competition







International Video Competition 2026

The IPA Marketing Team is pleased to launch the IPA Video Competition 2026, inviting IPA Sections, regions, and individual members to create inspiring promotional videos showcasing the Association's values, activities, and international spirit. Videos should be 30 seconds to 2 minutes long and may use live footage, animation, AI, or a combination of creative techniques. Entries must include English subtitles, use the official IPA branding, and conclude with www.ipa-international.org.

Deadline

- Entry deadline: 20 September 2026
- Winner Announcement during IPA World Congress

How to Submit Your Entry

- Complete the official online submission form.
- Upload your video to a file-sharing platform such as WeTransfer, Google Drive, or Dropbox.
- Copy and paste the download link into the submission form or email the link to marketing@ieb-ipa.org.
- Ensure the download link is fully accessible and does not require special permissions.
- Check that the video can be downloaded successfully before submitting.
- If using WeTransfer, ensure the file remains available until it has been downloaded by the organisers.

Enter Now

"Creativity knows no borders—through art, literature, music and culture, IPA members continue to build friendships that last a lifetime."

The Art and Culture project continues to function smoothly, combining the organization of traditional activities that have been programmed for several years, such as the photography competition, the children's drawing competition, and collectors' gatherings, with new initiatives, including literature, theater, music, and gastronomy.

In this regard, it is worth highlighting the publication last year of the book "A World of Police Friendship," written by the project leader, author of this article, and published with sponsorship from the IEB and the company SELAN, thanks to Robert Katalinic, a member of IPA Croatia. The book was distributed as a gift during the last World Congress in Krakow. This year, a new initiative has been launched: a literary competition based on short stories and poems. The call for entries was issued a few months ago by the IAC to all national sections, and up until now, with the deadline having just passed, several works have been received from different countries.

Also noteworthy is the production of a play, written by the same author as the aforementioned book, which is being performed by a group of IPA members from the Madrid section in several Spanish cities, and also during last year's FEST in Romania. It was also performed in one of the emerging sections sponsored by IPA Spain, specifically Costa Rica, by a group of local actors from the police force in the capital city, San José. Later this year, it is also planned to be performed in the Dominican Republic, in collaboration with the country's emerging section, also sponsored by Spain. In Spain, an event called ARTIPA is organized annually, bringing together in a large exhibition the works of IPA members who are amateur painters, sculptors, photographers, and writers. This idea originated in France, specifically with the Rhône-Alpes region delegation.





Another important cultural initiative is FEST, which for two consecutive years has been organized by the Romanian Section in the Danube Delta, following the positive reception of the first editions held in Bulgaria and Cyprus. The Socio-Cultural Commission has shown its support for these initiatives, as it also does for the collectors' meetings that are organized several times a year by different national sections where there are more or more active followers of this hobby.

Other attractive artistic projects being promoted by the Socio-Cultural Commission are the following: firstly, a culinary project called PoliceMenU, featuring recipes for some of the most delicious and internationally acclaimed dishes; they are also working on a musical project, consisting of the creation of music videos with messages aimed at preventing crime or behaviors that create security problems for citizens. More details will be provided about these projects during the next congress to encourage greater participation from IPA members worldwide and further enrich the cultural landscape within our association. Finally, we would like to highlight the idea of holding a seminar at the Gimborn Training Center, entitled "The Art of Expression." This seminar will teach interested members various artistic techniques, such as photography, writing, and painting (both traditional and digital), and how to apply these skills to police work and personal life in a practical and useful way. Registration is still open, and we encourage all sections to promote it among their members to maximize participation.

Antonio Gómez Montejano - Project Lead Arts & Culture





Together for a greener future - nature is saved not by words but by actions

As part of the Socio-Cultural Commission, for the third year in a row, the IPA Green team has been implementing activities dedicated to the promotion of ecology and the environmental preservation. We started with planting trees, continued with beach cleaning, and this year we also included children's education on relevant topics



The project was well received by the national sections and members of the IPA. On a global level, visible results have been achieved, as numerous photos arrive at our addresses every day, testifying to the large number of planted seedlings and cleaned beaches in many countries around the world, and to the involvement of a large number of IPA members in the aforementioned activities.

In addition to promoting a healthy environment, we also promote IPA, as photos, videos and announcements from these events are distributed through social networks with IPA symbols and the story of IPA. Some of these events were covered by the media, which will promote IPA and our activities in the wider community.



expanding the project by including the civil sector in our work (schools, non-governmental organizations, state bodies, international organizations).

We stopped counting how many trees we planted and how much waste we collected, now we count smiles, unity, friendship and socializing during our activities - be a part of our story, join us.

Green IPA Project Lead
Biljana Dulović

In order to attract as many sections and members as possible to get involved in the activities of the IPA Green team, we decided that the most active sections will be rewarded with a visit to the most active members to Montenegro - the first ecological country in the world. In the first year, our guests were colleagues from Ireland, last year colleagues from Kenya, Greece and Romania, and this year we expect representatives of some new section, which our team will decide on in the second part of the current year.

Our team is in almost daily online communication during which we share information about the achieved results, the involvement of national sections and members in the implementation of tree planting and beach cleaning activities, and at periodic meetings the results are summarized and activities are planned for



IPA Games 2026 Wrocław, Poland

More than 600 police officers came together from 32 countries in Wrocław, Poland, for the IPA GAMES 2026 Championship – several days of sport, integration and international cooperation within the international police family.

Competitors took part in a wide range of disciplines including athletics, swimming, cycling, shooting, football, volleyball, basketball, judo, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, badminton, chess and table tennis, demonstrating sporting excellence while strengthening international friendship and cooperation.

The Opening Ceremony was attended by, among others, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism Ireneusz Nalazek, Voivode of Lower Silesia Anna Żabska, Marshal of the Lower Silesian Voivodeship Paweł Gancarz, First Vice-Mayor of Wrocław Renata Granowska, representatives of the Chief Commander of the Police, Provincial Police leadership, IPA International President Martin Hoffmann, Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission Christos Parginos and President of IPA Poland Piotr Wójcik.

The whole event was coordinated by Captain Bartłomiej Majchrzak, Plenipotentiary of the Provincial Police Headquarters in Wrocław for the Protection of Human Rights, who is also the Leader of IPA Lower Silesia. Without his great personal dedication and commitment, the IPA GAMES 2026 Championship would probably not have taken place in Wrocław.

The ceremony was the symbolic beginning of a several-day celebration of sport, integration and international cooperation. Decorations of the competitors and medal presentations took place immediately after the conclusion of each competition, while the ceremonial closing of the championship was held on 14 May at Freedom Square in front of the National Forum of Music.



The closing ceremony began with a short concert by the Orchestra of the Provincial Police Headquarters in Wrocław, one of only a few police orchestras of its kind in Poland, whose musicians have participated in many prestigious events

IPA Games 2026
Wrocław, Poland

Senior representatives of the Provincial and Municipal Police, IPA Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission Christos Parginos, IPA Poland President Piotr Wójcik and Captain Bartłomiej Majchrzak, Chairman of the IPA GAMES 2026 Organising Committee, together presented commemorative gifts specially prepared for each of the national teams participating in the Games. All participants also received commemorative medals recognising their participation in the championship.



The closing ceremony also provided an opportunity to thank the members of the IPA GAMES 2026 Organising Committee and the guardians of the national teams

A particularly meaningful moment was the presentation of medals by the President of IPA Poland to outstanding individuals who continue to work for the benefit of the Association.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the IPA GAMES 2026 Cup to the national team that won the most medals overall. The Polish Police team claimed first place with an impressive total of 23 gold, 18 silver and 25 bronze medals. It was a symbolic and important victory, as Poland is celebrating the 100th anniversary of sport within the Polish Police this year. Romania finished second with 13 gold, 14 silver and 16 bronze medals.

Despite a surprise spell of rainy weather, the event concluded with smiles, commemorative photographs and lasting memories of sporting competition in the spirit of the Olympic motto, Citius, Altius, Fortius – Faster, Higher, Stronger.

The organisers emphasised that the championship was also an excellent opportunity to promote Wrocław and Lower Silesia as modern, open and welcoming destinations for international events.

The IPA GAMES 2026 Championship was organised by IPA Poland together with the Provincial Police Headquarters in Wrocław, the Wrocław City Hall, the Marshal's Office of the Lower Silesian Voivodeship and the partners of the event. The organisers thanked all institutions, organisations and individuals involved in delivering this outstanding sporting event. The public task was funded through financial support from the Municipality of Wrocław, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism and the LOTTO Foundation.

Bartłomiej Majchrzak – IPA Leader in Lower Silesia, Poland

"the dream commands life"
~ António Gedeão

Every journey begins with a dream. Discover how the International Police Association turns those dreams into lasting friendships and global connections.



The dream is a constant force in life, as concrete and transformative as any other reality. Whenever human beings dream, the world advances, grows and renews itself. As "António Gedeão", a Portuguese poet, wrote, "the dream commands life", and also our association knew how to dream and transform these dreams into real opportunities for all those who wish to know the world and create bonds of friendship.

Technology has given us wings to reach anywhere in the world, but it is the International Police Association (IPA) that provides its members with the means to make these dreams come true, welcoming all its members with open arms, regardless of where they are



On the other side of the dream is reality: IPA, through its houses distributed all over the world, offers accessible and comfortable reception spaces, ideal for both families and those who prefer to travel alone. Located in different cities and framed in different landscapes, these houses allow you to respond to the most varied interests: from those looking for contact with nature, rest, the practice of extreme sports or outdoor walks, to those who prefer to discover large urban centers, explore their history, visit emblematic places and museums. There is also room for those looking for the sea, water sports or simply a refuge to recover energy after the wear and tear of everyday life.

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It is also in these houses that we often find associates from different countries, with whom we share unique moments of conviviality, creating bonds of friendship that last a lifetime. In these spaces, language barriers no longer exist, because friendship knows no color, religion or borders; There is only the complicity of belonging to the largest police association in the world.





Often, the idea of traveling into the unknown can bring with it the uncertainty of being alone, in a different country and between languages we don't master. However, on the other side of this unknown there is, and will always be, someone ready to welcome, help, inform and advise. Because, wherever we are, we will never be truly alone: there will always be an IPA member to welcome us.

Paula Borralho
IPA Travel Project Lead



IPA House in Himos

Escape to IPA House in Himos, your perfect year-round retreat in Central Finland! Located beside the 18-hole Himos Golf Resort and just minutes from the ski slopes, this modern holiday home sleeps up to six guests in three comfortable bedrooms. Enjoy a fully equipped kitchen, a traditional Finnish sauna, spacious living areas, a balcony, and a large terrace with stunning golf course views. For an extra touch of luxury, unwind in the outdoor jacuzzi during your stay. Whether you're skiing, golfing, hiking, or attending exciting concerts and festivals at Himos Arena, adventure is always within easy reach. IPA House is the ideal destination for families, friends, and anyone seeking relaxation, comfort, and unforgettable experiences in every season.

Reservations are made by contacting our colleagues in Finland directly, depending on availability:



IPA Emergency Aid

Supporting Those Who Serve

Discover how the International Police Association continues to demonstrate international solidarity by providing vital humanitarian support to police colleagues serving on the front line in Ukraine.

Read full report below

Delivering Support Where It Is Needed Most

The International Police Association continues to demonstrate that our motto, Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship – is far more than just words.

Representatives of the Bergstrasse-Odenwald Branch of IPA Germany recently travelled thousands of kilometres to Ukraine to deliver a multifunctional ambulance vehicle to our police colleagues in Khmelnytsky. The specialised vehicle has been donated to support the Police Rifle Battalion of the Main Directorate of the National Police in the Khmelnytsky region and will serve on one of the most demanding front-line deployments in the Donetsk region.

This important humanitarian initiative was made possible through the outstanding commitment of IPA Germany, the Bergstrasse-Odenwald Branch, the National Police of Khmelnytsky and the regional Dynamo Sports Society, working together to provide practical assistance where it is needed most.

The International Executive Board was pleased to support this project with a contribution of €2,000 from the Ukraine Emergency Aid Fund, helping towards the purchase and delivery of the ambulance.Chief of Police of the Khmelnytsky Region, Ivan Ishchenko, expressed his sincere appreciation to the German delegation, particularly Hartmut Scherer, Chief Police Director of the South Hesse Police Headquarters, and David Weiser, Chief Criminal Police Inspector, who once again made the journey to Ukraine in support of their police colleagues.This is not the first time IPA Germany has extended assistance to Ukraine. Since the outbreak of the war, colleagues from the Bergstrasse-Odenwald Branch have continued to provide regular humanitarian support, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to friendship, solidarity and international cooperation.

The International Executive Board extends its sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this project a reality. It is through initiatives such as these that the IPA family continues to stand together, supporting one another during times of greatest need. Together, we continue to demonstrate that international friendship has the power to make a real difference.

Oliver Hoffmann
International Vice President

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Collaboration is at the heart of international policing - working together to make a greater impact worldwide.



Strengthening International Partnerships

The International Relations Commission continues to strengthen IPA's presence on the global stage by building strategic partnerships and fostering cooperation with international organisations and law enforcement stakeholders. Through active engagement and dialogue, the Commission works to identify new opportunities for collaboration that support the Association's mission and values. A key area of focus is expanding relationships with organisations such as the Council of Europe, the United Nations, and other international bodies whose work aligns with the promotion of human rights, policing, education and international cooperation.



The Commission also continues to explore new partnerships through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), creating opportunities for knowledge exchange, joint initiatives and mutual support.

By developing these relationships, the Commission aims to enhance professional networking, promote best practice, and increase opportunities for IPA members to participate in international programmes, seminars and collaborative projects. These partnerships not only strengthen IPA's global profile but also reinforce its commitment to friendship, professional development and cooperation across borders in the spirit of Servo per Amikeco.

Oliver Hoffmann
Vice President & Chairperson
International Relations Commission

IPA MARKETING

Building a Stronger Global IPA Brand

Discover how the International Marketing Team is driving collaboration, consistency, and innovation to strengthen the International Police Association's global identity and future.



The International marketing team hosted by IPA Italy in Naples at the last physical meeting in April 2026.

Two years ago, at the International Police Association (IPA), we embarked on an ambitious strategy designed to introduce a fresh and more coordinated approach to marketing across our global organisation. Recognising the importance of effective communication and brand consistency in a modern, interconnected world, we established an International Marketing Team to help strengthen the visibility and impact of the IPA worldwide.

The team is led by Emma Jane Dallison and comprises dedicated members from a variety of IPA Sections around the globe. These individuals bring with them a wealth of professional skills, marketing expertise, creative experience, and, importantly, a genuine passion for promoting the values and activities of the IPA. By bringing together representatives from different countries and cultures, we have created a diverse and collaborative team capable of sharing ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches to communication.

One of our greatest challenges has been ensuring that our message reaches and resonates with all 68 IPA Sections around the world. With such a broad international network, effective communication can be complex. To address this, we have worked to appoint dedicated Marketing Representatives within the majority of our Sections. These representatives act as key points of contact and serve as vital links between the International Marketing Team and their respective Sections. Their role is to facilitate the sharing of information, support local marketing initiatives, and help ensure that international campaigns and messaging are effectively implemented at a local level.

IPA Marketing

A core objective of the Marketing Team is to encourage collaboration and the exchange of knowledge across the organisation.

Sharing experiences, successful campaigns, creative resources, and practical skills, we can collectively enhance the way the IPA presents itself to members, potential members, partners, and the wider public. This collaborative approach will help strengthen our visual identity and ensure that the organisation is represented professionally and consistently across all platforms.

An important milestone in this journey has been the development of the IPA Brand Guidelines. These guidelines were created by the dedicated staff at Fox Road in Nottingham and provide a comprehensive framework for the use of our visual identity, including the newly designed logos, colours, typography, imagery, and overall communication standards. The guidelines are designed to help every Section communicate with a unified voice while still allowing flexibility to reflect local cultures and activities.

With the support of the International Marketing Team, we want to emphasise the importance of adopting and implementing these Brand Guidelines throughout all Sections. Consistent branding is more than simply using the correct logo or colours; it is about creating a recognisable and trusted identity that reflects the values, professionalism, and international reach of the IPA. When all Sections align with the same visual and communication standards, we strengthen the collective image of our organisation and present a clearer, more powerful message to current and future members.





As we continue to develop our marketing strategy, our focus remains on collaboration, communication, and consistency. By working together, sharing expertise, and embracing a unified brand identity, we can ensure that the International Police Association continues to grow in visibility, relevance, and impact across the world. Together, we can create a stronger, more recognisable global presence that reflects the spirit of friendship and cooperation that lies at the heart of the IPA.

Lisa Foreman - IAC & Marketing Team Member



Beach Clean Up

Throughout June 2026, IPA members from around the world supported the IPA Beach Clean-Up Initiative, helping to protect our coastlines and promote environmental responsibility.

Read full report below

From 1–30 June 2026, the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission organised the IPA Beach Clean-Up Initiative, encouraging National Sections, branches, and individual members to support the environment in celebration of World Environment Day (5 June).

The initiative invited members to come together to help preserve the cleanliness of our coastlines while raising awareness of the importance of protecting our oceans and natural environment. It also provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen friendships, engage with local communities, and demonstrate the IPA's commitment to environmental responsibility.

We are delighted that 12 National Sections took part in this year's initiative, with members volunteering their time to remove litter from beaches and coastal areas. Their efforts made a valuable contribution to protecting wildlife and keeping our coastlines clean for everyone to enjoy.

Although the official campaign concluded on 30 June 2026, the Socio-Cultural Commission warmly encourages all National Sections, branches, and members to continue supporting the initiative throughout the summer and beyond. Beach clean-ups can be organised at any time of the year, providing an excellent opportunity to combine environmental action with friendship and community engagement.
A sincere thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the initiative such a success. Together, we continue to demonstrate that small actions can make a lasting difference—Servo per Amikeco.







Bosnia & Herzegovina

12th International Futsal Tournament Held in Posusje Alongside "Green IPA" Project Promotion



As part of the "Posuško lito 2026" (Posusje Summer 2026) cultural and sports manifest, the 12th International Futsal Tournament of IPA West Herzegovina County (ŽZH) was successfully held on June 27, 2026, at the City Sports Hall in Posusje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This traditional sporting event once again brought together law enforcement officers and members of the International Police Association (IPA) from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia.

International Character and Sporting Spirit

The tournament featured prominent regional teams:

- IPA Splitsko-dalmatinska (Croatia)
- PGP Trilj (Croatia)
- IPA Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- IPA Hercegbosanska županija - Livno (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- MUP HNŽ Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- ŽZH MUP Special Police (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The tournament was officially opened by the President of IPA West Herzegovina County, Damir Pandzic, who welcomed all teams, wishing them a successful competition and a pleasant stay in Posusje. The day-long competition took place in an atmosphere of exceptional sporting spirit, mutual respect, and friendship, perfectly reflecting the association's motto: "Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship".

Winners and Individual Awards

Following a series of highly competitive and quality matches, the final standings were established:

- 1st Place (Gold): ŽZH MUP Special Police
- 2nd Place (Silver): IPA Hercegbosanska županija - Livno
- 3rd Place (Bronze): PGP Trilj
- 4th Place: IPA Sarajevo

The official committee also presented individual awards to the most outstanding players, who received valuable gifts courtesy of the sponsor HT Eronet:

- Top Scorer: Martin Vrgoč (IPA HBŽ Livno)
- Best Player: Mateo Kraljević (ŽZH MUP Special Police)
- Best Goalkeeper: Benjamin Šušak (ŽZH MUP Special Police)
- Strong Ecological Component: The "Green IPA" Project

This year's edition of the tournament carried a profound social value. The participants actively marked and promoted the global "Green IPA" project - an international initiative focused on sustainable development, environmental awareness, and nature preservation.

Bosnia & Herzegovina cont

12th International Futsal Tournament Held in Posusje Alongside "Green IPA" Project Promotion

Prior to the kickoff of the sports segment, IPA members symbolically planted three trees in the center of Posušje. By doing so, they sent a clear message regarding the importance of environmental protection and left a lasting, tangible contribution to the local community hosting them.





Looking Ahead

The organizers expressed immense satisfaction as the tournament fully met all expectations. Sport, unity, and cooperation have once again proven to be powerful bridges connecting police officers from different regions and countries.

Sincere gratitude was extended to all competitors, volunteers, referees, spectators, sponsors, and patrons who made this organization possible. The tradition will continue in the future, with the shared wish to gather again next year for the 13th IPA ŽZH International Tournament.

Damir Pandzic, President of IPA Club ŽZH Grude
IPA Section Bosnia and Herzegovina



France

Last June, we had the honor of being welcomed at the Shooting Club of Aix-en-Provence for the European Challenge of shooting in situation. We extend our most sincere thanks to the club for the quality of its welcome, as well as to all its staff for their professionalism and commitment throughout this event.

We had the pleasure to open this second edition of the Shooting Challenge, which shows a particularly encouraging development of this event, with 110 competitors registered, coming from 6 different countries.

While the first edition brought together 40 participants, this illustrates the growing interest that this event arouses.

This enthusiasm confirms the European dimension of the Challenge, with the participation of delegations from Montenegro, Belgium, Germany, Spain and the Principality of Andorra.



Shooting Competition



This edition was also marked by the presence of representatives from many forces and administrations involved in public safety.

Among them were notably the National Police, the Municipal Police, the National Gendarmerie, the Customs administration, the Regional Intervention and Security Teams (ERIS), as well as the SUGE.

During the medal ceremony, Mr. Interregional Director PACA-CORSE, Mr. Frank Testanière; the Regional Director of Aix en Provence, Myriam Soula, as well as the high-level Customs athlete, world and European champion (2 participations in the Olympics) Clément Bessaguet, honored us with their presence.

A huge congratulations to all the participants and let's warmly welcome the winners of this edition, who have brilliantly obtained the first place in their respective categories.
We look forward to seeing you next year, with even more members and countries represented!!

"Servo Per Amikeco"

Brice Fresko
National President IPA France

Germany

True to our motto, "Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship," IPA members are committed not only to professional exchange but also to providing assistance wherever it is most urgently needed.

In close cooperation with IPA Kenya, several humanitarian support initiatives for children's homes in Nairobi have already been carried out over the past few months. The focus has not been on one-off donations but on building a relationship based on trust, continuity, and long-term partnership.

Our commitment begins long before donations are handed over. From the initial planning and purchasing of supplies to the personal delivery of food, clothing, and other urgently needed items, every stage of each project is accompanied by our partners on the ground. This ensures that every donation reaches those who need it most, directly and without unnecessary intermediaries.

A particularly moving moment was a return visit to Kawangware Children's Home on the outskirts of Nairobi. During my first visit, I made a promise to the children and the staff: "I will come back." This promise has now been fulfilled.

The home's director, Moses, summed up the significance of this moment with a simple but powerful statement:

> **You are the first white person who kept his promise and actually came back.**

Supporting Children's Homes in Nairobi – Together with IPA Kenya

These words remind us that humanitarian support is about far more than providing material assistance. It is built on trust, reliability, and genuine care for people. Returning again and again creates lasting relationships that inspire hope and make a real, sustainable difference.

None of these projects would have been possible without the generous support of many donors and the close cooperation between IPA Germany and IPA Kenya. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who has contributed to making these initiatives a success.

The joint projects will continue in the future. Our aim is to support children's homes in Nairobi on a long-term basis and to provide regular assistance wherever it is needed most.

Because sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is not only food or clothing, but the confidence that a promise will be kept —and that words can become reality.

Daniel
IPA Germany





Greece

42nd Panhellenic Congress of the Hellenic Section of the International Police Association



The proceedings of the 42nd Panhellenic Congress of the International Police Association (IPA) – Hellenic National Section were successfully concluded in Eretria, Evia, from 20 to 24 April 2026.

The event was hosted by the IPA Ρεγιον of Evia, which undertook the organization and hospitality of the Congress, in close cooperation with and with the full support of the President,Mr. Vlasios Valatsos and the members of the National Section's Executive Board.

The Congress represented a highly significant gathering, bringing together delegates and representatives from across Greece. It provided an excellent forum for constructive dialogue, the exchange of views and experiences, and the strengthening of friendship and cooperation among members, guided by the Association's enduring motto: Servo per Amikeco" – "Service Through Friendship."

During the proceedings, several IPA Regions were also recognized and awarded for their outstanding activities and contributions.



A particularly important aspect of this year's Congress was its electoral character, during which the new Executive Board of the IPA Hellenic National Section was elected.

Greece

New Executive Board IPA Greece

- **President: Vlasios Valatsos**
- **1st Vice President: Konstantinos Papanikolaou**
- **2nd Vice President: Irini Makridaki**
- **3rd Vice President: Georgios Christodoulidis**
- **Secretary General: Achilleas Begas**
- **Assistant Secretary General: Georgios Zarhanis**
- **Public Relations Officer: Minas Skarlios**
- **Head of International Affairs: Christos Parginos**
- **Treasurer: Achilleas Kalampoukas**
- **Assistant Treasurer: Georgios Paliakos**
- **Board Member: Christodoulos Christodoulis**

Among the distinguished guests attending the opening ceremony were Mr. Kyriakos Perikleous, representative of the IEB of the International Police Association, Mr. Phillip Kurz, President of IPA Germany, as well as representatives of IPA Cyprus.



42nd Panhellenic Congress of the Hellenic Section of the International Police Association

A highlight of the Congress was the keynote presentation entitled "Against Antiquities Trafficking", delivered by renowned private investigator Mr. Georgios Tsoukalls, an honorary member of the International Police Association.

With his extensive experience and remarkable contribution to the protection of cultural heritage, Mr. Tsoukalls provided valuable insights into the ongoing fight against the illicit trafficking of antiquities.



The success of the Congress was further reflected in the highly positive feedback received from participants, who expressed their sincere appreciation for the excellent organization, warm hospitality, and overall high standard of the event.

The 42nd Panhellenic Congress once again demonstrated the strength, unity, and shared values of the IPA family in Greece, reaffirming its commitment to fostering international friendship, professional cooperation, and service to society.

Christos Parginos
IPA Greece

Japan

2026 Annual General Meeting in Chiba

Following last year's Annual General Meeting in the ancient capital of Kyoto, IPA Japan members gathered on 11 July 2026 in Mihama Ward, Chiba City, for IPA Japan's 2026 AGM.

Located on the waterfront of Tokyo Bay and home to Makuhari Messe, one of Japan's leading international convention centers, the venue provided an ideal setting for members from across the country to review its activities and strengthen the friendships that form the foundation of IPA.



The meeting continued with reports from the National Board, followed by the consideration and approval of the agenda items.



The meeting opened with welcoming remarks by the President of the Chiba Branch, followed by President Masahito Kanetaka's opening address. Participants then viewed a video message from IPA International President Martin Hoffmann, who praised the remarkable progress made by IPA Japan in recent years and highlighted its important role within both the Asia-Pacific Region and the international IPA community.

Among the decisions were the approval of Japan Seminar in October 2026, Friendship Judo Week in January 2027, and Japan Friendship Week in May 2027. As 2026 was an election year for IPA Japan, the newly elected National Board for the 2026–2029 term was also introduced. Administrative matters, including confirmation that the Hiroshima Branch will host the 2027 Annual General Meeting, were presented before the meeting concluded.

Japan

2026 Annual General Meeting in Chiba

National Board of IPA Japan (2026–2029)

President: Masahito Kanetaka

Vice President: Kunio Igarashi

Secretary General: Nobuyuki Yamamoto

Director for Treasury, Project and Operation: Katsuhiro Nishino

Director for Travel: Ryoji Suzuki

Director for Promotion: Hidehito Takiguchi

Director for Recruiting and Young Members Affairs: Kazuko Sato

Director for Regional Meeting: Toru Uto

In the evening, around 100 participants, comprising IPA Japan members, supporting members and invited guests, gathered at the same hotel for the official reception, enjoying an evening of friendship and fellowship.

Following welcoming remarks by President Kanetaka, Ms. Ayako Aoyama, Chief of the Chiba Prefectural Police, delivered congratulatory remarks on behalf of the invited guests. Vice President Kunio Igarashi then proposed the toast, officially opening the reception in the spirit of Servo per Amikeco.

The reception provided an excellent opportunity for members from across Japan to renew friendships and reaffirm their commitment to IPA's ideals.

One of the highlights was a memorable performance by Mr. Eizo Nagano, a member of the Chiba Branch, and his fellow musicians, combining the traditional Japanese koto with the saxophone in a unique fusion of Japanese tradition and contemporary music.

The reception concluded with the ceremonial handover of the IPA Flag by President Kanetaka to Mr. Takayoshi Tsuda, Director General of the Chugoku-Shikoku Regional Police Bureau, representing the Hiroshima Branch, which will host the 2027 Annual General Meeting.

The meeting once again demonstrated the vitality of IPA Japan and the strong commitment of its members to friendship, professional cooperation and the continued development of the Association. Under the leadership of its newly elected National Board, IPA Japan looks forward to a productive three-year term while continuing to strengthen its contribution to the global IPA community.

Toru Uto
IPA Japan Secretariat



Seychelles

Beach Clean-Up and Tree Planting Initiative
Date: 12 June 2026



The International Police Association(IPA) Seychelles successfully conducted a combined Beach Clean-Up and Tree Planting Campaign on Friday, 12 June 2026, at Beach Park, Anse Royale. The activity commenced at 0945 hours and concluded at approximately 1100 hours.

The initiative adopted a strategic approach by carrying out both activities simultaneously, maximizing the impact of environmental conservation efforts. IPA members worked together with enthusiasm and dedication, demonstrating their commitment to protecting and preserving Seychelles' natural environment.

As part of the tree-planting exercise, several young coastal trees were planted in the areas of Takamaka, Porsye/Pors and Bois de Table. These trees will contribute to the long-term protection of the coastline by helping to reduce and prevent coastal erosion while enhancing the natural ecosystem for future generations.

At the same time, members participated in an extensive beach clean-up operation, removing accumulated seaweed and other debris from the shoreline. The collaborative effort significantly improved the cleanliness and appearance of the beach area, promoting environmental awareness and community responsibility.

Audrey Ally - President IPA Seychelles



Team work & Community Spirit

Throughout the activity, members displayed excellent teamwork, positive energy, and community spirit, which greatlycontributed to the success of the event.The initiative further reinforced IPA Seychelles' commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Ukraine

Hope Beyond Borders: Italian Rehabilitation Programme for the Children of Ukrainian Police Officers



Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship is more than the motto of the International Police Association. In June 2026, it became a reality for the children of police officers from Chernihiv, one of Ukraine's regions most affected by the ongoing war.

Thanks to the generous support of the International Executive Board of IPA, IPA Italy, and especially IPA Vicenza, a group of children whose parents continue to serve on the front line of public safety had the opportunity to spend almost three weeks in Italy, far from air raid sirens and the daily realities of war.

The rehabilitation programme took place from 2 to 20 June 2026 and offered much more than a holiday. It gave the children something they had missed for a long time: peace, security, friendship, and genuine smiles.

The first stage of the programme took place in Jesolo, on the Adriatic coast, where the children enjoyed the sea, beaches, swimming pools, sports activities, and excursions organised with the support of the Ukrainian community in Italy and the PONTE MICT Association.

The second stage of the programme was held in Marostica, where the children discovered the rich cultural heritage of northern Italy. They visited the picturesque town of Bassano del Grappa, admired the famous Ponte degli Alpini, explored Piazza Libertà, and visited the historic Church of Saint John the Baptist.

Their stay also included visits to the famous Chess Square of Marostica, creative art workshops with local artists, hiking trips, evenings with Italian families, and a special dinner hosted by members of the legendary Alpini, the Italian Army's mountain troops.

Ukraine

Hope Beyond Borders: Italian Rehabilitation Programme for the Children of Ukrainian Police Officers

Every activity reflected the warmth and generosity of the local community.

Later, the group moved to Lupia, near Sandrigo, where they continued their rehabilitation through outdoor activities, sports, sightseeing, and friendship with Italian children. During this period, they also welcomed distinguished guests, including representatives of IPA Vicenza, local authorities and volunteers.

The programme concluded with an unforgettable excursion to Venice, where the children walked through the city's famous canals and historic streets, visited St. Mark's Square, admired the magnificent Basilica and Bell Tower, and learned about the history of one of the world's most beautiful cities.

For these children, the journey was much more than sightseeing. It was an opportunity to recover emotionally, build new friendships, and experience kindness from people they had never met before.

IPA Chernihiv Ukraine





United Kingdom

Collectors Event

On 10 May 2026, I had the opportunity to attend the Conference on Police, Firefighters and Emergency Services Collecting, organised and hosted by Matias and colleagues from IPA Alicante.

The event brought together members with a shared interest in collecting memorabilia from the emergency services, both past and present. My main focus was on police patches and challenge coins, two areas of collecting that continue to grow in popularity among colleagues here in Northern Ireland, while having long-established followings throughout the United Kingdom and the United States.

The origins of challenge coins can be traced back to the military, where specially designed coins were presented to recognise service, achievements, or membership of a particular unit. Over time, their use spread to police, fire and emergency services organisations around the world. Similarly, police patch collecting has been a popular hobby for decades, allowing officers and enthusiasts to exchange insignia and learn about the history, traditions and identities of different agencies. Today, both challenge coins and patches are highly sought-after collectibles and serve as symbols of camaraderie and professional connection.

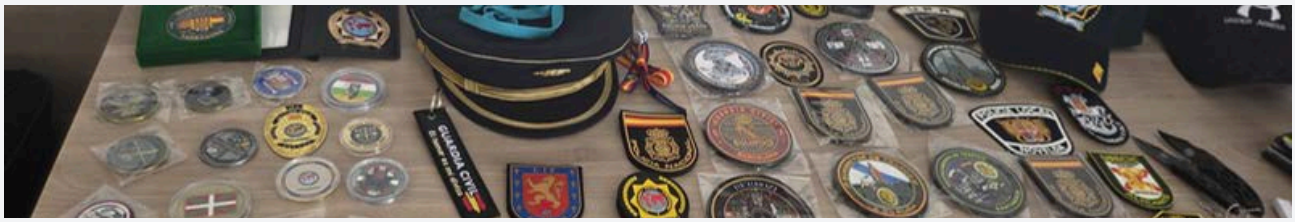


The conference was held in Benidorm and attracted a large number of attendees from across Spain, alongside myself representing Northern Ireland. Throughout the day, I had the opportunity to meet many members of IPA Spain, exchange stories about policing and life at home, and trade a number of patches and challenge coins from my collection from both the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Events such as these continue to increase in popularity, with similar conferences having been organised in Great Britain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy, among other countries. They provide a unique opportunity for members to meet fellow collectors, strengthen international friendships and learn more about the traditions and heritage of emergency services around the world.

IPA Spain's Madrid Region will be hosting a similar event in the near future. This promises to be another excellent opportunity for members to meet colleagues from across Europe, exchange items from their collections and enjoy a visit to Madrid while fostering the spirit of international friendship that lies at the heart of the IPA.

Bert Moorhead- IPA UK





2nd World Football Tournament - Spain

More information coming soon! Start getting your teams together and register your interest with your National Section. We look forward to seeing teams from across the IPA taking part in this exciting international tournament.

Following the success of the IPA GAMES 2026, the focus now turns to the 2nd IPA World Football Tournament, which will take place in Cambrils, Spain, from 7–11 April 2027. As part of the IPA's biennial sporting calendar, the World Football Tournament alternates with the IPA GAMES, bringing together members from across the globe through sport and friendship.

National Sections are invited to enter one men's team and one women's team for five unforgettable days of football, international camaraderie, and the true spirit of the IPA.

Registration will open soon, with further information on accommodation, the tournament programme, and how to enter to be announced shortly. Start preparing your teams—we look forward to welcoming the international IPA family to Spain in 2027!



Upcoming Events

View all events on our website: https://ipa-international.org/events/ Note: The deadline for registration for some events may have passed



IPA Children's Drawing Competition 2026

The IPA International Children's Drawing Competition invites children and grandchildren of IPA members aged 6–12 years to showcase their creativity through art for the chance to win prizes and have their drawings exhibited at the 69th IPA World Congress in Sri Lanka. **Deadline 16th August**

More Information



IPA Video Competition

The IPA Video Competition 2026 invites members to showcase the IPA through creative video production, including AI where appropriate.
Deadline 20th September

More Information



IPA Greece Mount Olympus Annual Hike 2026

Take on the challenge of hiking Mount Olympus with IPA Greece and enjoy an unforgettable adventure through spectacular mountain scenery, guided by experienced mountaineers.
6-7 August 2026, Greece

More Information

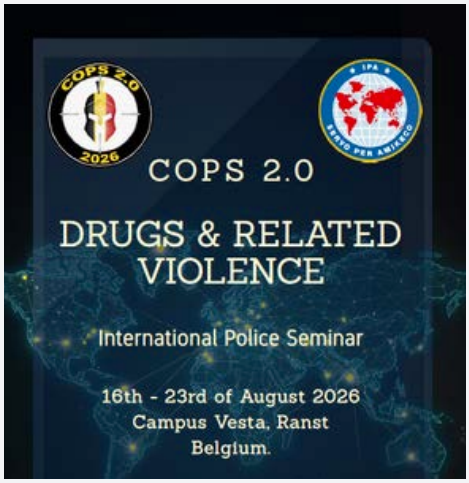


10th International IPA Friendship Meeting in Selm-Bork

Join IPA Bork, Germany, for the 10th International IPA Friendship Meeting and enjoy a week of international friendship, cultural exchange, and memorable experiences in the heart of North Rhine-Westphalia. **7-16 August, 2026, Germany**

More Information

Upcoming Events



IPA Belgium Antwerp – COPS 2.0 Seminar

Drugs and Related Violence

Enhance your professional knowledge at this intensive international seminar on drugs and related violence, combining expert-led training, practical workshops, and valuable networking opportunities.
16-23 August 2026, Belgium

More Information



Stalking the Stalker Free Webinar

Join Hamish Brown for an informative webinar exploring the realities of stalking, helping participants recognise warning signs, understand offender behaviour, and improve victim safeguarding and prevention.
28 August 2026

More Information



IPA Italy 7th I.P.A. Motorcycle Rally

Join Hamish Brown for an informative webinar exploring the realities of stalking, helping participants recognise warning signs, understand offender behaviour, and improve victim safeguarding and prevention.**28 August 2026, Italy**

More Information



IPA Kenya 2nd IPA International Investigations Seminar

Take on the challenge of hiking Mount Olympus with IPA Greece and enjoy an unforgettable adventure through spectacular mountain scenery, guided by experienced mountaineers.
1-7 November 2026,, Kenya

More Information

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INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING & EDUCATION

Gimborn Seminars

IBZ Gimborn is the International Police Association's international education and conference centre, offering a wide range of professional seminars, training courses and networking opportunities for law enforcement professionals from across the world. Through its varied programme, IBZ Gimborn promotes lifelong learning, international cooperation and the exchange of knowledge in the spirit of Servo per Amikeco.

The latest programme of seminars and events is now available. Members are encouraged to explore the upcoming opportunities and register for any courses of interest.

2026 Seminar Programme

Upcoming Seminars

NextGen Policing Advanced – Terrorism Response & Advanced Operations
10-15 August,2026, Germany

Register Now

Negotiations in Crisis Situations: The Role of the Police (E)
24-28 August, 2026,Germany

Register Now

OSINT TOOLS – Application-Oriented Advanced Course (E)
2-4 September, 2026, Germany

Register Now





In 2027, The International Police Association will be involved in the World Police & Fire Games in Perth, Australia.

Held on alternate years to our very own IPA Games, this event is by no means a competitor. Instead, it provides an excellent opportunity to connect with police and emergency service personnel from around the world, strengthen international friendships, and promote the values of the IPA.

You are invited to the Games - a multi sport event for active, volunteer and retired law enforcement and emergency service personnel from around the World. The Games will unite 8,500 athletes of all skill levels standing shoulder to shoulder both on and off the field.

Join us from the 12-21st March, 2027. All Police officers, Police auxillary officers and Police staff are eligible to compete and volunteer.



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