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THE IPA AT 70 – **INTRODUCTION**

Dear friends of the IPA,

Dear all,

It is both a pleasure and an honour to introduce this special edition of our IPA Newsletter, dedicated to the 70th anniversary of our association.

2020 was meant to be a year of celebration. Numerous events had been planned to mark this milestone, but almost all of them had to be cancelled. No country was spared by the pandemic, and many have been deeply affected. To all those who have suffered and are still suffering, may the sympathy of the entire IPA family be a real comfort.



"The youth is the hope of our future"
José Rizal

These exceptional circumstances and the many restrictions we are faced with should not discourage us: in recognition of the IPA's longevity and the wealth of opportunities our association provides us, we owe it to the IPA to continue and develop our associative life. May this special edition of the Newsletter, a true hymn to the IPA, not only show part of our heritage, but also open a window on our future.

Each section was invited to contribute, in addition to the members of the International Executive Board and several former Presidents who have left their mark on the history of our association. Although it was not possible to open this great book to everyone, we hope that these testimonies show that our universal family forgets no-one.

Our founder Arthur Troop defined the key elements of our journey, service and friendship; thus uniting duty, the symbol of the security forces, with a friendly exchange that was to prevail in our ranks, between our members. The resulting motto, "Servo per Amikeco", has guided the steps of our associative life for the past 70 years.

May all IPA members remain the faithful and devoted guardians of this magnificent motto, to ensure we can pass it on to our successors. Let us all place a stone on this symbolic cairn, to make it more visible and solid.

Enjoy reading this edition, and thank you to our IAC staff for the immense work devoted to the publication of this Newsletter.

Long live the IPA!

Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

THE IPA AT 70 – **A SHORT GLANCE AT IPA HISTORY**



Young Arthur Troop

Arthur Troop wrote an article in a British Police magazine in 1949, asking for those interested in an International Police Friendship Association to make contact with him. He received positive replies, and an initial meeting was held in London in September 1949.

The IPA British Section started activities on 1st January 1950, with the motto 'Service Through Friendship', written in Esperanto, as 'Servo Per Amikeco'.

This was followed in 1953 in January by the Netherlands Section, in February by the Belgian Section and in September by the French Section. 1954 saw the creation of IPA Norway in April and IPA Switzerland in May.

In March 1955, IPA Germany was established and together, these 7 sections came together in the first World Congress in September in Paris, and are referred to as the elders of the IPA.

The first International Executive Meeting (IEC) was held in September 1956 in Essen.

More European sections joined, and then gradually there was growth around the world, with the establishment of IPA Canada and IPA Hong Kong in 1960. IPA Kenya became the first section in Africa in 1961 and IPA Brazil, the first in South America in 1962. IPA Australia became the first Australasian section in 1964.



1955 1st IPA World Congress in Paris

The number of sections has continued to grow to this day. A few sections sadly were unable to survive for various reasons, but any member from a country without an IPA section may be eligible to join other established IPA sections as Foreign Associate Members (FAM's) – and at present we have more than 1000 FAM's.

In this celebratory edition of the newsletter, we have contributions from 68 sections, a very fitting tribute to the legacy of our founder, Arthur Troop.

Servo per Amikeco!

THE IPA AT 70 – DID YOU KNOW….?

68 IPA Sections worldwide

1000+ Foreign Associate Members in 39 countries

IPA founded: 1st January 1950

14 International Presidents from 11 Countries

Sections that have hosted the most IEC/WCs: UK (6), France (5) and Germany (4)

40 IPA Houses in 15 countries

Decade that saw the most growth: 1960s, with 20 new sections

Current membership: 372,000+

First IPA sections outside of Europe: Canada, Hong Kong & Kenya, 1961

First woman elected to the PEB: Phyllis Nolan, Ireland,1982

Arthur Troop awarded the British Empire Medal for his work founding the IPA, 1965

Since 2004 the Arthur Troop Scholarship has awarded over 160 bursaries

The IPA has its own hymn: 'Servir par l'amitié', played at the opening and closing of every World Congress

First World Congress: Paris, September 1955

65 IEC/WCs held in 34 Countries

Apart from 2020, the only other year without an IEC or WC was 1990

IPA is the largest police organisation in the world

Four IPA languages: English, French, German, Spanish

Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) organised every 2nd year providing training for younger IPA members

33 Gold Medals awarded for outstanding international contribution. Arthur Troop was the first recipient in 1985

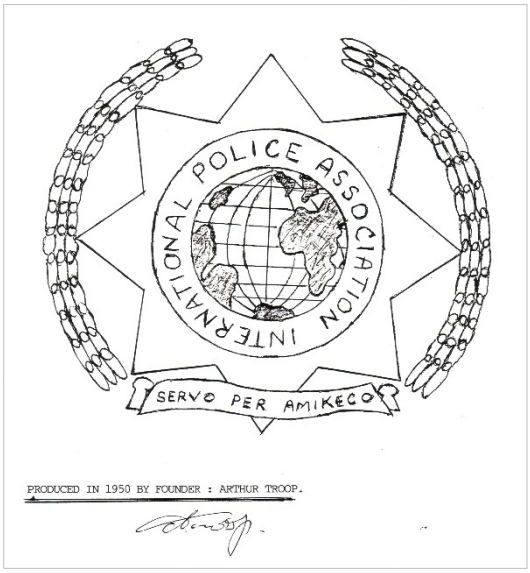
The IPA is represented on six continents

First-ever IPA Games were held in Portugal in 2018

Arthur Troop Day in the UK: 15th December – Arthur's birthday

THE IPA AT 70 – MOTTO AND LOGO

Arthur Troop designed the IPA "wreathed" logo in 1950 when founding the IPA, and its design was formally adopted internationally at the 1st World Congress in Paris in 1955. During the congress, every aspect of the design was debated at length, however, no changes were made, and the logo was adopted as Arthur had first designed it.



Arthur explained the concept behind the design in a letter in 1995:

"I had to include a central globe, to show the worldwide scope of the IPA…..Then I used the eight-pointed star, which is the background to most British Police Force helmet badges. To complete the effect, laurel leaves were added either side of the star motif, with a scroll at the base of the design, which would bear the motto of the Association, "Servo per Amikeco", which derives from the international language Esperanto. This translated into English is Service Through Friendship".

During the 1st World Congress, there were calls to change the language of the IPA's motto from the Esperanto "Servo per Amikeco" to the Latin "Servire per Amicitiam". Keeping the motto in Esperanto won the vote 3-2, as at the time it was thought to be the international language of the future.

At the 2nd International Executive Conference in London, 1957, the idea of a roundel version of the logo was discussed, as it was found to be difficult at the time to produce a good quality version of the logo as a lapel badge. The following year at the 2nd WC in Antwerp, the roundel version was proposed and accepted by the delegates.



Over the next few years, use of the roundel grew, with many sections using the logo and the roundel interchangeably on their magazines, headed paper and merchandise. It was argued at the 1961 III World Congress in Stuttgart that the wreathed logo should be used on all printed material and the roundel only on the lapel badge, but this was decided against and sections could continue to use either version.

The IPA logo is proudly displayed on membership cards, pin badges, patches, challenge coins and countless other items of IPA memorabilia.



Today the IPA emblems are widely recognised, and seen at IPA events, conferences and meetings all over the world.

Servo per Amikeco!

THE IPA AT 70 – **IPA HYMN**

The IPA Hymn was created in 1966 by IPA France members, and has since remained the official anthem of the IPA. The words were written in French by Pierre-Marie Guillemot, and the music was composed by Alfred Couat. The IPA Hymn was first played at the 8th IEC held in Toronto, Canada in 1966, where the orchestrations were carried out by the Band of the French National Police under its Deputy Principal Officer, Pierre Bigot. The title of the IPA Hymn is 'Servir par l'Amitié', which translates to the IPA's motto – 'Service through Friendship'.

Verse 1:

Un flambeau d'amitié,
Au-dessus des frontières,
Pour chaque policier
Rayonne comme un soleil,
Et sur tous les pays,
Se répand la lumière
Dans l'infini
D'un même ciel.
(Chorus)

Verse 2:

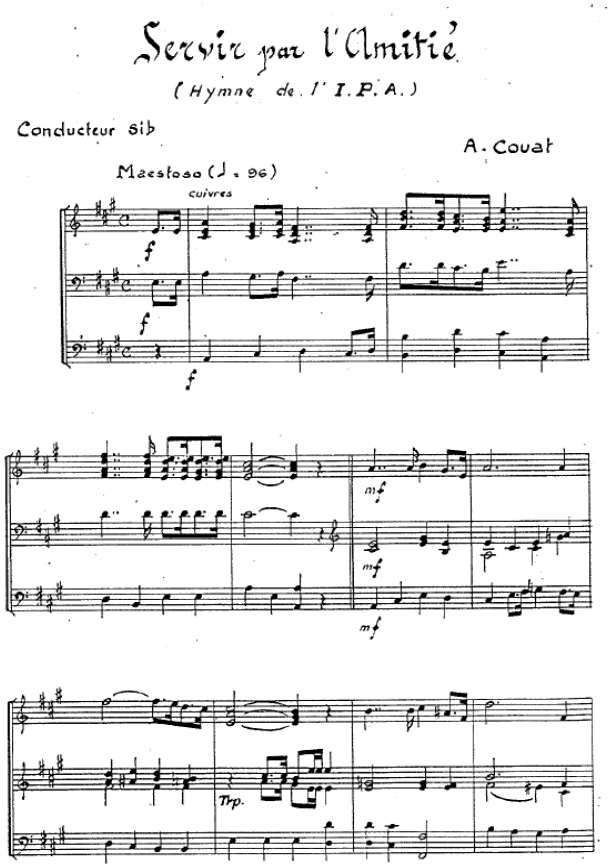
Nous avons en commun
L'armour de la justice
Et nous tendons la main
A tous ses défenseurs
Pour célébrer le nom
Et le grand sacrifice
De ceux qui sont
Morts dans l'honneur.
(Chorus)

Verse 3:

Gloire à tous nos amis
Que le devoir supreme
Trouve toujours unis,
Sans crainte du danger,
Servant au premier rang
Et s'exposant eux-mêmes
En protégeant
La liberté.
(Chorus)

Chorus:

Au service du Bien,
Chevaliers de la Paix,
Rendons notre mission plus belle
Dans le Coeur de chacun,
La devise éternelle
Sera : Servir per l'Amitié.



View the full score at:

IPA Hymn Full Score

Listen to the IPA Hymn at:

IPA Hymn Audio

Or look on our international website at:

www.ipa-international.org/IPA-Logo/Hymn

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Kyriakos Karkalis



May-Britt Ronnebro



Einar Guðberg Jónsson



Demetris Demetriou



Stephen Crockard



Michael Walsh



Martin Hoffmann



THE IPA AT 70 – **PIERRE-MARTIN MOULIN**

Dear friends,

I would like to start by wishing us all a very happy 70th birthday! Few associations can boast of reaching such a beautiful age in such good health! So, champagne and bubbles are well deserved.



Today, the IPA comprises 65 affiliated sections, 2 sections provisionally affiliated, 1 section in foundation and 2 further countries waiting for the end of the coronavirus pandemic to join our family. So by a stroke of genius, there are 70 countries to blow out the 70 candles. Impressive! Arthur, you can be proud! I bet that at the age of 36, when the adventure officially began, you were far from suspecting the impact that your idea would have on the whole world, and the scope of this crazy idea to unite all police officers of the world under the magnificent motto of "Servo per Amikeco".

Many other pioneers also played a leading role in the development of the association over the past 70 years. I am thinking in particular of all those who have taken on responsibilities, whether at local, national or international level, and most importantly all those who, by their example and commitment, have recruited members and continue to do so.

I joined the IPA in 1994. A few years later, I was offered the opportunity to join the International Board as Treasurer. The challenge seemed crazy, and therefore very tempting. The idea of meeting colleagues from all over the world and having the chance to exchange ideas with them, seemed to me the most successful project I could take part in as a young police officer. After nine years as International Treasurer and eight as President, what better values could I share with you than the ones contained in our motto?

Friendship, chosen as our primary value since the founding of the IPA, is the very reason for our association's existence, its prosperity and longevity. It is the sail of the boat that takes us on our associative journey, at the same time leading us to beautiful adventures, as well as protecting us in the inevitable storms.

Service, which completes our association's motto and illustrates our sense of duty. All IPA members have at some point served in their professional lives. Let us always remember how to put ourselves at the service of the IPA, its values and its members.

Happy 70th birthday to us all, good health and hopefully I will see you again soon.

With all my friendship,

Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

THE IPA AT 70 – **KYRIAKOS KARKALIS**

Dear IPA friends,

Summarising the year 2020 in December of this year shows me that this year has been completely different from any others. Worldwide unrest; wars, or threats of war; and other events that shocked the world community. Above all, however, a deadly virus, which, moving in a flash, has spread all over the planet, violently invading and changing our daily lives.



For the first time in the history of our association, we were unable to hold our World Congress. A congress that would have had a special aspect, since this year we are marking 70 years since Arthur Troop founded this great association, the IPA.

However, we are all police officers. We are the people who have learned to face difficulties and give solutions. Communication between us is maintained at the best possible level, utilising many means provided by modern technology. Somehow, teleconferencing came into our lives.

At the same time, the projects of the Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC), as well as the projects of the other commissions, continued. The SCC, in addition to organising the now established photography competition for 2020, also initiated a children's painting competition that gave our members' children the opportunity to work creatively during the difficult period of quarantine, and at the same time to showing their talent while also enabling them to better understand their parents' profession.

The IPA Games, scheduled for this year, had to be postponed until next year, however new regulations and a framework were created. Other scheduled international events (IYG, HSM etc.) were similarly cancelled or postponed.

The SCC, which is made up of experienced, hardworking people who are especially passionate about the principles and values of the IPA, is working tirelessly and is devising new projects, ready to come back even more vigorously at the end of this difficult situation. We of course remain open to new ideas from our members!

Dear friends, soon 2020 will be over. With the new year approaching fast, we expect positive thinking and optimism. We all hope to meet again in 2021, to sit around the same table as one big family. To discuss the issues that concern us and together, as always, to plan our future. To be able to hug again!

A happy and creative year 2021 to you all!

Health and prosperity to you and your families, peace around the world.

For the IPA that we all love, let us continue this unique course that has ranked it high in the consciousness of the Police and the citizens: Happy Anniversary!

LONG LIVE IPA!!! SERVO PER AMIKECO!!!

Kyriakos Karkalis, Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission

THE IPA AT 70 – **MAY-BRITT RONNEBRO**

In the Beginning…

The IPA was founded on 1st January 1950 under the Esperanto motto "Servo per Amikeco" (Service through Friendship), and Arthur Troop became the first Secretary General of the British Section. In 1955, at the first International Executive Committee meeting in Paris, Arthur Troop became the first International Secretary General, a post he held until 1966. Since then, several persons have held the position and in 2019 I was elected for the term until 2023. This current term includes the year 2020, our 70th anniversary year, and many sections had placed a multitude of iconic events on their agendas.

Join the IPA and live happily ever after…



I was introduced to the IPA in 1981 and joined the same year. I could see the possibilities for my family in visiting IPA Houses and for myself in benefitting from an international network and gaining access to seminars at Gimborn. From that day, the IPA became a valued part of life and a hobby not only for me, but also for my family, and provided additional knowledge to my police force.

By attending numerous seminars at IBZ Gimborn from 1990 onwards, in topics that interested and provided me with updates on new trends in crime, I was able to bring home the latest information and innovations. Most importantly, however, I have been fortunate to make IPA friends in many countries around the world. The Turmbar is the meeting point for our after-seminar talks, and countless of those have led to invitations to visit many IPA events. The Cologne carnival, friendships weeks and jubilees are just some of my "addictions" which bring memories, smiles and happiness.

Hope and Future…

My IPA dedication has led me to join the regional, national and international board in the hope of improving the lives of IPA members' crossing my path in life. The joy and happiness I am met with, is something I would like to give back to our members and in particular to the young generation. This is why I believe the Young Police Officers' Seminars are the best area to develop new IPA board members. They are our future, and will lead us to the day we ourselves can sit at the back of the bus and just follow the crowd.

A stranger today is a friend of tomorrow in the IPA!

May-Britt Ronnebro, Secretary General

THE IPA AT 70 – **EINAR GUÐBERG JÓNSSON**

Servo per Amikeco. I'll start this article with the first words I learned as a young officer coming into the IPA.



I graduated from the police academy in the year 2001, the year I could join the IPA. My first annual meeting as an IPA member was a very small meeting with a lot of older officers. Everyone asked the same question… "Are you lost?" Soon after I had joined the IPA, the president of IPA Iceland at that time saw that I was dedicated, and he therefore started to teach me about the IPA and tried to convince me to become more involved.

To give you a little perspective: Iceland has about 700 police officers, so there aren't many who might want to give their spare time to a voluntary organisation. However, as soon as I knew what the IPA was all about, I was hooked, and in 2006 I became the treasurer for this small section. Thankfully, the former president, Mr. Kristjan Kristjansson, had a vision of encouraging younger officers to be more involved, and in 2007 he sent Baldur Olafsson and me to Hungary for a Young Officers' Programme, that was run alongside the IEC conference. With the result that after spending just over a week together, and getting to know a lot of new people with similar interests, we were in! Best pals ever since, and we decided in 2012 that change was needed and therefore we ran together for the NEB of the IPA Icelandic section.

In a small community like Iceland, it is much easier to approach other officers and get the IPA message across. Baldur and I were known and visible within the police, Baldur on patrol, and I was in the violent crime division, and that's how we were able to recruit a younger base into the section.

I have always wanted to see and know how to get more young officers aboard. Coming from a small country, it is relatively easy. You just talk to them face-to-face. I know that most sections are very much bigger than Iceland, and I don't have a solution, except talking face-to-face.

Jumping forwards, while I was president of my section for 7 years, I had a dream to work for the IPA on an international level. I wanted to give more towards the IPA. In the past, the IPA had good relationships with big NGOs and large organisations. But how is that beneficial for a cop on the beat? How can we build relations that benefit everyone? This was my vision when I decided to run for a commission, and with that dream, what commission was the best? The ERC of course, even though I have to admit that I wasn't sure I truly understood what the position of chairperson of the ERC entailed. To me, it was a kind of foreign secretary for the IPA, but keeping the benefits of the member firmly in mind, especially those who are still working and are in the midst of things. I therefore hope the agreements I am trying to arrange with other organisations will benefit all of you equally: the members that have served their time and have helped to move things forward, as well as the members that are still serving, are on the frontline, and who want and need training, connections and of course our main goal, friendship.

Einar Guðberg Jónsson, Chairperson External Relations Commission

THE IPA AT 70 – **DEMETRIS DEMETRIOU**

Dear IPA friends,

This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary since the foundation of our Association by the visionary Arthur Troop back in 1950.

The IPA has proven throughout the years to be a resilient and adaptable organisation, capable of uniting police officers from across the world even in the most difficult times, through friendship and common professional values.

2020 has also been a difficult year for all of us. The global crisis, caused by the pandemic, among others, has disrupted our daily lives, challenged relationships and professional standards, and event put to the test the vary foundations of our society.



Even though, regrettably, we have not been able to hold our special World Congress this year, we organised a number of online events, bringing together colleagues from several police forces around the world.

The Professional Commission (PC) has continued to carry out its functions to the best possible standard, in order to live up to the expectations of IPA members. More precisely as far as the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) 2021 is concerned, 13 scholarships were awarded (out of the 48 applications submitted). The awardees will receive between 450 and 2,300 Euros for their participation in future IPA activities. Furthermore, the ATS 2022 is already open for applications from IPA members worldwide. The Chairperson of the Professional Commission will process the applications. After the assessment of the PC and the decision of the IEB, awardees will be announced during the World Congress in Lloret de Mar in October 2021.

The Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) has taken place every two years since 2011. In 2019, it was organised in Stirling, Scotland, by IPA Section UK. The next YPOS will take place in Sri Lanka between the 19th – 24th March 2021. Due to the popularity of the seminar among young members, the IEB are considering the opportunity to arrange a YPOS every year. In 2023, IPA New Zealand will host the YPOS, and there is an interest from IPA Austria to host this event in 2022.

I would like to thank all PC members for their commitment and hard efforts during these very challenging times. In a way, the physical distance between us has brought us closer together, and we have been able to share and promote ideas, aided by the use of modern technologies.

We all hope that the next year will bring optimism and new projects for the benefit of our great association and its members.

I wish all of you and your families a happy and prosperous 2021!

SERVO FOR AMIKECO!!!

Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Professional Commission

THE IPA AT 70 – **STEPHEN CROCKARD**

Dear IPA Friends,

I am happy to greet you for this 70th Anniversary Edition Newsletter.



From when I became a fresh-faced IPA member in 1978, I have enjoyed many positive experiences and had the good fortune to travel across all the inhabited continents, meeting colleagues and making lasting friendships.

I have been honoured to be part of great IPA teams at all levels in my own country as well as internationally, and I hope I have, in my own way, managed to give back something worthwhile.



I particularly look fondly on the successful strengthening of bonds between Sections UK and Ireland at branch, regional and national levels, including professional training seminars in both jurisdictions and in Gimborn. In this picture we see members of Section Ireland and IPA UK, Northern Ireland, with PEB members during the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) in Belfast in 2013.



I relish the positive strides we have achieved in Africa, including the 6-section cultural event in Eswatini, with a workshop, dealing with police and street children This is a testament to the foresight and resilience of enthusiastic individuals and their boards.

The support of police leaders is of prime importance and I am grateful to those, from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Kenya, Mauritius and Mozambique, whom I have met there or in conferences. I must, of course, also highlight the lead and support shown by Vossie Vos and his team in South Africa to all the neighbouring sections.



During my time with the IAC, I have been party to many changes of personnel and improvements to work processes.

Our current team of Elke, Kerry and Daniel do a super job and take changes in their stride, even during this difficult period of Covid-19. I look forward eagerly to the remainder of my tenure on the IEB.

I could have no better team!

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

THE IPA AT 70 – **MICHAEL WALSH**

On the edge of my local city of Galway is a small fishing village called the Claddagh. Today this village is most famous for its Claddagh Ring which incorporates two clasped hands holding a crowned heart. The heart represents love, the crown represents loyalty, and the two clasped hands represents friendship; three attributes that money cannot buy.



Traditionally these rings were kept with great pride as family heirlooms, which were passed lovingly down from mother to daughter on her wedding day. This romantic story centres on a man named Richard Joyce and the ring he created. Legend has it that shortly before he was due to be married, Richard, a fisherman, was captured at sea by pirates and sold into slavery in Algeria.

He became the property of a rich Moorish goldsmith, who sensing his potential, began to train him in his craft. In time, Richard Joyce became a fully proficient master craftsman and with thoughts of the girl he had left behind close to his heart, he fashioned the first Claddagh Ring symbolising his love, friendship and fidelity to her. In 1689 after an agreement with King William III to release all his subjects held in slavery, Richard Joyce found himself once more a free man. He returned home to Galway where he found that his sweetheart had waited for his return and presenting her with the Claddagh Ring when they were married.

This story is somewhat symbolic, with the ring representing the IPA. None of us own or can purchase the love, loyalty or friendship that the IPA gives us. It's a family heirloom that we hold and protect with great honour before passing it onto the next generation. 2020 should have been a year of tremendous celebration, but covid has stopped us in our tracks. So perhaps we should take this opportunity to look back and reflect upon the past 70 years and examine what we have achieved, and bring the best forward for our future generations.

In 1950 a humble police sergeant recognised the goodness in mankind and began the journey that has brought us all together. It has been said that Arthur Troop came through difficult situations, isolation and lack of interest in order to get where none of us could even imagine. In his post world-war era, his belief in the positive qualities of friendship started a revolution, and over the past 70 years we have all joined that journey.

The cornerstone of policing is human rights, embodied by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Arthur Troop saw this as a medium for us all to bring about greater good in the world. Greed and the grasp for power is challenging our world, and we as organs of our individual states, and collectively as the biggest police organisation in the world, can make a difference. We can make sure that the Richard Joyces of today are not subjected to slavery or torture. We can have an influence on things like climate change. And we must make sure that the IPA Ring that we hand down to our future generations is something we can be proud of.

Long live IPA!

Michael Walsh, Treasurer Finances

THE IPA AT 70 – **MARTIN HOFFMANN**

Dear IPA friends!

2020 should be the year in which we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the largest police organisation in the world, the IPA. Our association has had an unprecedented development over the last 70 years, and is now represented in 68 sections with more than 372,000 members worldwide.



2020 will, however, most likely be remembered as the year in which the Coronavirus struck the world and brought much suffering. Many dear IPA friends died this year, such as Anabela Alferes, Claude Amadori, Lluís Reñé Picola, Samuel Keitireng, Robert Literacki, and many others. They will always be in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

As police officers, we are particularly challenged at these moments, but we have learned to deal with these difficulties, and find solutions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all blue light organisations for their extraordinary engagement in this exceedingly difficult year.

The IEB was also called upon in 2020 to deal with this extraordinary situation. To assist sections, and, as the anticipated expenditure was reduced due to the cancellation of the World Congress, the international levy for 2020 was cut by almost half.



As Treasurer Social Affairs, I am also in charge of the IPA membership card (MSC). In response to feedback that the current MSC was difficult to read, a new design for the MSC 2021 was decided upon by the IEB.

I would also like to inform you that I am currently working on a project that would enable an electronic MSC for all sections. I am looking forward to presenting the outcome of this exciting project at the 2021 World Congress in Lloret de Mar / Spain.

For now, let us look ahead, celebrate our friendship in the knowledge that difficult moments cannot separate us, but moreover bring us together.

Let's stay in contact, let's stand together, let's help each other!

Servo per Amikeco!

Martin Hoffmann, Treasurer Social Affairs

THE IPA AT 70 – **PAST PRESIDENTS**



André Roches



Alphonse Smeyers



Herbert Kalicinsky



William CF Best



Peter J Matthews



Gunnar Alan Holmquist



Bernard Martinez



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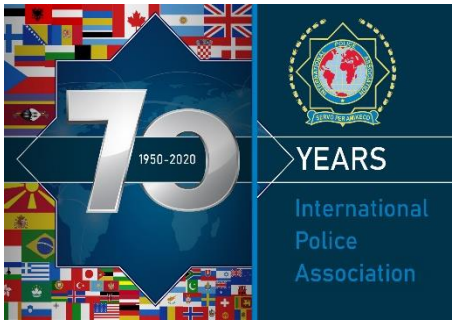




Michael Odysseos



THE IPA AT 70 – **MICHAEL ODYSSEOS**

Dear friends,

If there is one man alive this special edition 70th Anniversary Newsletter needs to honour, it is Michael Odysseos.



'Mr President'

Unfortunately, due to ill health, he was unable to write to us himself, but we agreed that I should put pen to paper and write a few paragraphs about the Michael I know so well, having served for 9 years on the PEB (Permanent Executive Bureau, now IEB) under his presidency, followed by an additional year where he supported the IEB as advisor.

I met Michael for the first time in Reno/Nevada in 2001, on the occasion of the first World Congress (IEC at the time) in which I participated. He was 65 years old; I was 31. While I was discovering the IPA at an international level, Michael was chairing his first congress, having been elected International President the previous year. And he would chair many more as he wore the president's chain for 4 consecutive terms until 2012, when he decided to resign and serve a final year on the international board as advisor.

Michael and the IPA can be described as a happy marriage of passion, hard work and strategy.

Passion first of all, because Michael's heart has been beating for the IPA since the day he discovered the association, founded Section Cyprus and took on responsibilities at both national and international level. He organised his life around the IPA, and devoted a large amount of his free time and travels to the association. Michael may come across as reserved at first glance, but the second any conversation turns to a topic affecting the IPA, his whole character becomes alive, almost on fire and he will start to debate, helped in this by a strong Mediterranean character!



On home ground: Michael at the Opening of the World Congress 2015 in Cyprus

Hard work because Michael always put a lot of energy into his work for the IPA. His travels were rarely recreational. He always held a large number of meetings, and knew how to ensure he would meet key people to find support for our cause. He was a true ambassador for the ideals of Arthur Troop, for whom he had an almost reverential respect.

His meticulousness is also noteworthy. Rarely in my life have I come across a person so well prepared for a working session. As President, he reviewed the agendas and had a work system that left little room for doubt or loopholes.



Michael as part of the IPA Cyprus delegation at the EWC 2014 in Potsdam

It was not uncommon for him to retire early in the evening at a congress or a board meeting, to refine a point, to prepare an argumentation, or to re-read for the umpteenth time the international statutes, rules and procedures that he knew so much better than anyone else.

Strategy, last but not least, because Michael is also good at calculating, and I like to raise this point on a slightly teasing note. No election, at least not until 2012, escaped Michael's predictions. He amazed me, always knowing down to the last number of votes, who would be elected to which position!

It was his way of bringing a bit of politics into the game and keeping a certain presidential hand on the upcoming elections. Some remember it happily, others a little less, perhaps regretting that they had not listened to him enough :-)



At the World Congress 2006, Slovenia



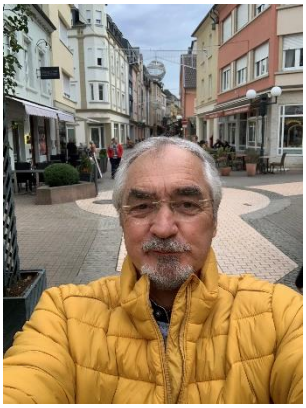
IEC 2010, Paris: lighting of the eternal flame

Michael, on behalf of the whole IPA family, I wish you the best of health, assuring you of our friendship and gratitude for the beautiful pages you have written for the benefit of the IPA. More than anyone else you believed and continue to believe in the development of our association, you who have been particularly committed to this end on the two continents of Africa and South America, as well as anywhere else in the world.

Big hug,

Pierre

THE IPA AT 70 – **ARMAND JAMINET**



When Arthur Troop founded the IPA 70 years ago, his aim was to bring together police officers from all over the world in one association, without distinction as to rank/position, gender, race, language, or religion.

He would certainly have been pleased that by the year 2020 his vision of an International Police Association had brought together some 372,000 members in 68 countries. Alas, the founder of our association passed away twenty years ago.

"A chance for the youth", said the former international president Jürgen Klös in 1988 at the IPA World Congress in Rotterdam. He meant that the sections, regions and liaison offices should also give young members on their respective boards the opportunity to become involved in the shaping of the IPA. In 1994 the delegates gave me this opportunity, when I was elected the youngest president of the IPA, a position that was confirmed in Canada three years later.





left: at the XVI WC 2000 in Bournemouth, with HRH Princess Anne; top: Presenting the World Police Prize to Arthur Troop in 1995

It has been my pleasure to work in the interest of the IPA for twelve years in the PEB, together with the International Board and the Sections.

I also had the honour of presenting the second IPA World Police Prize to the ODCCP (Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention) of the United Nations in Vienna in 2000 in front of 119 nations and 76 Foreign Ministers.

As a former president of our International Police Association, I wish the IPA all the best on its 70th anniversary. I am convinced that it will maintain its status and continue to play a significant role in society in the years to come.

Armand Jaminet, Former IPA President (1994-2000)

THE IPA AT 70 – **ROY STRAGNÉR**

My warmest congratulations on the 70th anniversary of the IPA!

The first time I heard about the IPA was from a college, when I worked as a police officer in Gothenburg. I was persuaded to take part, and became a member in 1966. I have now been a member for 54 years.



90th Birthday celebrations

Having been a fairly passive member at first, after having visited a regional meeting one evening, I found myself elected on their committee, and this was how my engagement in IPA work started.

I found out that the Swedish Section had decided to organise an international meeting, the IEC conference in 1977. As the responsibility to arrange this conference was given to the IPA Region in Gothenburg, I became more and more involved, and suddenly found myself elected National President and responsible for the whole IEC meeting. We were extremely pleased when the Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf accepted to come to Gothenburg and open the meeting. and also participated in the lunch with the IEC members following the opening ceremony. Police officers from about 30 sections were able to talk and spend time with the King of Sweden.

In 1982, I was elected as Vice President of the Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB), and in 1988, at the World Congress in Rotterdam, I was elected as International President. During this congress, we were once more honoured with the presence of royalty, as Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands took part in the closing of the congress.

During my time on the international board, the IPA was faced with the loss of our UN status, unfairly in my opinion, which was due to the political situation in South Africa and the fact that we had South African members. This presented an enormous loss of prestige for the IPA.

Thanks to the good work of our representative at the UN in Geneva, Michel Joye, and our representative in Vienna, Alfred Bauer, we succeeded in obtaining a very good informal contact with the UN, and the IPA was able to make our opinion clear. In New York, our representative Bill Rochford, equally made sure that that IPA was not forgotten.



Roy Stragner (centre), Chairman of the UN Affairs Commission, with commission members Michel Joye, Jerry Shapiro, Alfred Bauer and André Cavaille (1991)

In 1995, I had the privilege to be present at the UN, together with our Secretary General Alan Carter and Bill Rochford, when the ambassadors responsible for Non-Governmental Organisations voted unanimously in favour of our application for renewed membership.



During my time as International President, the borders in Eastern Europe opened, enabling people to travel again, similar to the situation we had when the IPA was born in 1950. We saw an increased interest in our association, and our Secretary General Theo Leenders and I visited many of the countries to explain what the IPA is about. Our number of member sections during this period increased.

Unfortunately, we now face a situation where interest in idealistic organisations in general is decreasing. It has become easy to find cheap travel options, and this problem does not only affect the IPA, but most idealistic organisations. With the Coronavirus situation, we once again face closed borders and are isolated in our homes. Perhaps we can turn this situation into something positive, when once again the borders open and we are able to meet each other.

I wish our association all the best for the future. The IPA has been part of my life for so long, and I really wish that we will be able see a positive development. Perhaps we need to find new activities, and perhaps we have to let Gimborn play a larger and more active part. I am convinced that the current IEB will be able to find new avenues to explore and allow our association to flourish and grow.



Presentation of the 1st World Police Prize to the SG of Interpol, R Kendall, at the WC 1994



PEB members, Delegates and Observers at the WC 1991 in Wellington, New Zealand

My sincere good wishes to you all for the years to come.

Roy Stragnér, Former IPA President (1988-1994)

THE IPA AT 70 – **JÜRGEN KLÖS**

70 Jahre – alt oder jung?

Unsere IPA geht in ihr achtes Jahrzehnt und wäre damit als Polizist überall auf der Welt schon längst im Ruhestand. Zum Glück ist sie es nicht, sondern bleibt aktiv und verfolgt die Idee von Arthur Troop weiter.

Ich lernte 1975 als Leiter der Verbindungsstelle Wiesbaden Arthur Troop kennen, weil eines unserer IPA-Mitglieder ein Haus in Southend-on-Sea in Südengland geerbt hatte und es der IPA zur Verfügung stellen wollte. Die erste Begegnung mit dem IPA-Gründer beeindruckte mich und Arthur Troop gefiel der Gedanke, ein IPA-Gästehaus mit seinem Namen zu eröffnen. Mit dem Einverständnis der Britischen Sektion wurde das Arthur-Troop-Haus dann auch 1976 eröffnet und bestand bis 1985.



WC 1994, Luxembourg. Clockwise from top left: J Klös, R Stragnér, K Homma, A Troop

1976 wurde ich in Calgary für mich völlig überraschend zum Dritten Internationalen Vizepräsidenten gewählt, obwohl ich beim Kongress nur einen Tag als Gast anwesend war. Im März 1977 fand dann im Château de la Voisine in Frankreich die erste PEB-Sitzung statt, an der ich teilnahm. Bei der Sitzungseröffnung stellte Generalsekretär Hallett fest, dass bis auf den wegen Krankheit entschuldigten Vizepräsidenten Dr. Karl Homma (Österreich) das PEB vollständig anwesend sei. Ich wandte ein, dass nach den internationalen Statuten der Gründer der IPA, Arthur Troop, ständiges Mitglied des PEB sei, hier aber nicht anwesend war. Generalsekretär Hallett erwiderte, Arthur Troop nehme schon lange nicht mehr an PEB-Sitzungen teil und sei deshalb auch nicht eingeladen worden. Ich stellte den Antrag, den Gründer zur nächsten PEB-Sitzung einzuladen und bei einer Absage von ihm gegebenenfalls eine Statutenänderung beim nächsten Kongress zu beantragen. Der Antrag wurde einstimmig angenommen, und ab 1978 war Arthur Troop dann bis zu seinem Tod Ende 2000 bei den PEB-Sitzungen wieder dabei. Er diskutierte nicht sehr viel mit, doch oft war seine Stellungnahme zu anstehenden Problemen bei deren Lösung recht hilfreich.

Seinen letzten großen Auftritt hatte er beim IPA-Weltkongress 2000 in Bournemouth, und er war sehr stolz darauf, dass Prinzessin Anne hier sein Lebenswerk anerkannte und würdigte.

Als Arthur wenige Monate weniger starb, hatte er sich gewünscht, dass seine sterblichen Überreste zur Trauerfeier von seinem Haus bis zur Christ Church in Stamford vom internationalen IPA-Präsidenten, vom Präsidenten der Britischen Sektion und von mir begleitet werden, was dann auch so geschah.

Der Gründer der IPA starb vor 20 Jahren, seine Idee aber lebt weiter – hoffentlich noch viele weitere Jahrzehnte, denn sie wird gebraucht, heute so wie vor 70 Jahren!

Jürgen Klös, Former IPA President (1982-1988)

THE IPA AT 70 – **International Administration Centre**

Congratulations from all of us at the International Administration Centre (IAC)!

Whereas the IPA can proudly look back on 70 remarkable years, the IAC is slightly younger, with its origins in the late 1980's.



Elke, Daniel and Kerry in front of the IAC office, located in the Arthur Troop House

With the IPA having expanded significantly from 8 European sections in the mid-1950s to 37 sections across the globe in the 1980's, it had become increasingly clear that it would be beneficial to establish a permanent office with professional and trained staff to assist the international board members with their extensive tasks, as well as supporting all IPA sections, and acting as the first point of contact for the general public.

Our 'home' is the Arthur Troop House in Nottingham, which we share with the staff of IPA United Kingdom.

Working at the IAC is a multicultural and multilingual experience with constant challenges and opportunities, and we never cease to be amazed by the tasks ahead of us on a daily basis, such as putting together this current special anniversary edition of the IPA Newsletter! 😊

Staff turnover has proven extremely low - always a good sign - and after Wendy Donaghy and Lesley Hughes supported the IPA 25 and 20 years respectively in the most dedicated way, our current IAC team of Office Manager Elke, Administrator Kerry and Web Administrator Daniel have been working together since mid-2018, under the leadership of the IPA Head of Administration, Stephen Crockard.



Former IAC staff Lesley and Wendy with IEB members Stephen and George

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all of us have now been working from home since March 2020, and although this has undoubtedly been a bit of a challenge, it has not stopped us from assisting the international board and all IPA sections as best as we possibly can.

All three of us are extremely grateful for the friendship shown to us from throughout the association, and we are looking forward to supporting the IPA for many more years to come!

Elke, Kerry and Daniel, IAC Team

THE IPA AT 70 – **IBZ GIMBORN**

A remarkable milestone – the IPA turns 70!

On behalf of IBZ Castle Gimborn, we are delighted to extend our warmest wishes and congratulations to the International Police Association on its 70th Anniversary. The IPA has achieved tremendous growth and success during this time and has created eminent good will in the huge worldwide police community. With your work, you have contributed to equality in the field of police services, and are maintaining close ties with national as well as international police organisations.

IBZ Gimborn is extremely pleased that you have been at our side since our foundation in 1969. The IPA has contributed to the benefits of its members in general and to the benefit of the IBZ. On many occasions, the IPA has played - and continues to play - a vital role in promoting the IBZ's educational work.



With your support, internationalisation has become real in Gimborn. Arthur Troop Scholars from all over the world have been joining international seminars at the IBZ ever since they were implemented.

Devoted IPA members from abroad come to international seminars as participants and lecturers. If it were not for the ongoing work of the IPA, these international meetings would not take place.

As an international organisation representing police officers from all ranks around the world, you bring together those who care for our communities and want to do their bit to make this world a better place. Friendships are being built, with many of them lasting a lifetime. It is your marvellous and appreciable efforts that make all this possible. We believe that the IPA will continue to progress in implementing its mission of enhancing friendship and cooperation among police officers and organisations around the world.

The IBZ is looking forward to continuing its efforts together with the IPA to build bridges between countries, and to bring together police officers in our premises on the grounds of learning and understanding each other in a world full of challenges.

IBZ Gimborn takes this opportunity to congratulate the board and the leadership on a wonderful journey of 70 years of success and growth. We wish the IPA continued success in the future, reaching to new heights in the coming days, and we look forward to continuing to work together in decades to come.

René Kauffmann, Director IBZ Gimborn Castle



THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ANDORRA**

Dear colleagues,

As you know, Andorra is a small country located in the Pyrenees between Spain and France with an area of 468 km^2 and about 75,000 inhabitants.

Due to Andorra's location, in the early 1970s, colleagues who had to go to France or Spain for a training course or for other specific reasons, and who got into contact with colleagues in both countries, joined the Spanish or French IPA section as appropriate. Given the increase in members in Andorra, eventually a group that was linked to Barcelona, Spain, was formed.

At the beginning of the year 2000, we started the process to become a national section, and in 2005, with the help of the Spanish national board and the International Secretary General John Waumsley, the Founding Committee of IPA Andorra was established.

In 2007, we were fully affiliated as a national section at the 34th IEC held in Hungary, and the first President of our section was Mr. Lluís Reñe Picola.

The strength of our section lies without doubt in spreading further the motto of the IPA, "SERVO PER AMIKECO", Service through Friendship. Andorra is a tourist country which is visited by more than 8 million visitors annually, and that is why, whenever circumstances allow us, we act as tour guides. We visit companions, and do all that we can to help all fellow members of the great IPA family who visit us. We also organise motorcycle tours and gastronomic meetings.

Of the around 550 officers in the police service, the penitentiary, customs and traffic, 185 are members of the IPA.



First meeting of the Founding Committee in 2005



In memory of the first national President, Sr. Lluís Reñe Picola

It is an honour to be able to give you a brief overview of the history of the Andorran section, of which I have the honour of currently being the President.

Toni Pujol, President IPA Andorra

Policia Argentina en Pandemia

Junto a los trabajadores esenciales, siempre brindando servicio a la comunidad.






Adaptamos nuestra Institución a la nueva modalidad de trabajo, bajo estrictos protocolos, a los efectos de ofrecerle a la familia policial un espacio de esparcimiento dentro del marco de esta pandemia.








Colaboramos con el CENAIH, Centro de Apoyo Integral Hematológico, que ofrece alojamiento a las familias de los niños en tratamiento de cáncer que se encuentran en el Hospital de Niños de la Ciudad de Rosario.

Adherimos a la Red Internacional de mujeres de Paz, construyendo un espacio de escucha con perspectiva de género para la mujer policía, en donde puedan intercambiar sus emociones, necesidades, fortaleza, autoconocimiento.

Trabajamos remotamente en cursos y soporte, mediante nuestro Centro de Capacitación, brindando ademas charlas abiertas y gratuitas a la comunidad sobre novedosas temáticas de interes general.

Acompañamos este 70° aniversario de IPA, lamentando no poder encontrarnos personalmente en el Congreso Anual, pero con la esperanza de volver a reunirnos pronto y seguir representando a la fuerza policial a nivel mundial.

José Luis Giacometti, Presidente Internacional IPA, Argentina

Roberto Donatiello, Secretario General IPA, Argentina

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ARMENIA**

Greetings from IPA Armenia!

In recent years, the Armenian section has had a number of productive arrangements and meetings. A few of these are highlighted below:

We welcomed a delegation from IPA Poland, including the former president of the Polish Section, Fryderyk Orepuk, in Armenia, and arranged a football competition between teams from IPA Armenia and Poland.

Mr. Florentin Skaletchi, member of the International Scientific Council of Human Rights and chairman of a Human Rights Defence Organisation in Romania, visited Armenia, together with Mr. Vasile Batcu, former president of IPA Moldova. A contract was arranged with regard to IPA Armenia becoming a Commissioner of International Human Rights in Armenia. Furthermore, a trilateral agreement between Armenia, Romania and Moldova on Human Rights was signed.









In addition, IPA Armenia welcomed visitors from IPA Sections Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Germany, as well as the presidents of IPA Macau and Hong Kong with a large delegation.

As president, I represented Section Armenia on a number of occasions, such as in Russia, where I took part in a meeting of IPA Russia on road safety, on a visit to the USA, where I met up with members of the section, and in Macau, where I took part in the international CMIC 2016 conference with a delegation from IPA Armenia.

Grisha Sargsyan, President IPA Armenia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION AUSTRALIA**

Greetings to all members!



My name is Jason Brewer; 2020 was an election year in Australia, and I am honoured to have been elected to represent our members as the National President. I am also Chairperson for the Western Australia Region, and have been a member of the IPA since 1998. I am a serving member of the Western Australian Police Force, with over 25 years' service, and am currently seconded to the "Digital Policing Division ". Since 2000, I have been a highly active and committed member in the Australian Section and Western Australian Region.

I would like to warmly welcome the new and existing members of the National Executive Board: Vice President Sean Killalea; Secretary General Fred Wojtasik; Assistant Secretary General Nathan Blain; National Treasurer Lorenzo Ricato. We had a list of items we wanted to achieve such as open and transparent communication with all members, modernising the association by creating a new database, a more secure e-mail system for office bearers and collaborating as a cohesive team. I believe these goals were successfully achieved in the past six years.

My goals as president for the next four years are as follows:

1. To continue to foster the important interpersonal relationships with Executive Members, Regional Executives, and Office Bearers, as well as the broader membership which we aim to increase.
2. To carry on the outgoing NEB projects such as increasing the awareness of IPA in the Oceanic and Pacific areas and providing support and friendship for their development as per the International Statutes, in the ethos of Arthur Troop.
3. To continue to train members to get more involved at a local and national level to foster succession planning for the NEB/ NEC, thereby achieving diversity among NEB and NEC members.
4. To assist members financially and professionally to attend international training courses.
5. To get back to the basics of what IPA stands for: friendship through service.
6. To further enhance our contribution to the International scene.

Our main priority remains the development and promotion of the IPA's services to our members.

Regrettably, a lot of events planned to celebrate 70 years of the IPA worldwide were put on hold or cancelled due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. We understand this is disappointing for everyone, however, the safety of our members and their loved ones remains our highest priority. Thankfully, we were able to issue a commemorative coin to our Australian members (yes, we will have spares).

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year! May 2021 be a better year, and I look forward to meeting more of you face to face in the coming years. Please feel free to contact me.

Jason Brewer, President IPA Australia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION AUSTRIA**

70 years of the International Police Association – a good reason to celebrate!

This anniversary – 70 years of the IPA – is a remarkable milestone indeed and, therefore, reason enough to celebrate!

We, the IPA Austrian Section, are happy and proud to participate, albeit Covid-19 is preventing us from organising parties and joining in person with our IPA friends. But this nasty virus does not stop us from being happy, raising our glasses and drinking a toast to the International Police Association.

In addition, we would also like to make a toast to the IPA Austrian Section, who joined the International Police Association as an affiliated member on 1 August 1959.



International Police Association

Diplome D'Affiliation Internationale

Par le présent diplôme il est attesté que la Section Rutrichienne formée le 1. du mois de août 1959; est reconnue officiellement comme section autonome nationale, comme prévu par les Statuts Internationaux, qu'elle jouit des pleins droits et privilèges de l'affiliation internationale à l'International Police Association et que la représentation au Comité Exécutif International lui est garantie.
Reconnaissance d'affiliation internationale accordée le 26. du avril 1960
à Londres
Au nom du Comité Exécutif Internationale de l'Association Internationale de Police.

Président International
Vice-Président International I.
Vice-Président International II.
Secrétaire Général.
Trésorier Général.

From 8 – 14 October 1995, the Austrian Section had the great pleasure to host the IEC Congress in Vienna with Arthur Troop as guest of honour.



Dear IPA friends - join us in our toast: “Long live the IPA! Servo per Amikeco!”

Robert Neumann, Secretary General, IPA Austria

Memories from the 65th Anniversary of IPA Belgium








Urbain de Vuyst, President IPA Belgium

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Greetings to all from IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina!

Like the rest of the world, we have been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why many events organised by IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and its clubs have been cancelled, and our projects are on hold.

We will highlight some of the projects that IPA BiH is working on:

In 2020, we actively started working on several projects, and the first of these is an Educational IPA Camp in Trebinje. The Steering Board of IPA BiH and the city of Trebinje, are working together on this project, and the land where the camp will be located, has been given to us as a gift.

The goal the educational camp, as far as the police are concerned, includes holding all professional seminars and courses in this location, with the aim of improving operational activities, and the readiness to act effectively in risky situations and perform very complex tasks, thus contributing to overall security. In addition, we will provide education for citizens, in the form of an info-centre for citizens; lectures for primary and secondary school students on drugs, peer violence, domestic violence and violence against women; open days and work on the strategy for police work in the community; all with the aim of improving the quality of life, and creating a society in which every citizen will feel safe, as well as the promotion of a culture of safe living.









The second project is the organisation of a seminar lasting three days for IPA members, on the topic of how to write a project for the EU and non-governmental organisations, planned for the first half of December.

The idea is to create working groups of three members in each IPA club in BiH, which will work on the development of projects and their further realisation.

We would also like to mention our section's active participation and involvement in the Balkan-Adriatic Conference, and IPA BiH is determined to host this conference in 2021.

Aleksandar Grčić, President IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION BOTSWANA**

Kind regards to all Sections, the IEC, the IEB and friends on the 70th anniversary of the IPA!



It is our humble pleasure to be part of this noble organisation. We take this time also to salute all those who have been on the frontlines with respect to the pandemic that is threatening the world.

Our airports and beautiful tourist destinations, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park etc. are open, and you are all invited to visit us here in Botswana.

Lastly, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Shortly into the new year, we will invite the IPA community for an African Friendship event.



The NEC, IPA Botswana

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION BRAZIL**

The Brazilian Section of the IPA celebrated the 70th anniversary of the International Police Association - IPA, in a national online meeting with its members.

The National President, Dr Joel Zarpellon Mazo, after talking about the history of IPA and the "status quo", then gave his congratulatory message:



"On the first day of 1950, the largest police association in the world, the International Police Association - IPA, was born. The beauty of this birth was its reason for living, its motto: "Servo per Amikeco" (Service through Friendship). Friendship, true friendship, is one of the purest feelings of human beings, it generates harmony, fraternal union, peace and solidarity. It is a feeling that encourages individual cooperation between peers around the world. This year, our beloved IPA completed its 70 years of work, with ups and downs, but with many achievements. Thanks to each of its members who are part of a history that, today, gains another chapter of emotion, hard work, effort, commitment and companionship. Being part of this association is like having another family, which is why we care about it, take care of it, and why we want to see it get better and better. In fact, on this day, all of us should be congratulated, and we only have to celebrate, no matter the mishaps that arose in front of us, for it is certain that the work will continue, and next year we will have even more reasons to celebrate."

At the time of the IPA's 70th anniversary celebration, the story of the founder, Arthur Troop (1915-2000) was recalled.



In Brazil, Arthur Troop is immortalised by chair number 20, which bears his name, and which was inaugurated in a special ceremony of the Brazilian Academy of Science, Arts, History and Literature - Abrasci, in a solemn act, on 12 December 2015.

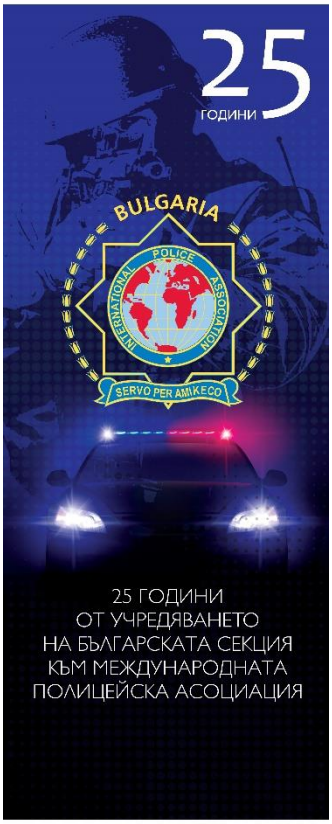
Directorate of Social Affairs, IPA Brazil

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION BULGARIA**

Warm greetings in cold times from Bulgaria to all members of our international family! Happy Anniversary, dear friends! Servo per Amikeco!



62nd World Congress in Bulgaria, 2017





4th IPA Balkan – Adriatic Meeting in Bulgaria, 2018



First Folklore Festival in Bulgaria, 2019



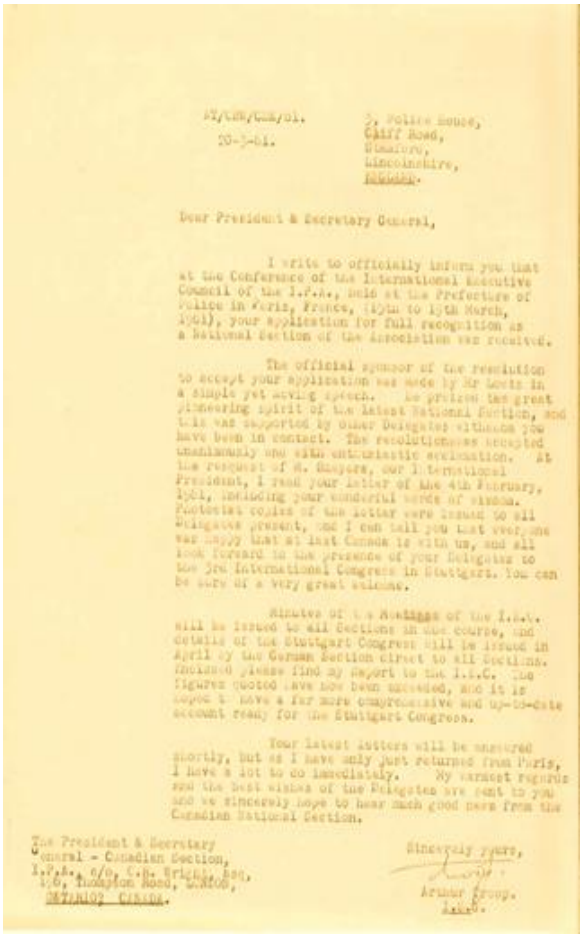
Ognyan Bogoev, President, IPA BULGARIA

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION CANADA**

Greetings and salutations to all!

As with most Sections, 2020 has been a very inactive year for this section due to the pandemic. Gone is the usual camaraderie through individual travel, friendship weeks, and other special events. I fervently wish that we come out of 2020 a stronger and more resilient organization, and I am sure we will - if we all work together - beat this nemesis. We can then celebrate that we have made it safely through a truly world-altering ordeal.

2021 is the 60th Anniversary of the Canadian Section. We were welcomed into the IPA family in March of 1961 at an Extraordinary World Congress in Paris, France. Our founder, Rev. Charles Wright (1925-2016), laboured extremely hard and put in countless years recruiting, with guidance from Arthur Troop, to bring the IPA to North America. Below is a copy of the letter received by Charles from Arthur Troop advising the resolution to give Canada full recognition as a Section of the Association was approved by the World Congress delegates.



Dear President & Secretary General,

I write to officially inform you that at the Conference of the International Executive Council of the I.P.A., held at the Prefecture of Police in Paris, France, (5pm to 10th March, 1961), your application for full recognition as a National Section of the Association was received.

The official sponsor of the resolution to accept your application was made by Mr Lewis in a simple yet moving speech. He praised the great pioneering spirit of the latest National Section, and his was supported by other Delegates although you have been in contact. The resolution was accepted unanimously and with enthusiastic acclamation. At the request of M. Rogers, our International President, I read your letter of the 4th February, 1961, including your wonderful words of wisdom. Photostat copies of the letter were issued to all Delegates present, and I can tell you last week, one was happy that at last Canada is with us, and all look forward to the presence of your Delegates to the 3rd International Congress in Stuttgart. You can be sure of a very great welcome.

Minutes of the Meetings of the I.E.C. will be issued to all Sections in due course, and details of the Stuttgart Congress will be issued in April by the German Section direct to all Sections. Enclosed please find my report to the I.E.C. The figures quoted have now been increased, and it is hoped to have a far more comprehensive and up-to-date account ready for the Stuttgart Congress.

Your latest letters will be answered shortly, but as I have only just returned from Paris, I have a lot to do immediately. My warmest regards and the best wishes of the Delegates are sent to you and we sincerely hope to hear much good news from the Canadian National Section.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Troop.

The President & Secretary General - Canadian Section, I.P.A., c/o, C.H. Wright, Esq., 1.6, Thompson Road, LONDON, ONTARIO CANADA.

Section Canada grew from one region in South Western Ontario to the current 14 regions that spread from coast to coast.

Although travel and social gatherings were fewer this year and were in some cases cancelled because of the virus, we took advantage of the relatively quiet time to institute technological advances to our communications processes, and to overhaul our organization structure. Our membership approved an updated version of our National Bylaws that will stand us in good stead for years to come.

We recognize and thank the members of the IEC and the IAC for their dedication and leadership through these trying times.

In closing, Section Canada wishes everyone health and happiness. We weren't able to celebrate the IPA's 70th anniversary in 2020 as we would have liked, but hopefully 2021 will see belated festivities that we can entitle IPA's 70+1 anniversary celebration.

Chris Barratt, President IPA Canada

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION CROATIA**

Dear friends in the world, on all continents!



The IPA Croatian Section is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its existence, and the happiness and satisfaction we experience in the International Police Association.

IPA means eternal as well as sincere friendship, it is unique, and can be nurtured only by the most humane people, such as the police, who are committed to protecting the safety of people and general world values.

We are happy to have hosted the delegations of 67 IPA sections on the eve of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the IPA, at the IPA World Congress 2019 in Dubrovnik, and this was our greatest reward. We dedicate the parade of 312 IPA members in ceremonial uniforms on the world-famous promenade of the city of Dubrovnik to the 70th anniversary of the IPA.



SERVO PER AMIKECO!

Željko Turk, Secretary General IPA Croatia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION CYPRUS**

The IPA is today the largest organisation of police officers in the World. We have built together an Association on sound foundations, based on the ideals and vision of our founder Arthur Troop. All of us must feel proud of being members of this great organisation, which our founder had the wisdom to establish 70 years ago.

As far as Cyprus is concerned, in September 1981, Michael Odysseos was the Commanding Officer of the Port and Marine Police. One day, he noticed a cruise ship entering the Limassol harbour with a large flag hanging on its side. As he saw such a flag for the first time, he approached the ship, and noticed that the flag was bearing a globe with “International Police Association” written on it, and at the bottom the words “SERVO PER AMIKECO”.

Michael Odysseos went on board and was told that the ship had been chartered by a large group of police officers from Austria. He asked for the group leader, who was a high-ranking police officer from Graz, Dr. Hubert Holler, who was introduced as the national IPA President of Austria. Mr. Odysseos invited Dr. Holler with a small group to his office, and was told about the IPA and the ideals of its founder Arthur Troop.



XXI IPA World Congress, held in Limassol, Cyprus

In February 1982, Michael Odysseos visited Austria and Greece, and with their assistance drafted national statutes, and was advised how to proceed in order to establish an IPA Section in Cyprus. In the meantime, new members were enrolled, and six IPA regions were formed (Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, Famagusta and Morphou).

In September 1982, a Founding Meeting was held in Limassol, and the national statutes were adopted. In addition, a Founding IPA Committee consisting of nine members was elected. Mr Michael Odysseos was elected as Secretary General and IEC Representative of the Cyprus Section. The same year - with the support of the national sections of Greece and Austria - the PEB accepted the application of the Founding Committee, and Cyprus was given the status of Section in Foundation.

In September 1983, at the 19th IEC Conference in Antwerp Belgium, the Cyprus Section was unanimously recognised as a self-governing national section. Today, IPA Cyprus has six regions with approximately 4,500 members (95% serving police officers), is very active in all IPA areas, and participates unfailingly and very actively in all international activities / functions of the Association.

In 1993, IPA Cyprus successfully hosted the 25th IEC Conference in Nicosia, and in 2015, Cyprus was entrusted to host the XXI World Congress in Limassol.



K. Perikleous, M. Odysseos and D. Demtriou at the National Congress of IPA Cyprus 2019

At the beginning of his international career, Michael Odysseos was elected as Internal Auditor. In 1994, the President of the Cyprus Section was elected for two consecutive terms as second International Vice President, and in 2000, at the XVI IPA World Congress in Great Britain, as International President, an office he held for 12 years, and he honoured this position with his active leadership. He was awarded for his services to the Association with the IPA Bronze Medal in 1986, the Silver Medal in 1993, and the Gold Medal in 2012, at the IPA World Congress in Eilat when he voluntarily stood down, and took over as Advisor to the IEC and PEB due to his great experience .

Michael retired in 2019, and his place as President of IPA Cyprus was taken over by Demetris Demetriou. The Cyprus Section continues to be active in the IEB and the IPA commissions with Demetris Demeriou as the Chairperson of the Professional Commission (PC), and with Kyriakos Perikleous as a member of the Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC).

Cyprus will continue to be an active member of the Association for many years to come, in the spirit of the IPA and our motto “Servo Per Amikeco”.

We wish every success to our Association and Happy Birthday on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the IPA.

The National Board of IPA Cyprus

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION CZECH REPUBLIC**

Congratulations and greetings from IPA Czech Republic!

On the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the IPA, we would like to share photos with you of three major IPA events we are proud to have hosted in our section:





International Youth Gathering 2012



Meeting of Central Eastern European Sections 2015

Servo per Amikeco,

Josef Neruda, President IPA Czech Republic

IPA – NOT JUST A WORLD, BUT AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE OF OPPORTUNITIES

Section Denmark has been working for some time now on what we would like to become a viable long-term strategy for the Section. When elaborating on such an important theme, one is often led to consider the basic principles of the organisation for which you would establish strategic goals. In other words: Which are our basic values epitomised by our motto; SERVO PER AMIKECO?



Through our debates and queries on this overriding question we have found that a tendency to ask the wrong question has emerged; namely asking what the IPA can do for me, instead of asking what I can do for the IPA. It is our conviction that if our proud founder Arthur Troop could be asked, which question is the better one, he would nod benignly and say that the latter answer of course is the one reflecting our motto. Thus, we have chosen that the IPA, and not the member of the IPA, is at the core of our strategy.

Do we think that this strategic basis is instrumental in bringing the IPA further and securing the said viable strategy? We most surely do so! Only when realising that it is not just one member or one section, but all members and all sections, that form and sustain the IPA, will we have reached a basis for the viable and vigorous strategy for our organisation.

What do we hope to achieve from this strategic point of departure? It is our belief that on the basis thereof, we – together with all our friends around the world – can create a universe, a universe of mutual friendship, mutual understanding and mutual co-operation; a borderless and boundary-less world of friendship created in the spirit of our motto.

Please allow Section Denmark to congratulate our wonderful organisation on her seventieth anniversary, a young, vigorous viable lady!

Michael Boolsen, President IPA Denmark

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ESTONIA**

Dear IPA colleagues!

As the overall IPA has started its seventies, IPA Estonia still has a lot to learn, and our section looks upon our predecessors and their achievements. 70 years of international cooperation and communication have opened better career and travel opportunities for many of us. The exchange of information on practices and professional activities between different countries has become more transparent. During those years, policing has improved dramatically, the world has clearly become a safer place, and we all feel much stronger together as one big family.

Arthur Troop managed to create a wonderful community of friendship, where each member can find support even in the most difficult situation or in an unfamiliar place - be it in the county of Lincolnshire with a population of about 1,000,000, or in Estonia with a population of 1,300,000. However, while Estonia has an area of 45,227 square kilometres and the county of Lincolnshire only covers an area of 6,959 square kilometres, Estonians would not cope on 6,959 square kilometres. We need our space.

Ever since we started our IPA journey in 1993, we have had both ups and downs. We have created our own great tradition in the form of our annual Summer Days event, which has grown beyond our borders. Many IPA sections from all over the world have attended the event during those years, and the feedback has been nothing but positive. It gives us commitment and a desire to carry on with this tradition, and to develop the event even more for the benefit of our IPA family.

We are certainly proud to be the first section who can officially wear the IPA emblem on a police uniform. It clearly shows that everything is possible if you put your heart and soul to it. We have achieved this, and many other great things, thanks to the strong foundation laid by previous national boards. Therefore, we would like to express our special gratitude to our former presidents: Mr. Priit Kelder, Mr. Heido Mägi, Mr. Raivo Küüt and Mr. Ain Lepikult!

I am honoured to be a part of the Estonian section and the IPA as a whole at such a difficult time. Although the current situation places great constraints on our activities, we need to keep up the spirit and find new ways for our routines and mission. I believe that by the end of the pandemic, we will be stronger and more united than ever.

Congratulations to all of us!

Uno Laas, President IPA Estonia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ESWATINI**

IPA Eswatini, under the leadership of President Mr. W. W. Dlamini, herewith joins the IPA family in celebrating the IPA's 70th Anniversary.

In commemoration of the anniversary, IPA Eswatini will be handing over a house duly constructed by the Manzini IPA Region in 2020, for a family in need: the Msibi family of eight, who were found living in a one-roomed house. The Msibi family was identified by the police, whilst investigating criminal cases in the Malutha area.

Pictured hereunder is the house to be donated to the Msibi family.





Simangele Motsa, Secretary General IPA Eswatini

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION FINLAND**

IPA Finland – the Sporty Section

The 70th anniversary of the IPA has been as exceptional for Section Finland as in all other countries and regions. Although Section Finland did not organise a special anniversary event, it had some memorable moments during the year, especially around outdoor sport events.

Throughout its history, IPA Finland has been active in organising sport events for its members. This year, as in many previous years, Section Finland built its own team for a national cycling campaign Kilometre Race. With 76 team members, IPA Finland formed the biggest police team in the campaign. During the pandemic, cycling turned out to be one of the most popular ways to do sports in Finland, with over 3000 registered teams and over 30 million km cycled inside the campaign alone.



Another example of IPA Finland's sporty year was the first ever football tournament organised between the subdivisions of IPA Finland. Four teams gathered in the capital region for the tournament with great IPA spirit and fair play, as can be noticed from the picture. ☺

Alongside sports, Section Finland contributed to the educational side of the IPA by hosting and lecturing a webinar on 'Combatting Terrorism and Violent Extremism'. In collaboration with Gimborn and IPA UK, the webinar consisted of 6 interesting lectures on terrorism, with two lectures by experts from Finnish police forces.

On Tuesday 17th November 2020, Section Finland made history by hosting the annual meeting virtually for the first time ever. The meeting was well run by our national President Jari Kinnunen, with over 50 members participating in the meeting from sub-divisions from all over Finland with their laptops and phones.

Despite the exceptional and in many ways dark times, IPA Finland believes strongly in the future with emerging young and active IPA members and culturally diverse and rich upcoming events with IPA friends.

We wish you and the whole IPA community Merry Christmas and brightness for the year 2021!

Servo per Amikeco!

Jorma Niemi, 1st Vice President & Mikko Värri, National Treasurer, IPA Finland

IPA Parade on the most beautiful avenue in the world "Les Champs Elysées", during the 36th International Executive Congress in Paris, 2010

On this day of Friday 10 September 2010, the sun illuminates the Champs Elysées and the Arc de Triomphe. Everyone has put on their uniform and prepared the flag of their country in order to show that their IPA section is represented in Paris and participates in the prestigious parade of IPA sections, escorted by the mounted brigade, and members of the Paris traffic.



While waiting for the departure of the procession, the colleagues in uniform pose for photos with the Parisian tourists, who are curious and enthusiastic.

When the whistle is blown, the traffic on the Champs Elysées comes to a stop, silence reigns, time stands still, everyone is in place, the music of the Paris Police Prefecture band opens the parade, and they set off, followed by the flag bearers, with their banners blowing in the wind, towards the Arc de Triomphe, which stands proudly in front of us.

The traffic around the Place de l'Etoile roundabout is stopped, and we progress under the flashing lights, surrounded by spectators on both sides, who are surprised and moved to see so many uniformed police officers from 60 countries, united by the common values of friendship, fraternity, equality, and without any distinction of gender, race, or rank, in perfect humanity.

At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, under the arch, we pay tribute to all our fallen colleagues by rekindling the flame of remembrance and laying wreaths of flowers.

The authorities and ambassadors are present, and as we are on the eve of the sad anniversary of the attack of 11 September 2001 in New York, we are honoured to be joined by His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States, accompanied by his wife.

Respectfully, we listen first to the national anthems of the USA and France, then to the IPA hymn, performed by the band of the Paris Préfecture de Police.

This emotionally-charged ceremony allows us to reaffirm the friendship that unites us, as well as the fraternity that animates us, and in addition reminds us how important it is to show solidarity in in the difficulties we face in of our profession as police officers.

Rose Lourme, Honorary President IPA France

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION GERMANY**

The federal board of the IPA German Section congratulates our international umbrella organisation on the occasion of the IPA's 70th anniversary.

We would like to thank Arthur Troop, as well as all active IPA officials of the past and present, for their tireless work on IPA matters.

We wish you all the best for the future, and hope to see you soon again in person!



Photo: Hubert Vitt, IPA

Horst W. Bichl, President IPA Germany

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION GIBRALTAR**

Greetings from the IPA Gibraltar Section!

We have had an interesting year with lots of challenges, as I am sure many other sections have had to endure as a result of the pandemic.



IPA Gibraltar President Craig Philbin, with IPA Club Manager, Karen McCarthy

At the beginning of lockdown earlier in the year in Gibraltar, the IPA Committee got together and began a refurbishment of our beautiful club which included painting the place top to toe, and lots of garden maintenance work being carried out.

We re-opened in late July with restrictions on capacity, and we decided to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the IPA by hosting various charity events raising money for local charities who have suffered a lack of funding as a direct result of the pandemic.

These charities included Cancer Relief Gibraltar, for whom we raised £1300, and the Animals In Need Foundation, for whom we have raised £2400!

We have also held events for Gibraltar Samaritans who were very grateful for some much-needed publicity, raising awareness of the fantastic work they carry out for the Community of Gibraltar.





We wish all of our brothers and sisters in the association our very best for the Holiday Season and pray you all stay safe and well.

Servo Per Amikeco,

Craig Philbin, President IPA Gibraltar

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION GREECE**

The Hellenic Section was founded in 1965 and was recognised the same year at the 7th IEC in Barcelona, on 29 September.



IPA Greece's founder: retired General Konstantinos Vasilakis

The pioneers of our section were Konstantinos Vasilakis, then Lieutenant Colonel of the Gendarmerie, who was also the chairman of the founding committee, and our other founding members. We would also like to highlight the late Antonakis Demestihas, the first elected President of IPA Greece. All of the above were inspired by the values of our late founder Arthur Troop. Our sponsor section was IPA Germany.

in 1986, our section bought the 5th floor of an apartment building at 2 Iktinou Street ,in the centre of Athens, covering an area of 180 m^2, and this is where the heart of our national section has now been beating for 34 years. On 19 July 1995, our IPA House on Acharnon Street in Athens was inaugurated, marking the start of operating IPA Houses in our country. This was followed by the opening of the IPA House in Thessaloniki on 14 June 1997. Nowadays, we also have an IPA House for our members on the beautiful island of Chios, which is managed by the local region, while two more Houses were opened in the last three years for our members in the enchanting Nymfaio of Florina and in the exotic Sternes village in Chania (Crete).

In 1982, the first issue of our quarterly magazine "IPA News" was published, and in 1992 the first annual calendar.



IPA Greece hosted the IEC 1998

The Hellenic Section has initiated a huge range of innovative actions over the years, and with more than 11,000 highly active members both serving and retired we are towards the top with regard to overall IPA membership within our great Association. Our section has shown a continuous and active presence in World Congresses, as well as the International Executive Board: Mr. Ioannis Panousis held the position of Assistant Secretary General in the three years from 2003 - 2006, and was thereafter succeeded in the same position by the late Georgios Katsaropoulos from 2006 – 2009, after which he became the IPA's Secretary General, a position he held until his death in 2019. In 2019, Kyriakos Karkalis was elected as IPA Vice President and chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission.

In 2016, our section was honoured to be awarded the IPA World Prize for the solidarity and the great contribution shown in the face of the refugee crisis, in particular to unaccompanied children, working in close cooperation with UNICEF.

IPA Greece organised the 28th IEC in October 1998. Since then, dozens of international events have followed: the first International Meeting of Women Police Officers in Heraklion (Crete) in October 2014, the International IPA House Managers Meeting in the same year, the International Symposium in Ancient Olympia held in 2016, Mediterranean and other regional meetings and many more.

We are proud to organise the IPA World Congress 2022 in our country.



Group photo of the IEC 1998, held in Athens, with the attendance of Arthur Troop

At the World Congress in Romania in 2011, our section presented the seven fundamental principles of the IPA: Friendship, Hospitality, Humanism, Solidarity, Unity, Universality and Volunteering. At the World Congress in Copenhagen in 2013, we proposed the Peace Resolution submitted to the UN.

We are pleased to have been the Sponsor Section for the national Sections of Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania and Cyprus (for the last one, in conjunction with IPA Austria).

In our lives as members of theIPA we feel that volunteering and contributing create a more humane and hospitable world. We will continue energetically, responding to the challenges of the new era.

SERVO PER AMIKECO – HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE IPA!

Vlassios Valatsos - President IPA Greece

Vasilios Papas – Secretary General IPA Greece

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION HONG KONG**



Since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Police makes every effort to combat COVID-19. The Police have been conferred the power to enforce new laws, and have been actively supporting the Department of Health (DH) with tasks related to disease prevention, quarantine and prosecution. The Police also make a concerted effort in combating the disease with the community.

With a view to fighting the virus, police officers proactively carried out inspections in eateries, bars and other designated premises, issuing fixed penalty tickets against those who had contravened the prohibition on group gatherings and the mask-wearing requirement.

In a bid to control the spread of disease, police officers have been assisting with quarantine-related tasks at boundary control points and quarantine centres. They have also been carrying out spot checks on persons under compulsory quarantine orders.



To effectively monitor the spread of the virus, Major Incident Investigation and Disaster Support System (MIDSS), which functions as a 'supercomputer', is activated to trace the sources of infection and persons who come into close contact with confirmed cases.

The Police joined hands to fight COVID-19 with the communities. Police officers across the districts joined local community leaders to distribute anti-epidemic items to the elderly and grassroot citizens. Officers also hand out leaflets to enhance the awareness of the public on anti-epidemic measures.

Working through this rough time, the Police continues to join hands with different sectors of society to win this battle against the epidemic.

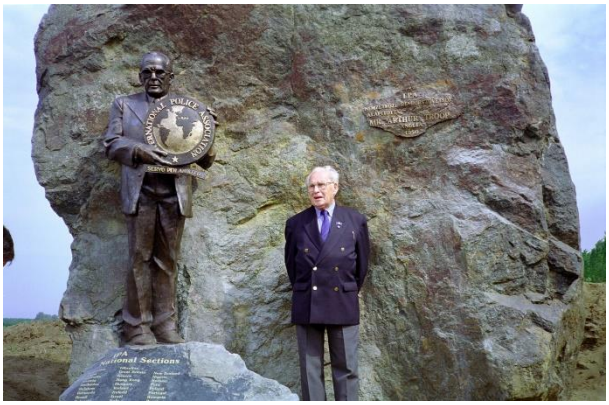
Jack Tam, President IPA Hong Kong

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION HUNGARY**

Dear IPA Friends,

I was given a nice, honourable assignment: On behalf of the Presidency of the IPA Hungarian Section and all members of it, I am delighted to greet the members of the large IPA family on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of IPA's foundation in this online publication.

When reading this newsletter, our past, present and future comes to life. 70 years: From a historical perspective, it is not a significant time, but for a human, it is a whole lifespan. In the case of an organisation, an association such as the IPA is already at an adult age, if not offensive, I would say old, but at least experienced, able to show serious results, have a strong past, and a vision of a serious future, in a good sense, a community capable of projecting.



Inauguration of A.Troop Statue,
(1998 - Jászszentandrás, Hungary)

What happened 70 years ago?

Arthur Troop, a Lincolnshire police officer, dared to dream big. He dared to think about "Servo per Amikeco"! He thought that policemen and -women around the world wanted one thing, to provide security and peace to the people who demand it, to the people in need who would count on them. He dared to think that regardless of rank, gender, skin colour, language or religion, a social, cultural, and professional relationship could develop between members of law enforcement. He dared to think that his idea would soon find followers and, with the help of the first pioneers, the organisation he envisioned would become international. And his dream has come true!

If we were to sit around the festive table of our big family, more than nearly 400,000 family members from 68 countries around the world would celebrate together now. Let us close our eyes for a moment and imagine this! A wonderful and soul-lifting image! And from one year to the next, there are more and more of us sitting at this table, in the greatest peace, understanding and friendship…

In 1950, Arthur Troop's "dream" came true. 39 years later, first with only a few people, and then more and more, my colleagues became part of this dream.

In 1989, a regime change took place in Hungary. A delegation of seven police officers from my hometown Sopron, a small city on the Austrian-Hungarian border, travelled to the twin city of Sopron, Kempten, in Germany. My colleagues heard about the IPA there first and were soon admitted as associate members. A few months later, several branches of the Austrian IPA Section approached colleagues of Sopron, Vas county, Veszprém and Budapest, whose groups were happy to join IPA as associate members.

At the beginning of December 1990, the Association of IPA Members of Hungary was established. In 1991 at the World Congress in Wellington, the applause was for us, for the Hungarians, the members of the Hungarian IPA, where a decision was made in our favour, but we had also decided amongst us to become members of a group living

according to the principles of “Servo per Amikeco”. We are grateful for this sublime experience at the time and for the IPA Austrian Section for being our mentor and smoothing our path during the initial stumbling steps.

We have come a long way since then. We also grew up, and in 2021 we will be 30 years old. Perhaps the most beautiful age in human life. Being an adult, but still having the charm of youth, and having the knowledge and experience acquired at school. We have gained a lot of experience in the last three decades, sometimes with sweat, sometimes with torment, but also with lots and lots of joy, a sense of accomplishment, recognition, and appreciation.

We are proud of creating values that currently only we have among the IPA sections. In 1998, the founder of the IPA visited Hungary. Our presidency at the time invited him to a ceremony, where Arthur Troop was taken by helicopter to a location where he was asked to unveil an IPA statue. The veil fell, and he found himself facing a life-size bronze statue. His eyes did not stay dry either …Two years ago, at the closing chord of the Conference of Central and Eastern European IPA Sections, we were able to inaugurate a new public space on the banks of the river Danube in Ráckeve, named the IPA Promenade.



Inauguration of the IPA Promenade (2018 - Ráckeve, Hungary)

Dear IPA Friends! As I always say, I believe that the mission of IPA was, is, and will be, as Arthur Troop envisioned …

On behalf of the IPA Hungarian Section, I wish that this mission continues with undiminished faith and with the hope that every year, more members will sit around the imaginary, festive, large IPA-family table.

Servo per Amikeco!

Maria Mészáros, Vice President IPA Hungary

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ICELAND**

I started the year in the Dominican Republic on a holiday, and it feels like it was many years ago. I was very excited for this year in the IPA, since we had planned a professional seminar, and I had made plans for myself and others from the national board to attend the Nordic Baltic meeting, the NEF meeting, and were starting to plan the World Congress in Spain. With all this cancelled or postponed, I look forward to a very busy 2021.

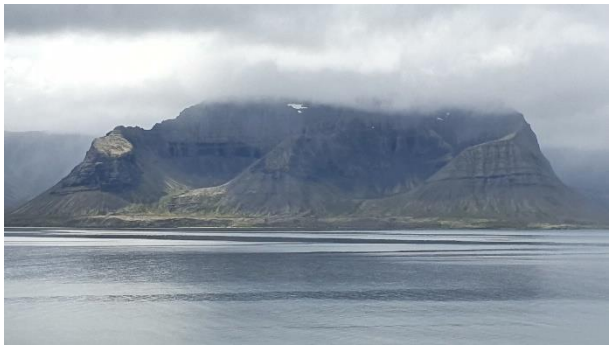
Section Iceland has not been able to make any plans for this year like most of you as well.

The Icelandic police have been divided into small groups to defend against Covid-19, to make sure that the police are functional if and when police officers become infected with the virus. We are not allowed to meet outside of work or meet other officers in different departments. That makes any planning very difficult. We still have to hold an annual meeting for 2020.



Enjoying some much-needed social time with Treasurer Gunnar Helgi Stefansson

Our budget is at its best, so we look forward to next year and will try to be as active as possible and present at least three IPA meetings/events.



I became infected with Covid-19 mid-March and stayed inside for 4 weeks, starting with a quarantine and then isolation when I was diagnosed. I did not get sick, but I lost my sense of smell and taste. I did not taste whiskey or wine.

I was able to travel in Iceland mid-summer when Covid “took a break” and enjoyed some of Iceland’s great nature.

In my opinion Iceland has been lucky in all of this. There have not been any protests against restrictions, and our economy was in a decent shape to tackle this. We look forward to better times and welcome you all to Iceland on your holidays.

Let’s keep our eye on the future and on the IPA motto.

Until we meet again,

Baldur Olafsson, Acting President / Secretary General IPA Iceland

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION IRELAND**

It is my privilege, on behalf of Section Ireland, to mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the International Police Association by contributing to this special edition of the IPA Newsletter.

Section Ireland was affiliated to the International Police Association at the first World Congress in 1955, which was held in Paris. Our section was one of eight sections affiliated to the IPA in 1955, the other seven being Sections UK, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland.

Since that meeting in 1955, Section Ireland has continued to develop, recruiting new members each year. Our membership now stands at 7,000. The profiling of the IPA and encouragement of members to participate in IPA professional, cultural and social activities has been an ongoing process since 1955. Section Ireland provides excellent IPA accommodation, and presently owns and manages six houses, with our IPA Headquarters in Dublin City, and the other properties situated throughout Ireland, which benefits our national members and International visitors.



IPA Ireland hosting the IEB in Dublin in 2019

Section Ireland continues to play a significant role in the international life of our Association and was one of the first sections to bring a fully prepared seminar to Gimborn Castle, in 1994. Our section continues to sponsor the attendance of up to twenty of our members at professional seminars at Schloss Gimborn each year.

IPA Ireland is proud to have had many members serve on International Commissions and a number of our members continue to play a significant role as members of those Commissions. Ms Phyllis Nolan was the first Irish member to be elected to the PEB and in 2019, Section Ireland was delighted to support Michael Walsh, in his bid to join the IEB. Our Section was jubilant in Michael's election as international Treasurer Finances.

I am privileged to have been elected the 10th President of Section Ireland. Each President and all National Executive Committees, Regional and Branch Committee members gave and give selflessly of their time in nurturing the vision of our great founder, Arthur Troop, thereby providing the members of our section and our international visitors with the services of the IPA, in the true ethos of our Association's motto, Servo per Amikeco; "Seirbhís trí Chairdeas" in our native Gaelic language. "Service through Friendship".

Section Ireland pays tribute to our founder Arthur Troop and all IPA members who over the past 70 years have given sterling service to the International Police Association. We wish all Sections and all members of the IPA all the best for the future.

Stay safe,

Conor O'Higgins, President IPA Ireland

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ISRAEL**

Affiliation:	15 May 1963, IEC Oslo
Sponsored by:	IPA UK
IPA Membership beginning 2020:	23,750
Congresses hosted:	1968 (Netanya); 2012 (Eilat)
Current President:	Yacov Terner
Website:	www.ipa-israel.org.il

An insight from the section:

Beginnings



Hans Shlaymer (middle) with Commissioner Aria Ivtzan (left)

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

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

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

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

Facts about the section

This year, the section is near to crossing the barrier of 24,000 members.

IPA Israel recruits more than 1,000 members per year, while losing around 600 through natural causes.

The membership fee in IPA Israel is amongst the highest in the IPA, with members paying 10 Euros per month. Members regain, however, almost all the money they pay, via a gift card; and for projects within the 120 branches, such as culture, sports, travel. The budget is personal, and all activities are recorded in a computerised system.

The section has 120 branches, with elections taking place every 4 years. The National assembly, the 'parliament' of IPA Israel, consists of 200 members, and all major decisions of the section need the approval of the 'parliament'.



XX IPA World Congress 2012, Eilat, Israel – Group Photo

IPA Israel is the only section where all members can participate in the elections.

The work plan of the NEC is based on strategic research and long-term planning, facilitated through meetings between the leaders of the strategic plan and the heads of branches, where the plan is formulated before its presentation to the NEC and the final approval by the national assembly of the IPA.

Active and retired members of the police, volunteers of the police and employees of the prison service all can become IPA members.



Major goals of IPA Israel for the next few years are to recruit more young police officers, to strengthen the branches with serving police officers, and to assist our fellow police officers in dealing with the coronavirus.



IPA Israel offers many further programmes and projects regarding recruiting, professional training of staff, hosting in Israel and multicultural events.

To see all of this and make new friends who manage all these projects, you should come and visit Israel – you will all be welcomed!

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ITALY**

The greatest international event of the International Police Association



In 1996, as President of the Venice Branch, and with the cooperation of the municipal administration of Jesolo, I organised the first edition of the "International Police Week", a biennial event that continued for 9 editions, with the last one taking place in 2013; since then it has not been possible to hold the International Police Week anymore due to the economic crisis, and the increase of terrorism.

A unique event in the world, lasting 8 days, which met many of the aims of our Association: the professional aspect with an international seminar; the collaboration between the Italian Police Forces and those of all participating countries with combined patrolling services all week long; the closeness to the citizens with parades, where everyone marched in uniform, many even bringing their service cars from abroad, as well as concerts performed by Police musical bands in uniform (State Police - Penitentiary Police - Austrian Police - Military Fanfare); and last but not least, the friendship between members, the contact and closeness between participants, with the last International Police Week seeing the participation of 29 IPA sections.





We will hardly forget how much we worked for its realisation, for the necessary contacts with all the general headquarters and the departments of the police forces in Rome, with the political authorities and the ministries to obtain the permits and the authorisation to use the Italian and foreign police personnel and vehicles, to involve the local administration and the judiciary, whose response times are predictably very long.

But it will also be difficult to forget our satisfaction after every edition, after every week; it is difficult to remember all the people who participated, from the authorities to friends and members worldwide, such as Anabela Alferes who unfortunately has left us, to our International Presidents Michael Odysseos and Pierre-Martin Moulin.

Who knows, maybe in the future someone will continue with this event … it would be nice!

Diego Trolese, President IPA Italy



Congratulations on the 70th Anniversary!



We, Section Japan, wish the members of the IEB, IAC and everyone in all IPA sections around the world continuous success and happiness in the coming years.

Currently, Covid-19 is causing a huge impact on various aspects of our life worldwide, including IPA activities, however, let's get together to stand against and overcome this unprecedented challenge with our powers of solidarity, friendship and the IPA spirit.

We are and will always be here for all of you, and we look forward to seeing you at the next possible occasion here in Japan or some other places in the world.

KAMPAI! (cheers!) and a Happy Birthday to IPA's 70th anniversary!

With our best wishes and regards,

Servo per Amikeco,

Masahito KANETAKA, President, Japan

Highlights from IPA Kazakhstan

IEB Meeting in Almaty, March 2018

In the period from 05 to 10 March 2018, a working session of the International Executive Committee of the International Police Association (IPA) was held in Kazakhstan, in the city of Almaty, with the participation of IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin (Switzerland), the IPA Vice-President and Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission Gal Sharon (Israel), the Chairperson of the External Relations Commission, Alexey Gankin (Russia), the Chairperson of the Professional Commission, May-Britt Ronnebro (Sweden), the Head of Administration Stephen Crockard (United Kingdom), the Treasurer Finances Wolfgang Gabrutsch (Austria)), as well as the IAC Office Manager Elke Schülpen-Roberts (United Kingdom).



Group photo with board members of IPA Kazakhstan and the IEB, IEB meeting 2018, Almaty

IPA Kazakhstan visit of IPA Israel, March 2019

A delegation of the Kazakhstan section of the IPA visited Israel during the period from 28 to 31 March 2019, where the delegation participated in the annual conference of the Israeli section of the IPA in Tel-Aviv, with delegates from 14 IPA member sections that were attending.

During the visit, IPA Israel arranged meetings with the management of the Ministry of Public Security of Israel, a trip to the holy sites in Jerusalem and other cities of Israel. Police officers from around the world gathered for these amicable meetings.





Photos from the IPA Kazakhstan visit to IPA Israel

Mini-Football Tournament in memory of peace-keeping soldiers, June 2019



On 8 June 2019, a mini-football tournament was held in the city of Nur-Sultan in memory of peacekeeping soldier, Police Colonel Nischanskiy N. N., with the assistance of the Republican Council of Veterans of the Department of Internal Affairs and the National Guard of Kazakhstan, devoted to the 30th anniversary of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The tournament was attended by 8 teams of the HQ of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Department of Internal Affairs of the city of Nur-Sultan, the Kazakhstan section of the IPA, as well as the Union of Soldiers of Afghanistan.

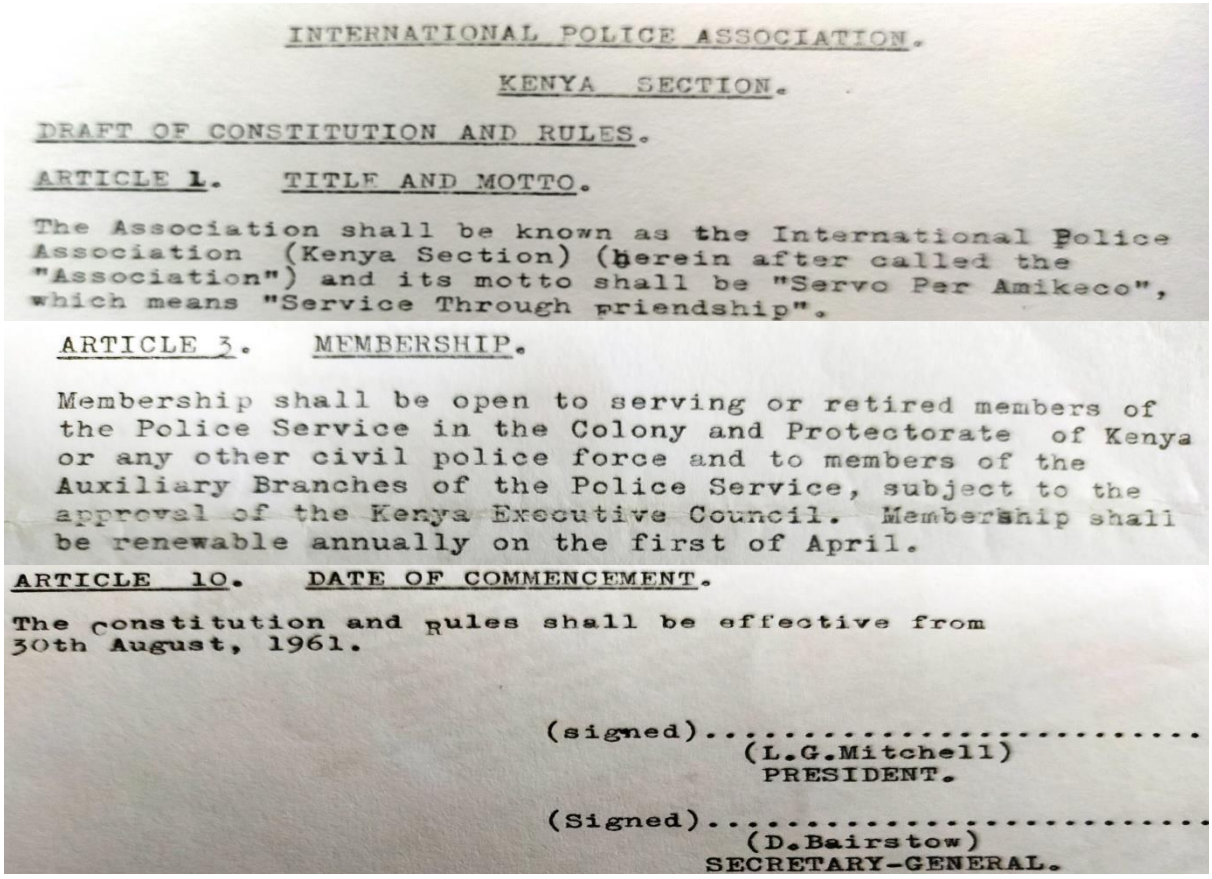


Family members and those close to the peacekeeping soldiers who were killed in the line of military duty were also invited. The winning teams received certificates of merit, medals, as well as valuable gifts. The tournament was held at the highest standard in the Alatau Sports Complex of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic Kazakhstan, where young police officers also received a lesson on the promotion of patriotism in respect of the memory of peacekeeping soldiers who were killed in the line of military duty.

Marat Nurgaliyev, President IPA Kazakhstan

59 great years of service to Humanity

What began 59 years ago in the then British colony and protectorate of Kenya, is today a regional force, shaping policing ideals in the country, bringing hope to those on the verge of giving up hope, and creating a unique family for police officers and their families, where fun and laughter is assured in a relaxed environment of true and pure friendship.



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION.

KENYA SECTION.

DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

ARTICLE 1. TITLE AND MOTTO.

The Association shall be known as the International Police Association (Kenya Section) (herein after called the "Association") and its motto shall be "Servo Per Amikeco", which means "Service Through Friendship".

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be open to serving or retired members of the Police Service in the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya or any other civil police force and to members of the Auxiliary Branches of the Police Service, subject to the approval of the Kenya Executive Council. Membership shall be renewable annually on the first of April.

ARTICLE 10. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

The constitution and rules shall be effective from 30th August, 1961.

(signed).....
(L.G.Mitchell)
PRESIDENT.

(Signed).....
(D.Bairstow)
SECRETARY-GENERAL.

The drafters of our founding document had faith, despite living in uncertain times, when Kenya was then engaged in the struggle for independence, that friendship would transcend their imminent departure, and the association they were creating would live beyond their existence. Most of the IPA Kenyan members today were not yet born, and a few who are still alive, were but children in 1961. The spirit of this type-written document still holds and informs our conversations towards a brighter future. We congratulate these brave trailblazers for the faith they had in the great people of Kenya.

Today, the IPA Kenyan Section is a big player in environmental conservation through its flagship project “MY TREE, MY PEACE, MY FUTURE”, its charity work targeting schools, children’s homes and vulnerable communities, and most importantly through the promotion of policing ideals through organised training and workshops that specialise on capacity-building amongst serving officers.

As we join the rest of the world in celebrating the 70 years of our existence, we are reminded of our guiding philosophy, “Service Through Friendship” and once more reaffirm our commitment to treasure and hold it into the future.

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION LATVIA**

Many of us were not even born yet, when police officers from all over the world began to unite into one big family.

At this time, I will not talk about the association's achievements during its lifetime. I will talk about the feelings and opportunities the IPA gives us all.

The IPA brings pride – to be a part of the IPA family – and to carry the name of our national police in the world.

The IPA opens ways to improve oneself professionally, and as a person.

The IPA provides opportunities to see beyond the horizon.

The IPA creates sparks of joy in people's eyes when meeting IPA friends.

Most importantly of all, the IPA brings friendship and support that no money in this world can buy – it is real, true, reliable. This is the highest value of the IPA.

I hope we all have the strength to endure these times, as well as power and inspiration to preserve, develop and continue to bring the idea of the IPA to the world with honour!



Long live IPA!

Ilze Ungure, President IPA Latvia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION LESOTHO**

The seven (7) IPA decades took our minds back to IPA memories of the past:

840 Months of Wisdom – inspired through a vision of Sgt. Arthur Troop (IPA Founder);

3,652 Weeks of Friendship – Shared among the IPA Sections globally;

25,567 Days of Service – Devoted IEB, Presidents, IAC staff and IPA Members;

613,605 Hours of Laughter – shared during World Congresses, and all IPA Activities;

36,816,300 Minutes of Anguish – where our fellow Comrades fell on the line of duty;

2,208,978,000 Seconds of Hope – of overcoming past tribulations - and even the COVID-19 pandemic will end, and thus, the IPA family will come together again.

Sections have enjoyed countless benefits from this noble association, with the Lesotho Section not being an exception:

Professional – Lesotho has benefitted from ATS, World Congress, and AGMs;

Friendship – networks of friendship have widened amongst our members;

Cultural – we have introduced annual cultural competitions;

Social – destitute communities have been supported over the years by our section.



Wreath presentation AGM 2011



Edu-Tour Durban 2013



Mrs Evelyn Letooane, Former national President

We remember with profound gratitude and sincere appreciation the noble work initiated by Sgt. Arthur Troop. We wish to conclude by appreciating the improvements that have been implemented by the IEB, and we are looking forward to seeing all Police departments of different countries unifying and harmonising global policing strategies by joining the IPA. Complexities of fugitives will no longer be legal challenges when operational standards are synchronised.

Servo per Amikeco!

Thato Mokoteli, Secretary General IPA Lesotho

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION LITHUANIA**

Dear members of the International Police Association,



Each anniversary is always a good opportunity to stop and evaluate the path we have taken. In the 1950's, without a lot of experience in international communication, we had a hard time imagining what kind of organisation would be born. The archival documents and old photographs take us back to those distant years, when, full of enthusiasm and believing in the idea of "Servo per Amikeco", we, as a lot of other sections before, laid the foundations for the establishment of the Lithuanian section of the IPA in 1994.

The years in our organisation have been full of changes, but they have raised and mobilised us to become a large professional family, revealing talented, interesting, educated people, and creating traditions uniting police officers in the entire world.

We can be proud that the Lithuanian section is always noticeable and valued in the Lithuanian police community as a stable partner that supports innovative ideas and changes, which transfer the police to a higher level of technological development and investment towards police officers.

Each of us associates the IPA with a community that has no borders, and with friendship that builds bridges between police officers from different countries. IPA membership has opened avenues for many of us and helped us to find like-minded colleagues in other countries.



On the occasion of this beautiful anniversary, the Lithuanian section would like to thank those who created, raised and strengthened the IPA. For all those who believe that the largest organisation of police officers is a counterweight to everyday life, that it has space for all active community members who cherish professional solidarity and friendship. During the past 70 years, the IPA has become an international organisation that has its memorable face that doesn't need make-up. It is like a mature brand that was always able to keep the ability to change with the times, but preserves its originality, its youthful optimism that was and is inspired with the idea that unites us - "to serve in friendship".

SERVO PER AMIKECO!

Vytautas Pliuskus, President IPA Lithuania

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION LUXEMBOURG**

70 Years and Still Going Strong

Luxembourg was the first among the smaller countries to become an IPA member, in Stuttgart in 1961. Preparations had begun as early as 1960. The euphoric founding members immediately implemented Arthur Troop's thoughts. They started by organising friendly visits to neighbouring countries and put IPA on the right track, which we keep on following today.



The same idea is still driving the women and men in charge of IPA Luxembourg nowadays. As a small country, Luxembourg can be proud of its 1,750 members. Together we have managed to position the IPA as a very important social actor in the Grand Duchy, playing an influential role, well established inside the police force.

The IPA has evolved over the years. The Luxembourg section has managed to adapt continuously and to face all new challenges.

Luxembourg has at all times been well represented on the international board: President Armand Jaminet led the IPA into the new millennium in 2000, Romain Miny served in the International Treasury for 19 years, and various members from the Luxembourg section manned a number of commissions.

The World Congress hosted in Luxembourg in 1994, followed by the International Youth Gathering in 1999, two major events that we co-organised with our German colleagues, can for sure be considered as highlights.

The cooperation with the successive Directorates of Police and the Gendarmerie has been very harmonious throughout the 60 years of our existence, and we have always been able to count on their support.

Our ongoing international travel activities, charity engagement and the numerous social events we organise are the main force for fostering the charisma of the IPA.



Our efforts with prevention have paved our path over the last 60 years, with a focus on the youngest members in our society. We created 'Poli', for example, IPA Luxembourg's mascot, who reaches out to thousands of children providing age-adapted information warning of dangers and bringing the Police closer to them.

Let's conclude with a flashback to another major prevention event in November 1989. This time the target audience was an age category up: our anti-drug party gathered more than 7,000 youngsters attending in one afternoon. This event, supported by the government of Luxembourg, made positive headlines, and provided considerable public visibility.

Among many others, this is one significant example that strengthens our determination and motivates us to do everything possible to keep the IPA spirit alive in the coming decades.

Eugene Thommes, Honorary President / Vice President IPA Luxembourg

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MACAU**

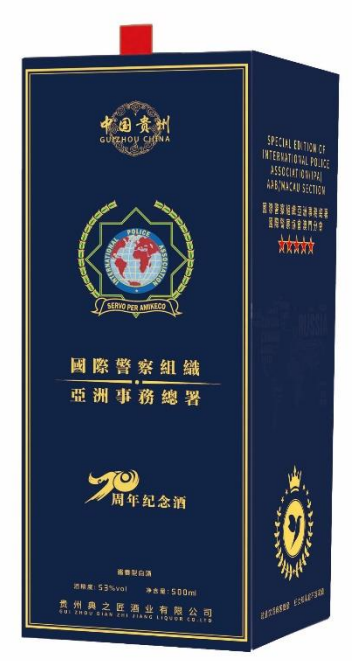
On behalf of IPA Macau, please allow me to congratulate our brothers and sisters of the worldwide IPA family on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Association.

We very much appreciate the active effort and contribution everyone has devoted to the Association. We believe that this friendship can truly connect everyone from different backgrounds, and that the peace found will remain in our lives forever.



Award Ceremony 2019

Section Macau was affiliated in Romania in 2011. It was motivating and inspiring for the police in Macau to become involved in international activities so as to facilitate the interactions with police around the world. Not only the professional exchange, but we would also like to extend the deepest appreciation to each section for sharing your stories and culture with us. We take this opportunity to share ours with you all.



In the long history of Chinese culture, alcohol is not only a material existence, but also a spiritual, cultural, and even fraternal symbol. On this occasion, Section Macau has launched a Special Edition Baijiu (Chinese Alcohol) for members worldwide, so as to spread the Chinese wine culture, as well as the spirit of our motto.

Under the circumstances of the pandemic, the revenue of the Baijiu will be used to assist our members in need.

Marco Lei, Assistant to the President of IPA Macau

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MALTA**



Section Malta was accepted as full member of the IPA on 30 April 1964, during the World Congress which was held in Blackpool, UK, after submitting a formal request for full membership before Malta became independent. The section is autonomous and is governed by the national executive committee which is elected every four years during a national executive council meeting. The fundamental principles and aims of the association are derived from its motto in Esperanto – Servo Per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship.

Our main aim is to encourage exchange visits of individuals and groups, develop social and cultural activities and the exchange of professional experiences. Registered as a non-profit association, IPA Malta's only source of income is the membership fee which when compared with what members pay in other national sections, is quite meagre. However, through the years, we always struggled to enrol new members. This fact does not reflect the large amount of people who attend our events.

Consequently, financially the section is rather limited and restricted in its operation. In most cases when delegates participate during international meetings abroad, representing Malta with our foreign colleagues, this is done at their own expense (except for the WC), since the section is still not in a position to cover the travelling costs. Nevertheless, although such difficulties exist and Malta is one of the smallest sections, whenever our delegates attend such meetings, they are respected, productive and match very well with the rest of the delegates.

So much so that during the World Congress held in Slovenia in 2006, for the first time, one of our members was elected by the delegates as one of the two internal auditors for the PEB. During all these years, every executive committee tried its best in developing Section Malta and to improve its position. There were times when this was achieved and times when progress was not as much as desired due to different reasons. However, through perseverance and hard work, slowly but steadily as years passed, Section Malta managed to register progress especially on the international front.

IPA Malta, apart from rendering assistance to its members, locally and when travelling abroad, especially for health reasons, managed also to contribute towards the tourist industry by encouraging and bringing to our shores a good number of IPA groups from around the world. Assistance to individuals spending their holidays on the island was even greater, not to mention stopovers by foreign colleagues at Valletta harbour, while cruising the Mediterranean.

Through its committee and members, Section Malta is quietly performing considerable good work on a voluntary basis to the community. The executive committee would like to thank all those individuals and institutions who from time to time have supported and helped our association through their work.

On behalf of the National Executive Committee of IPA Malta Section I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hoping it will be better than this year, and always keep safe.

Neville Mercieca, President IPA Malta

Stronger at LXX

The year 2020 started with the same longstanding traditions and customs of every new year celebration, and in Mauritius was often labelled as a year which would be full of fine wine (2020 = Vin Vin). Very few would have predicted a quarantine year (Quarantaine i.e. 20 + 20 = 40). Like it or not, the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us significant lessons. In short, we have realised that we are all vulnerable, but that we can always live in the simplest way possible as long as we have the five basic needs namely shelter, food, water, oxygen and sleep. Well, in the present conjuncture, some may also add a sixth one i.e. good health.

During the COVID-19 crisis, most people confined themselves with their near and dear ones. Unfortunately, the situation was not alike for those on the frontlines, especially medical practitioners, law enforcement officials and others, who have put their primary duties and responsibilities before themselves. These officers have indeed placed their safety, welfare and comfort last on the priority list, so that the citizens may rest and breathe peacefully within their comfort zone. Without doubt, they have respectfully earned the title of modern-day superheroes by enduring the risk of contamination by the virus, which was not that different from a world war. In the present scenario, the enemy was an unseen one, which made the condition much more complex to combat.





Providing support during the Wakashio oil spill incident

In the same breath, IPA sections around the world had to adapt their objectives in meeting their respective action plans and scheduled deadlines, both at the professional and cultural level. We have witnessed many cancellations of events and postponement of activities which would involve travel across borders. The annulment of the grand event for commemorating the 70th anniversary was certainly a sad moment. But as it is rightly said, it is better to be safe than sorry. The decision taken

by the International Executive Bureau (IEB) was heart-breaking, but the right one. However, with the optimum exploitation of information technology and current software, a lot of IPA activities were conducted online such as the remote world congress and numerous professional conferences. Besides, every section took the initiative to conduct various events to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the IPA.





A modest contribution to pilgrims by members of IPA Mauritius

The Mauritius section, despite its heavy deployment of IPA members in dealing with the COVID-19 situation, coupled with the unfortunate Wakashio case, managed to keep the flag of the IPA flying high in maintaining several activities. In an endeavour to meet our professional obligation, as well as fulfilling our IPA mission, we emerged burnt out and tired, but, in the end, we had our chests filled with pride and honour for our modest contribution to the community at large.



Extending support to Mr Jolicoeur's residence at Bambous



The pictures you can see, depict some of the main events conducted by IPA Mauritius to mark the 70th anniversary of the IPA, and the 51st anniversary of our section, ranging from social to cultural programmes conducted under the respective commissions.

Brave is the IPA family for finding a new normal in upholding its motto of 'Servo per Amikeco' worldwide. Moreover, as law enforcement officers, we remain one of the nation's beacons of hope, safety and risk-takers, come what may…

Happy LXX celebrations

Outam Kumar Guness, President IPA Mauritius

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MOLDOVA**

In 2020, IPA Moldova marked 2 very important anniversaries with many activities, held under restricted conditions due to the pandemic - 70 years since the founding of the International Police Association, and 10 years since IPA Moldova's full affiliation to the great IPA family. We will present some of the most important ones here.



Due to the infection of a large number of police officers, the management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs decided to re-profile the MIA Hospital for the treatment of police officers. To assist, the National Executive Committee of IPA Section Moldova donated two laryngoscopes to the MIA Hospital for this purpose, worth 5,000 Euros.

On September 10, 2020, during a festive meeting of CEN IPA Moldova, the IPA's 70 years since the founding of the International Police Association, and IPA Moldova's 10th anniversary since full affiliation were celebrated. The event was attended by former presidents of IPA Moldova, dl Ig. Bodorin and V. Batcu. A big surprise was the online presence of Mr. Pierre-Martin Moulin, President of the International Police Association.

On the occasion of these two major events, a jubilee medal, entitled "10 years of the A. O. IPA Section Republic of Moldova" was awarded to the most active members of IPA Moldova and to prominent IPA personalities, who had contributed to the accession of IPA Moldova to the large IPA family on 10 September 2010 at the 36th IPA International Executive Conference in Paris:

Mr. P-M. Moulin, IPA President, Mr. M. Odyssesos, former IPA President, Mr G. Katsaropoulos (posthumous), former Secretary General of the IPA, Mr J. Thevenot, former President of IPA Section France, Mr C. Voicu, former President of IPA Section Romania, Mr. L. Cârjan, ex-vice-president of IPA Romania (spokesman), and Mr. Iu. Medrea, ex-Secretary General of IPA Romania Section (posthumous).



Another important event this year was the online organisation of a national painting competition for the children of IPA Moldova's members.

Following the contest, the winners were announced.





It is also worth highlighting the fact that as a result of friendships between our policemen and policewomen, in November 2020 a new family was created between 2 members of the IPA: the husband is an Italian police officer, and the wife is a Moldovan police officer.

Congratulations from all of us and best wishes!



In the context of health restrictions, we will continue to organise activities at national level online in the hope of returning to normal life as soon as possible.

Servo per Amikeco!

Mihai Cebotari, President IPA Moldova

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MONACO**

Jusqu'en juin 1993, la Principauté de Monaco n'ayant pas de Section nationale, 115 fonctionnaires de la Sûreté Publique, 15 de la Police Municipale et 7 de la Maison d'Arrêt, qui avaient adhéré à l'I.P.A., se trouvaient associés à la Délégation des Alpes-Maritimes de la Section Française. A cette même époque, l'accession à part entière de la Principauté de Monaco à l'Organisation des Nations Unies donnait l'opportunité de solliciter et d'obtenir l'agrément du Gouvernement Princier pour fonder notre propre Section Nationale.



Comité Exécutif National 2018-2022

En 1993 avait lieu l'accession de la Principauté de Monaco à l'Organisation des Nations Unies. A cette même époque, avec l'agrément du Gouvernement Princier, les fonctionnaires de la Sûreté Publique et adhérents à l'International Police Association, auparavant associés à la délégation des Alpes Maritimes de la Section Française, fondaient leur propre Section Nationale.

Ainsi, le 15 janvier 1994, à l'initiative de feu Alain Hubert, Philippe Donnadieu et Claude Corsini, les adhérents de la Principauté, réunis en Assemblée Générale, élisaient leur conseil d'administration et leur bureau national en présence de hautes personnalités de l'I.P.A.

Le 17 mai 1994, Son Altesse Sérénissime Le Prince Héréditaire Albert acceptait le titre de Président d'Honneur de la Section Nationale Monégasque.

La candidature de notre Section fut présentée et parrainée par la Section Française, au Congrès Mondial de Luxembourg qui eut lieu du 6 au 12 juin 1994. Le 13 juin 1994, en Assemblée plénière, ce même Congrès Mondial élisait la Principauté de Monaco au rang de Section Nationale à part entière.

Aujourd'hui, la Section monégasque, forte de plus de deux cents membres ordinaires et sympathisants, œuvre au travers de deux commissions principales et un comité : une commission professionnelle ; une commission sociale et culturelle ; et un comité de presse.

Depuis sa création, l'International Police Association Section Principauté de Monaco organise des œuvres caritatives, des rencontres amicales, des diners de gala, des

voyages et échanges culturels, des sorties entre motards ou des sessions de plongée sous-marine.

Acteur de la vie associative monégasque, notre Section Nationale a pour particularité de bénéficier, en plus de l'adhésion de ses membres ordinaires, du soutien de membres sympathisants, non policiers, attachés aux valeurs de notre profession et de notre association.



Gala IPA Monaco 2013



Cocktail caritatif 2019

Pierre Angibaud, National President IPA Monaco

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MONTENEGRO**

In honour of the 7th anniversary of the Founding Assembly of Section Montenegro and the 70th anniversary of the IPA, an apt and pleasant gathering took place on 10 October 2020 in the royal capital of Montenegro, Cetinje. 7 years ago, the Founding Assembly was held in Podgorica, in the presence of a large number of guests from Montenegro and representatives of IPA Sections of the region and throughout Europe, led by the IPA President Mr. Moulin and the Secretary General Mr. Katsaropoulos.





Above: photos from the Founding Assembly in 2013; below: Photos from the celebrations in 2020





Delegations from Section in Foundation Albania and from IPA Serbia, together with IPA members and friends of the Montenegrin Section, recalled the pleasant memories of the beginning of the development of the IPA idea in Montenegro, for which we are immensely grateful and very proud.

Thanks to the support of the representatives of the National Museum in Cetinje, a visit to the National Museum and the Billiard Palace was organised. The visit continued with a tour of the Lipska Cave, with its amazing galleries of underground halls, of exceptional speleological value, which will remain a pleasant memory.

The lunch with a welcome drink, which was organised for the occasion in a local etno-restaurant, was of very high quality, with friendly staff and local specialties, and completed our outing in a lovely way.

SERVO PER AMIKECO!

Vojislav Dragović, President IPA Montenegro

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION MOZAMBIQUE**

Dear friends and colleagues of IPA from all over the world, first of all, receive our warm greetings, on behalf of the President of the Section of Mozambique, Inspector General of Police, Bernardino Rafael, and on behalf of all members of our section.

The Section of Mozambique joins the other Sections worldwide to celebrate the 70th anniversary of our association. We feel proud and honoured to be part of this international family, whose relationships are getting stronger and stronger, Mozambique being an unequivocal testimony of the affection, friendship and affable embrace that this family always extends to its members.

We commemorate this milestone at a time when our country, and the police in particular, face great challenges regarding the maintenance of public order, security and tranquillity, due to jihadist attacks on the civilian and defenceless populations of some Districts of the Cabo Delgado Province in northern Mozambique.



Distinguished friends, our police, in trying to get back on their feet after having been affected by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth last year, today have to face cross-border and transnational terrorism. But, with the same bravery that has always characterised us as police forces, and with the support of partners and friends, we are sure that we will heroically win this new battle. And as if to serve by example, the Commander General of the Police and President of the IPA Section of Mozambique, has personally been at the forefront in the fight against terrorists, directing the joint forces between the Police and the Army.





Despite the current situation, our section has rolled up its sleeves and worked hard to publicise the ideas of Arthur Troop, and to attract more members of the police of the Republic of Mozambique, throughout the national territory. We have also participated in various activities with other sections of Africa.

Well done the IPA, congratulations on the 70 years, be assured that you can always count on our participation and collaboration.

Servo per Amikeco

Cláudio Langa, Secretary General IPA Mozambique

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION THE NETHERLANDS**

Dear IPA-members all over the world,

IPA Netherlands elected a new board in January 2020, a necessity indeed after a period of turbulence in governance in the section. Ton Rutting, a former president of the section led the procedure for our elections, and a new secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president entered the arena. By accepting this job, I remembered “good old times” of the section, when I presided over the Utrecht District.



We realised we have big shoes to fill: Our predecessors, such as Theo Leenders, Ton Rutting and others, have given good examples from which we can learn.

We are confronted with a decrease of members within our section. On top of that we are facing the Covid-19 pandemic. Neither has stopped us, however, to start with a lot of energy and optimism. We held teleconferences until April, and thereafter, we gathered physically or by teleconference each week. Those meetings led to a number of analyses and initiatives, although no decisions could be taken due to the pandemic, as we were unable to organise a general assembly of the section.

To keep our members informed, we divided the Netherlands into clusters and travelled to our local boards to update them about our progress in governance. The motto of “We come to you instead of you all coming to us!!” has been highly appreciated and in November we will travel again with the national board through the Netherlands. In December 2020 we gather our district presidents to take decisions on the following topics: an ambitious campaign to get new young members on board, a new way to finance all activities within the section, and the purchase of a new digital system for enrolment, book-keeping and websites. This meeting will have the character of a national assembly. These proposals represent a survival strategy to stop the decrease of members, and to keep a healthy financial balance to fund our activities.

As international meetings were also cancelled, we were unable to introduce ourselves, preventing us from getting acquainted with other board members in Europe. Hopefully the situation will improve in 2021. We look forward to it.

Looking back over 70 years of the IPA internationally, we hope we can get things going again and guarantee the continuity of the IPA in each country. In office for almost a year, I remember Section the Netherlands with almost 12,000 members. Nowadays we will be happy if we still have 5200 members at the end of 2021. I trust we will have the creativity and power to stimulate and convince our district boards to help us in enlisting new members and young students in the academies to enter IPA the Netherlands. Looking back and benefitting from the examples given by people such as Theo Leenders and Ton Rutting, accompanied by our strong will and endeavours, we will hopefully give IPA The Netherlands the future and the place in IPA International which it deserves.

On behalf of all members of our country, I congratulate the International President, his board members, staff, and all members of the IPA on the IPA’s 70th anniversary.

Willem Schewe, President IPA the Netherlands

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION NEW ZEALAND**

Sun, Ski, Surf, Hike and Adventure, these were just some of the activities awaiting our international IPA visitors in 2020, until Covid-19 had other plans. Like for the rest of the world, 2020 was a year impacted by global events beyond our control. New Zealand locked down its borders in late March 2020 and this action dramatically impacted on planning any IPA events for the remainder of the year. National Council Meetings were either postponed or held via Zoom, not ideal, however platforms such as Zoom became the new norm as members embraced technology.



Our members joined IPA colleagues around the world via Zoom for IPA seminars on various global issues and topics, and socially for coffee mornings/evenings, quiz sessions, Guinness, Whiskey and Wine forums. These are always fun and enjoyable, but offer their own unique challenges due to the time difference at 'the bottom of the world'.

With 2021 fast approaching, IPA New Zealand look forward to once again welcoming international IPA visitors; we will roll out the red carpet, we have approximately 70 IPA homes and holiday accommodation facilities the length and breadth of New Zealand for members to enjoy. Our section is divided into 6 regions in 2 main islands (North and South). Region 1 is home to our largest city, Auckland, and is often the arrival point for visitors, from here members can travel north and explore the breath-taking Bay of Islands, bungy- jump off the Auckland Sky Tower, or venture South. Region 2 is blessed with visitor must do's from Hobbiton, made famous by The Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies, to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, or exploring spectacular Taupo. Region 3 stretches across the Island from New Plymouth in the west to Gisborne in the east, perfect for wine buffs or explorers to the mountains or trails. Region 4 is home to the capital Wellington, a city described by Lonely Planet as 'The Coolest little Capital in the World', visitors often venture over to eco-friendly and predator-free Kapiti Island Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary or visit Te Papa (Our Place) Museum with its wonderful exhibitions. Region 5 covers the top of the South Island all the way to Christchurch, visitors should always leave plenty of time to take a slow journey on these scenic roads and stop for the many attractions, from wine tours, and spotting yellow-eyed penguins, to award-winning coastal drives. Region 6 takes in the bottom of the South Island from Dunedin to Invercargill and covers spectacular Queenstown and the world-famous Skippers canyon bungy-jump. Ensure you have your IPA membership card handy, as numerous facilities will offer member discounts.



IPA New Zealand Section offers warm congratulations on the 70th Anniversary of the IPA and toast to IPA's ongoing success.

Mike Norden, President IPA New Zealand

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION NORTH MACEDONIA**

Dear IPA Friends,

North Macedonia is proud to be a part of the International Police Association.



It is the IPA's 70th anniversary, but at the same time, only the 9th anniversary of IPA North Macedonia: we started our journey in 2011, and became a full member in 2014 in Potsdam / Germany, under the guidance of our friends and mentors from Croatia.

As the years pass, our family is constantly growing: having started with around 50 enthusiastic colleagues from the Ministry of Interior, today we are proud to say that we have approximately 6,000 members.

The years behind us have helped us to develop and grow from a small group back then to few thousand members with a lot of international activities and contacts all over the world.

We spread the idea of Arthur Troop, which began in 1950, and today we have friends in Germany, Croatia, Canada, the USA, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and we cooperate without any hesitation or procedures.

In the past few years, we have organised many international gatherings, and signed an agreement of close cooperation between the Regions in North Macedonia and Regions in Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We hope that the idea of our founder Arthur Troop will be spread further all over the world, so that soon we can proudly say that we have friends everywhere in the world.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, the hosting of two big international gatherings had to be postponed until better times in the near future.

We are looking forward to welcoming all Sections to our next international meetings and events in our small, but lovely country.

Our hearts and thoughts are with our colleagues all over the world.

Servo per Amikeco

Sincerely,

The Executive Board, IPA North Macedonia.

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION NORWAY**

IPA Section Norway would like to start by giving a 'big hurrah' for the IPA. We send congratulations and best wishes to all sections, and hope that all IPA members will stay safe and strong, and support each other during the difficult time the world is in because of Covid-19.

It is quite amazing that this fantastic organisation, which we are all so proud to be part of, has already reached 70 years. Our gratitude goes to Arthur Troop for his efforts to establish these bands of friendship.

IPA Norway was founded in April 1954 and was the fifth nation to join the IPA. Since 1979, IPA Norway has been a member of the Council of Elders, later Crisis Committee. Section Norway has arranged two international conferences: the International Executive Council (IEC) in 1963 in Oslo, and the World Congress (WC) in 2003 in Trondheim.

Gunnar Allan Holmquist is the only Norwegian IPA member who held the position as International President of the IPA, from 1970 – 1973. In the years before, from 1964-1970, he served as International Vice President. During several periods, IPA Section Norway has also contributed to the IPA International committees.

The last year has been very challenging and different for all of us. We are looking forward to 2021, and hope that we will all have the opportunity to meet again soon at various IPA events.

All the best from IPA Norway.

Servo per Amikeco

Monica Lillevik, Vice President, IPA Norway



Photo: Thorben Westgaard

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION PAKISTAN**

IPA Pakistan celebrated the IPA's 70th Anniversary on 8 September 2020

This year, all four regions of Section Pakistan commemorated the 70th anniversary of the IPA through a series of special functions. Addressing the main event held at Islamabad, Dr. Shoaib Suddle, President of IPA Pakistan, paid befitting tributes to the IPA founder Arthur Troop. Highlighting Arthur's exceptional contribution and positive role in establishing the International Police Association in 1950, he explained the benefits of IPA membership and invited the participants to join the IPA.

Dr Syed Kaleem Imam, Inspector General of the Police, National Highways and Motorways Police, graced the ceremony as the chief guest. He also announced to set up an independent region of IPA Section Pakistan in the National Highways and Motorways Police.

Mirvais Niaz, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Secretary General of IPA Pakistan; Sajid Kiyani, Senior Superintendent of Police and Chairperson Islamabad & KP Region; Jamil Hashmi, Senior Superintendent of Police and Vice Chairperson of IPA Islamabad & KP Region; Erum Abbasi, Senior Superintendent of Police and National Editor; and a large number of serving and retired police officers of all ranks and IPA members from Islamabad and Rawalpindi attended the function. The speakers especially lauded the commendable services of Vice Chairperson Jamil Hashmi, who had just attained the age of superannuation.



Senior officers from the National Highways and Motorways Police, including Deputy Inspectors General Wisal Fakhur Sultan Raja, Ishfaq Khan, Sajjad Afridi and Ateeque Ahmad; Assistant Inspectors General Waheed Khattak, Irfan Tariq; and several officers from the Federal Investigation Agency also attended the ceremony.

A highlight of the function was the presence of an entire batch of young Assistant Superintendents of Police in training, from the National Police Academy, as special guests. Application forms for joining the IPA were distributed among them.

Mirvais Niaz, Secretary General IPA Pakistan

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION PERU**

La International Police Association Sección Peruana, integra a quienes son y fueron parte del cuerpo de Policía en la República del PERÚ. Constitucionalmente en nuestro país, sólo está reconocida una sola institución denominada Policía Nacional del Perú, que ejerce el control social y el mantenimiento del orden a través de la delegación del Estado para el uso monopólico de la fuerza coercitiva.

Durante sus 36 años de vida institucional La International Police Association Sección Peruana, ha realizado múltiples actividades académicas, deportivas y culturales, tratando de impulsar el profesionalismo del cuerpo de Policía peruano y mejorar su bienestar, obteniendo por ello un adecuado reconocimiento institucional.

Hoy, dirige sus esfuerzos a lograr la legitimidad social de la Policía, mediante el impulso del respeto a la dignidad y los derechos humanos de todas las personas que formamos el colectivo PERÚ, a través del fortalecimiento de la conducta ética del Policía, impulsando la ética de la responsabilidad con profundas convicciones y compromisos, que tienen sus raíces en la verdad, la justicia y el desarrollo humano. Fortaleciendo valores como: servicio público, paz social, dignidad y comunidad.

La tarea es complicada por acontecimientos politicos que han derivado en actuaciones de la justicia penal por inconductas de personas a quienes les confiamos la conducción de los asuntos públicos en nuestro país y como consecuencia la dificultad de profundizar en la ética social que fundamenta racional y críticamente la misión de Policía como herramienta moral y legal que contribuye al mejoramiento de la calidad de vida del ciudadano, que acompañado de la ética profesional aplicada en las metodologías y procedimientos de Policía, permite, con solvencia, a todos los policías resolver conflictos morales específicos.

Es un gran reto y estaremos compartiendo con nuestros colegas del mundo, los avances que logremos y las dificultades que iremos encontrando, así, en el marco de amistad que nos caracteriza, impulsaremos las acciones necesarias para lograr nuestros objetivos.



Los buenos policías y los buenos ciudadanos nunca hemos sido enemigos.

Desde el Perú un abrazo fraterno para los Policías del Mundo y queremos cerrar estas palabras con una imagen, muy difundida en las redes sociales, que refleja lo difícil y complicado de la tarea del Policía, en este caso durante el control del orden público en una multitudinaria manifestación de jóvenes peruanos, ofuscados por una situación política contemporánea, en esta fotografía se ve al Padre de familia, policía de profesión, que se encuentra con sus hijos, representantes de una Sociedad convulsa.

Carlos Velásquez, Past Presidente IPA Peru

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION POLAND**



Drawings by Piotr Maciejczak

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION PORTUGAL**

Times are difficult due to the Covid-19 pandemic that affects the whole world, and it is in these challenging times of austerity that we most feel the need to unite around common goals, conciliation, friendship and sharing.

On this 70th anniversary of the IPA, we continue to follow the path of its founder Arthur Troop, Service through Friendship, thus elevating the good name and image of the IPA, continuing the aim he proposed.



On 20 June 2020, the General Assembly of the Portuguese Section of the IPA and the Electoral Assembly took place, for the new social bodies, adhering to the safety rules imposed by the General Directorate of Health.

Differences are attenuated when we travel a single path together, that of friendship, companionship and trust.

If we all come together, we will create a chain of solidarity and friendship.

The Portuguese Section wishes everyone a happy anniversary.

With friendship

Servo per Amikeco

Anabela Alferes, President IPA Portugal

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION ROMANIA**

The Romanian Section of the International Police Association decided to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of this organisation by urging members to join in a life-saving campaign.

All those who beat the disease and returned to their loved ones were called to donate plasma and offer hope to those who struggle and help them not to turn into numbers!

Make friends for life!

Servo per Amikeco!



Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu President IPA Romania

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION RUSSIA**

The Russian Section of the IPA is working to enhance the authority of the police and other law enforcement agencies, to improve relations between law enforcement agencies and the population, to ensure professional development, to exchange practices and knowledge, and to broaden the horizon of our organisation's members.

Every year, on 13 January, we convene a meeting of the International Police Club, whose members are former and active law enforcement officers, politicians, businessmen, and diplomats. The meeting addresses topical aspects of the suppression of various types of crime. Foreign colleagues are invited to the next meeting of the International Police Club, scheduled for 13 January 2021.



The Russian section of the International Police Association also deals with mutual assistance in the social sphere and the development of cultural relations between our organisation's members, and gives much attention to the promotion of physical education and sports among IPA members.

Sport competitions between law enforcement officers are held on a regular basis, either with our participation or under our aegis. An international judo tournament was held between representatives of armies and police forces from eight countries in 2019. Our joint team won silver, having surpassed teams of the interior ministries of Russia and Japan. The team of the Belarusian Interior Ministry won gold.



The European Judo Championship between police officers took place in the city of Gyor, Hungary, in May 2019. Three members of our team won gold.



The first exhibition match between a team of ice hockey fans from the Republic of Adygea and IPA Russia's ice hockey team took place in Adygeya in September 2020. The event was attended by Russian Sports Minister Oleg Matytsyn, the President of the Republic of Adygea Murat Kumpilov, businessmen, and partners of the Policemen's ice hockey team. The Policemen's ice hockey team won 6-5!

A friendly match took place in Ryazan in October 2020 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the International Police Association and the 102nd anniversary of the Ryazan Guards Higher Airborne Command School between the School's team and the Policemen's ice hockey team. We won 5-4!

There was another friendly match between the Policemen's ice hockey team of the International Police Association and legends of the Dynamo ice hockey team at the latter's training base in October 2020. The Policemen's ice hockey team included active officers of the Interior Ministry, the Russian National Guard and the Federal Security Service, amongst them numerous war veterans, holders of state orders and medals, and winners and laureates of the World Police and Fire Games. The Dynamo ice hockey team included world and Olympic champions, honoured masters of sports of the Soviet Union and Russia, and honoured coaches of Russia. The Dynamo legends won 6-4!

Professional conferences, sport and tourism are areas of activity of every Region of our organisation between Kaliningrad and Vladivostok.



An IPA House opened in Azov, Rostov-on-Don Region, in 2020. Besides accommodation, it offers tours in southern Russia and the degustation of local wines.

Yury Zhdanov, President IPA Russia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SAN MARINO**

It is certainly not easy to write even a few lines on the San Marino Section, and the risk of falling into banality is very high. Personally, I have the honour and the burden of holding the office of President for the last 3 years, even if I have only been a member for 11 years.



The IPA turns 70, and the San Marino section turned 47 in May. 47 years of history, in which the objectives and aims of the Association have always been based on the same principles of friendship and respect between people, as well as hospitality. Cooperation and the development of friendly relationships have always been the cardinal and founding principles of our country and its citizens.

Without doubt, IPA San Marino exists due to the Founding Members, who created our small section with great a spirit of willingness and with the support of the institutions. They ensured, often with a large amount of self-denial, that IPA San Marino obtained recognition, and above all inaugurated our IPA House, which is the centre of our activities and meetings. The IPA House was restructured in the years 2016-2017, with the commitment of my predecessor Mirko Tomassoni and the board of directors, and thanks to the support of the State of San Marino. The Founding Members of IPA San Marino were publicly thanked on 5 August 2017, for their involvement in the inauguration and the reopening of the IPA House after its renovation.

A special mention should be made of Fernando Casadei, the first President of our section, Antonio Terenzi his successor, and of Mario Muscioni, historian and well-known President for 22 years. I still remember some passages from his last speech as President: "... the few things we did, I didn't do alone, the awards that the IPA section received for this, are thanks to many of you, many who have the spirit of: - Servo per Amikeco in the heart - and as an old and dear friend and brother (Rudolf Feldner) said, we are those of the IPA of the past .... "; just as in the same discourse, he considered himself a "bulky presence". I experienced this first hand at my first participation in the World Congress, it might seem like this, because when you say IPA San Marino, the first question everyone asks you is: "how is Mario?", but, immediately afterwards, interacting with many people, you understand that Mario was IMPORTANT, not only nationally, but also internationally.

Mario, like all the Founding Members, is a clear example of how the future cannot be created without stopping to look back at the past. All members of IPA San Marino owe a lot to them for the work they have done, and what they have taught us, and for all they are continuing to do. Doing better than them is perhaps impossible, but following their teachings will always be the best way to ensure we adhere to "Servo per Amikeco".

Renè Rosti, President IPA San Marino

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SERBIA**

As part of the 15th General Assembly of the National Section of IPA Serbia, held on 3rd October 2020, the President of IPA Serbia, Prof. Nebojša Pantelić PhD, showcased the rich history of the IPA since its establishment in 1950 up to present day, complete with a biography of its founder Mr Arthur Troop.



During the presentation, the President also pointed out the numerous achievements of the association throughout its 70-year history. In addition, he stressed the importance of the IPA on an international scale.





On 30th October 2020, IPA Serbia President Prof. Nebojša Pantelić PhD, starred on the popular TV channel 'Happy'. After talking about general IPA activities, he mentioned the fact that 2020 is the association's 70th anniversary. He also used this opportunity to thank everyone from the media who contributed to achieving IPA's goals and missions.

Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SLOVAKIA**

The Slovak section was admitted into the International Police Association on 10 June 1994. It consists of an executive presidium with seven members and 41 territorial offices established throughout Slovakia. It brings together more than 8,000 members of the Police Corps, as well as the Prison and Judicial Guard Corps.



IPA Slovakia organise various social, cultural and sports meetings for our members, which bring together not only IPA members, but also family members and friends. The Slovak section has a very intensive and developed cooperation with the surrounding sections, too. Many members meet at joint events to develop and enrich their friendship through cultural and historical knowledge, as well as the heritage of our ancestors.

The Slovak section is proud to be a member of this amazing organisation and will continue to spread its good name through its activities.

One of the most active groups are the Slovak bikers, who attend several joint meetings every year. Members of the Slovak section also reap considerable success in the field of sports, whether in joint duels of cross-border partners or at international events organized by the IEB or other sections.







Jan Kovalčik, President IPA Slovakia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SLOVENIA**

An interesting year despite the new reality

Although our new reality has forced us to cancel many of our planned activities, the members of IPA Slovenia had an interesting and memorable year.

This year was marked by numerous sports activities in particular. We organised a national competition in giant slalom, competed in bowling, we went on hikes along the borders and up the hills, we were fishing, cycling and running.









In addition, we were also humanitarian when we raised funds for those in need at the concert of the Police Orchestra and their musical guests. We updated our IPA magazine, went to watch a theatre performance, got together with foreign IPA members, and visited the nuclear power plant in Krško.

An important step forward was also the signing of the annual plan of collaboration with the Slovenian Police, which helps us with mutual cooperation that is of common interest, and contributes to a more successful implementation of police tasks, strengthening the security culture, promoting the Police, and enables the exchange of international experiences.

Servo per Amikeco!

Anita Kovačič Čelofiga, IPA Slovenia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SOUTH AFRICA**

Section South Africa, with the initiative of the Founder, the late Roy Moore and various others, was founded on 16 June 1982 and formally admitted as a section on 23 July 1992 during the 10th World Conference held in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Being part of the IPA fraternity for 38 years, 17 National Executive Committees have been elected with 6 Presidents: M.C.W. (Mike) Geldenhuys (1982 - 1984), P.J. (Johan) Coetzee (1984 - 1986), H.G. (Hennie) de Witt (1986 - 1990), S.J.J. (Basie) Smit (1990 - 2004), J. (Pilot) Loots (2004 - 2013) and H (Vossie) Vos (since 2013).

Key highlights amongst so many are:

- Hosting the 31st IEC at Sun City from 9-15 September 2002 with a total of 450 attendees - 131 Delegates/Observers and 329 Visitors
- IPA Friendship Week from 15 to 22 September 2002 with 311 participants
- Hosting the IYG from 29 July to 13 August 2017 – 40 participants from 21 Sections
- Various members participating in the Arthur Troop Scholarship Programme
- S.J.J. (Basie) Smit having served on the International Executive Board
- Fritz Brandt and H (Vossie) Vos serving on the International Social & Cultural Commission
- Having been able to establish 7 IPA Houses over time of which 4 are still active



Ben Stevens - Since 1995



Gamka- Moore - Since 1988



Johann Rissik - Since 1988



Timour Hall Villa - Since 1989

2020 will be a year that no-one will ever forget. With effect of 27 March 2020, South Africa, as the rest of the World, had gone into a strict lockdown process. The pandemic has had a severe impact on IPA activities, and we found it difficult to financially sustain our IPA Houses. Apart from IPA (SA) Regions not being able to undertake normal IPA activities, we also had to postpone our elective 2020 National Council Meeting to 2021.

However, across the country, various charity initiatives by Regional Committees were undertaken to support the needy in society, to bring about some relief and joy. These included donations of cash, food, clothing, blankets, etc. We also embarked on a national initiative with the SAVE Foundation to support serving policing officials who are members of IPA and their families affected by Covid-19 by establishing the IPA (SA) COVID 19 Relief Fund.

We express our sincere appreciation for the dedication of policing officials across the globe, who and with the same challenges being experienced to their own health, have served their communities with pride.

Section South Africa salutes the IPA Founder Arthur Troop,for allowing us to have the wonderful cause that is the IPA, filter into our lives over the past 70 years. We thank all IEB's, Sections and their members for the support, wonderful friendships and for the continuous dedication of all towards the beautiful ideals of the IPA. May the reality of the dreams of Arthur Troop, and that of Roy Moore, Founder of IPA South Africa, live on until the end of time.

"Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship"

H. Vossie Vos, President IPA South Africa

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SPAIN**



El presidente de IPA España, los miembros de su Junta Nacional y todos los socios que componen la Sección Nacional, quieren hacer mención pública al resto de los 68 países que conforman nuestra Asociación, su adhesión a los deseos que tuvo Arthur Troop cuando la fundó en enero de 1950, bajo el lema universal de “Servo per Amikeco”, quien no podía imaginar la cantidad de personas a las que llegaría su intención y la rápida propagación que tendría en poco tiempo después, a los que se adhirieron nuestros colectivos policiales españoles en mayo de 1961.

A partir de entonces es cuando se reconocen los méritos de nuestro fundador, al haber fomentado la creación de la Organización Mundial de la Amistad entre policías, comprometida con los principios establecidos en la Declaración de los Derechos Humanos de 1948 que adoptó las Naciones Unidas y que todos los afiliados agradecemos por pertenecer a ella, ejerciendo su práctica desinteresada y con todo el énfasis posible para acrecentar el espíritu de nuestro lema, que lo hace cada vez más fuerte.

Teníamos muchos proyectos durante el presente año en IPA España, desde la vertiente asociativa, de cooperación, educativa, social y deportiva, para disfrutar entre nosotros la efemérides que tanto deseábamos, homenajeando el 70 Aniversario de nuestra Asociación y ensalzando los recuerdos y memoria de su fundador, pero las circunstancias adversas sanitarias que se han presentado, a causa de la pandemia mundial, nos han hecho retraer todas las intenciones de organización, al obligarnos a admitir la realidad y ser consecuentes con las disposiciones mundiales tendentes a aminorar sus efectos, ya que hemos de ser los primeros en dar ejemplo de sometimiento a las leyes y sus normas, antes de exigir su cumplimiento a la sociedad.

Queremos hacer patente, no obstante, de nuestro interés en aceptar una nueva oportunidad que se presente en un futuro, exenta de riesgos para la población, a fin de poder celebrar nuestra pertenencia a IPA, que se ha convertido en la principal organización policial en el mundo, con todos los socios de aquellas Secciones Nacionales que lo deseen.

Con nuestros mejores deseos.

Servo per Amikeco

Artur Salinas Marín Presidente IPA España

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SRI LANKA**





IPA Sri Lanka was recognised by the International Executive Council (IEC) in 1974 at the conference held in Graz, Austria, and since then our section has been actively involved in all spheres of IPA activities and been a regular participant at the annual conferences and World Congress gatherings.

In addition, in the year 2008, an international board meeting was held in Sri Lanka, which was a significant milestone and a proud achievement for our section. Our members also participate regularly in various international training seminars/ programmes/ webinars, workshops and International Friendship Weeks, organised by other sections.

IPA Sri Lanka hosted 7 Friendship Week tour programmes in the years of 2000, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2018, drawing the attention of the international board and member sections, who actively participated in these events. The tours proved attractive, especially the various significant sites of historical and heritage importance, as well as the attractive coasts of the Island with its sandy beaches and calm placid warm waters, which are perfect for underwater sporting activities.

We eagerly planned to hold the 2nd Hosting Sections' Meeting (HSM) in the year 2020, but due to the spread of the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world, this event could not be held as scheduled. It is intended, however, to hold the HSM in the near future once the situation has improved and we return to normality. We also plan to host the 6th Young Police Officers' Seminar in 2021, and most of the planning has already been completed in this regard, but unless the pandemic situation returns to near-normal, this event too might have to be re-scheduled as appropriate.

To mark the 70th Anniversary of our prestigious organisation, we conducted an event extending a donation of medical aids and equipment to 27 disabled police officers, amounting to over Sri Lankan Rs. 600,000/=.

The IPA has brought forth police cooperation, unity and friendship amongst the police fraternity in the world, and we are proud to be a part of the largest police organisation in existence.

We wish the IPA and all sections success, and more and more strength to achieve further significant milestones in the future!

Asoka Wijetilleka, Act. President & Secretary General, IPA Lanka

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SWEDEN**

IPA Sweden's Past and Future in the IPA's 70th Jubilee Year 2020

The idea to form a Swedish IPA section was initially discussed by police officers in Gothenburg after contacts had been made with IPA members from England and Norway. After a few years of work, the final decision to found the section was taken. The Swedish Section of the IPA was affiliated on 9 September 1958 at the second World Congress in Antwerp, Belgium. Since IPA Sweden was founded in Malmö, the section has celebrated its jubilees in Malmö, or in neighbouring cities in the south of Sweden.



Mrs May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro and Mr Ivan Sokolowski

The Swedish IPA members are active travellers benefitting from the close proximity to other IPA sections in Europe, and easy access to the rest of the world by flight. National events, twinning with IPA regions and branches, IPA houses and lots more have engaged Swedish members. The section has been participating in the Nordic Baltic Meeting over the past 40+ years, and in the North European Forum of the IPA since its start in 2010. Members cherish the possibility to study at IBZ Gimborn and participate in the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS).

The section has changed its regional structure a few times, and consists of seven IPA regions, mirroring the Swedish National Police regions.

Several Swedish IPA members have contributed to the international commissions of the PEB and later the IEB. IPA Sweden is proud to have had Mr. Roy Stragnér serving as International President for the PEB, and at present Mrs. May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro as international Secretary General.

At the National Congress in October 2020, the section welcomed the eleventh National President; Mr. Ivan Sokolowski, whose work plan for the next four years will focus on membership retention and recruitment, digital membership cards, an updated homepage and national and international participation.

Servo Per Amikeco,

Ivan Sokolowski, President IPA Sweden

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION SWITZERLAND**



There is nothing better than to preside over an association which is linked and active with the credo of "serving in friendship", not only in Switzerland but also far beyond our borders. IPA Switzerland is moving forwards, as already proven by the large number of members our section has. But you cannot rest on this glory. You always have to find new perspectives, to ensure our association is always on the pulse of the action. An association's year without goals means stagnation.

The main concern of my presidential period, however, is not to lose our connection to the base: a chain consists of individual links, and the steadfastness of this chain is given only if each link remains connected to another link.

We hope you enjoy browsing through our section's homepage, and if you are not yet part of our IPA family, but would like to become one of our members, this would be a great pleasure for me. With the best wishes for health and success!

Jean-Pierre Allet, President IPA Switzerland



IPA Switzerland:

Affiliation Date: 16th September 1955
6 National Executive Board Members
14 Regions with Regional Boards
over 18,000 IPA Members

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THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION TURKEY**

Dear IPA friends,

We are going through a difficult period due to the political turmoil in our country.

Since the dubious military coup attempt, which took place in July 2016 in Turkey, thousands of our IPA colleagues have been jailed. This is not a joke!

Tough times are the true test of a friendship. As stated in a proverb; “A friend in need is a friend indeed.” When we needed real friends to listen to us and, moreover, when we needed to be understood and supported, we found you all beside us. The attitude of the President and the IEB (International Executive Board) in particular helped us to be better understood by all other members.

In an ever-changing world, we need new discourses and approaches more than ever. Establishing a sensitive and solid balance between the protection of fundamental Human Rights and the measures taken to eliminate security concerns makes it necessary to all come together to fight against all unlawfulness and corruption in today's world where crime is globalised. For this, reliable partners are needed. You are those trusted partners!

So that all those who are corrupt understand better that the law and Human Rights they want to destroy are not ownerless, that the world has now turned into a small village, and sooner or later they will be held accountable before the law!

We celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the IPA with the happiness of being with you. We sincerely hope that our friendship and solidarity will continue for another 70 years and more.

We are happy and proud to have friends like you!

IPA Turkey

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION UNITED KINGDOM**

Section UK wish all our International Police Association friends a fantastic 70th year of friendship. 2020 has not been what anyone could have imagined. Through our great association, we have not only coped, but grown stronger, serving members by offering practical support and staying in touch.

On the 1st January 1950, a Police Sergeant from Lincolnshire in England realised his dream and the IPA was born. Arthur Troop created an organisation which promoted friendship and cooperation amongst serving and retired police officers and police staff throughout the world, an organisation able to develop social, cultural and professional links free of any discrimination of rank/position, gender, race, language or religion.



IPA UK anniversary sew-on patch

Arthur prepared himself for the Association's 50th Anniversary World Congress, held in Bournemouth, UK, during May 2000. Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, attended the opening ceremony and paid tribute to "… **the man from Lincolnshire, for ruthlessly pursuing the arduous task of establishing the International Police Association by Service through Friendship**".

It is fitting that 20 years later, the IPA has proven that the core values of Service and Friendship can withstand throughout an exceptional set of world circumstances. Section UK has lived up to Arthur's values, and reached out to members from across the Section and indeed the world.



Participants at a national coffee morning

Similar to other Sections, we had a fabulous array of 70th celebration events planned from friendship weeks and fantastic seminars, including the COPS defensive tactics week-long event, to cruises, gala evenings where we looked forward to greeting IPA guests from all over the world. We started the year off with the now regular friendship weekend in Kingussie, Scotland before most of us went into lockdown.

We celebrated the 70th anniversary like most other sections using Zoom and other platforms. In early March we started with a national coffee morning, each Wednesday, which is still growing strong today, with international IPA friends often dropping in for a chat. Branches and regions organised virtual friendship events and stayed in regular touch with each other. We enjoyed local, national, and international quizzes, virtual Gin, Whisky, and Wine tasting evenings, virtual treasure hunts, and even cook the same ingredient dinner nights.

Some of our Special Interest Groups, such as the Family History, Writers, Defensive Tactics, Camping & Caravanning and Motorcycle Groups, were able to meet up on Zoom, keeping friendships up and making new ones.



Arthur Troop's Membership Card

Section UK held several virtual Gimborn webinars covering professional development, including how the police service was dealing with the pandemic. The well-established Writers group held an 8-week "Writing for Pleasure" webinar hosted by IBZ Gimborn, and a UK planned writing weekend at Fox Road morphed into a Writers Zoom weekend.

As a Section, and part of the largest friendship organisation in the world, we are proud of Arthur Troop.

We are proud of how IPA members here continue to reach out and look after members in the true spirit of Friendship. We are proud of our IPA history, and proud to live up to our motto Servo per Amikeco.

Bill Petherick, one of our UK Past Presidents whom many of you know, summed up a few weeks ago his feelings after enjoying the virtual IPA world:

"**During the most trying of times, the IPA shows its true strength, reaching out to those in need and offering the hand of friendship. I am proud to be a member of this great organisation**".



Region 7 online meeting



Section UK anniversary pin badge

We wish you the best for 2021 and hope to see you soon, enjoying a host of fantastic events whether virtual or hopefully in person.

Servo per Amikeco,

Sean Hannigan, Vice President Culture & Communications IPA United Kingdom

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION UKRAINE**

2020 is a significant year for every national section, as well as for all members of the IPA. Our police community turned 70 years old. We sincerely congratulate the IPA's leadership, as well as our colleagues and friends on all continents, on this wonderful anniversary!

The Ukrainian Section became a full member of the IPA in 1997. Now the section unites almost 6,000 members in its ranks. We have established divisions in all regions of the country and in the largest universities and academies of our system.

The high image of the section is facilitated by the fact that it has been permanently headed for 15 years by the First Minister of Internal Affairs of independent Ukraine, army general Andriy Vasilishin.



Andriy Vasilishin in a sponsored Lyceum

The Ukrainian Section works in close contact with the National Police of Ukraine, promotes the implementation of reforms in it, and integrates the Ukrainian police into the international community.

Priority in the work of the section is given to international activities, as well as strengthening business and friendly contacts with colleagues from the police of other countries

We are in constant communication and arrange exchanges of delegations with dozens of national sections from different continents. A mandatory component of most of these visits is the familiarisation with the work of the police, and an exchange of experience.



IPA Ukraine's Mini-Football Team – Champions of the first IPA Games

Regular international contacts based on scientific and practical research are of great importance. Informative round tables with current topics are regularly held with the participation of scientists, police practitioners, and colleagues from abroad.

Based on the results of such communication, proposals and recommendations have been prepared that are aimed at further developing cooperation with the police structures of the world's leading states and improving the work of the Ukrainian police.

A separate and very important component is sport in the section, which is seen as the most effective form of establishing and strengthening friendly contacts with colleagues from abroad involving police officers.



IPA Ukraine's International Friendship Week in Chernihiv

Every year, our athletes and teams, especially in mini-football and strength sports under the flag of the section, receive Gold Awards at prestigious international competitions of the IPA.

The Ukrainian Section is open for wide communication with IPA colleagues around the world.

Let our friendship grow stronger day by day!

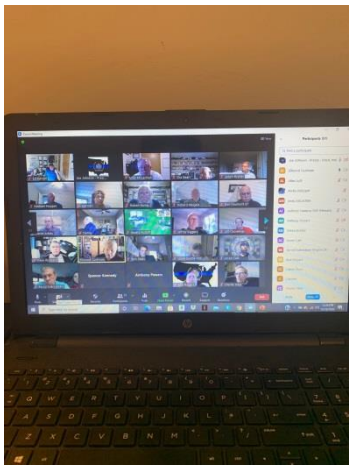
Servo per Amikeco!

Andriy Vasilishin, President IPA Ukraine

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The US Section of the IPA was not able to host our planned training program as part of the 70th Anniversary celebration but we look forward to hosting many of our members from around the globe in the next year for our training program.





Even with the Covid-19 situation, we persevered, and held our annual meeting online for the first time in our history as a section. We enjoyed being together (even though it was virtually), which was the reason the IPA was formed – to bring officers from around the globe together in friendship!!



Joe Johnson, President IPA United States of America

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION COLOMBIA**

The members of IPA Colombia, Section Provisionally Affiliated, pay tribute of respect, admiration and recognition to this worthy association of which we are an integral part, on the occasion of 70 years of successful, meritorious and permanent growth, united in fraternity with 67 Sections and more than 372,000 fellow police officers, guardians of our world community, in “Servo per Amikeco”, with our gratitude and permanent memory to our Founder, Sergeant Arthur Troop.

We met the IPA in July 2010, and we soon understood its purpose, values, and the importance of our relationship, receiving the first reports from IPA Peru and later IPA Spain, with Diego Rodríguez Borrega as advisor and guide, reaching the status we have today. The meeting to define the organisation of the IPA in Colombia was held in December 2010, and by then we already had slightly more than 70 members within IPA Spain. Today, we count 172. A Permanent Foundation Committee was organised and various academic and recreational activities began, to continue learning about the IPA, to promote the affiliation of our police officers, and to celebrate the progress made at every opportunity. As a result of the permanent promotion and engagement of our Police, it was possible to found IPA Colombia on 8 July 2016; both the IPA President, Pierre-Martin Moulin, and the former Secretary General, Georgios Katsaropoulos, were present, as well as Diego Rodríguez Borrega of IPA Spain. Work meetings to review the statutes and other foundation documents were held, and some tourist tours, in addition to a meeting at the General Directorate of the National Police with the assistance of General Directors of the different institutional bodies. The founding ceremony was solemn, joyous and full of sharing with 110 people attending, including representatives of the General Directorate, friends and affiliates, in the company of wives and other relatives.



Provisional Affiliation World Congress 2018

IPA Colombia has been present at the World Congresses in New Zealand, Bulgaria and the Netherlands; opportunities to share experiences with colleagues from so many different places is memorable, allowing us to deepen our knowledge of the Association each time. In addition, we hold assemblies, meetings of the Board of Directors, cultural and recreational events and send periodic reports to the International Secretariat to provide information about everything that has been done.

It is essential to mention the multiple meetings with the General Directorate of the National Police, with the different Directors of the Institution, who have been there since 2010, to publicise the existence of the IPA, its history, its philosophy, its organisation and links with International Organisations. These meetings that also had the purpose of obtaining the authorisation to recruit police officers on active duty. The authorisation that was obtained on 3 June 2020, when the corresponding document was signed, with the General Leaders Óscar Atehortúa Duque and Gustavo Alberto Moreno Maldonado at the Command Dome.

Our tribute of admiration and commitment, in "Servo per Amikeco".

Pedronel Delgado, President IPA Colombia

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION KYRGYZSTAN**

Our association consists of former employees of law enforcement agencies, including Internal Affairs, National Security Agencies, and the Prosecutor's office. The national section IPA Kyrgyzstan was registered on 27 August 2012 in the Ministry of Justice.

Our section has been fully operational since October 2015. Membership numbers have risen steadily: from 63 members in 2016, 81 in 2017, to 100 members in 2018.

Members of the International Executive Board of the IPA visited us in March 2018, where we met them at the border with Kazakhstan, to accompany them to meet with the Interior Minister, the Mayor of Bishkek, and the Chairman of the City Parliament.



President Pierre-Martin Moulin and members of the board at the Founding Meeting of the Kyrgyz section of the IPA

The IEB participated in our Founding Meeting, and in September of the same year we were officially welcomed as a Section in Foundation. To date, in November 2020, and with the status of Section provisionally affiliated, 110 people are members of IPA Kyrgyzstan.



The Vice President of IPA Kyrgyzstan, Major General of the Militia Alymbekov B.M., raising the IPA flag at an altitude of 3,040m near the city of Karakol (Issyk-Kul region)

Our section hosts various events each year: sports, cultural, and educational. Many of our members and committee chairpersons give lectures at various universities, such as at the Law Academy, the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the International University of Kyrgyzstan, and the Kyrgyz Agrarian University.

In addition, we celebrate the anniversaries of all our members who turn 60 or 70.

We also hold various sports tournaments, such as 4 international billiards tournaments in 2016 in Karakol, 2017-18 in Bishkek, and in 2019, we participated in a tournament in Kazakhstan.

We had planned to organise an international tournament in 2020 as well, but due to the situation with Covid-19, the tournament unfortunately had to be cancelled and was postponed to a later date.

The Executive Committee of IPA Kyrgyzstan consists of 16 people, and quarterly meetings are held to resolve all current issues.

Sheishenbek Baizakov, President IPA Kyrgyzstan

THE IPA AT 70 – **SECTION IN FOUNDATION ALBANIA**

A few highlights from our many activities in October and November 2020:

17 November 2020

In the framework of the November holidays, the Middle Albania IPA Region organised a very beautiful event in Peza Village/Tirana district. A visit to historical buildings was arranged, in addition to walking, riding horses and getting to know the work that "ERA" (Emergency Response Albania) undertakes.





10 November 2020

IPA Section in Foundation Albania held a meeting with Albanian Police Directors over the years at the "Rafaelo" resort in Shengjin/Lezha. The mayor of Shkodra, Mrs. Voltana Ademi and the mayor of Lezhe, our former colleague, Mr. Pjerin Ndreu, following their cooperation with us, offered their support for projects related to our mission. Based on Ardian Zaganjori's proposal, the formation of the "Forum of former Albanian Police Directors" was agreed upon. In the second part of the meeting, we enjoyed the performance of local artists. Mr. Ahmet Prenci spoke briefly and donated his latest book "Anja" to the meeting participants. In addition, Mr. Bilbil Mema (ex GD) and Faik Sadiku (police officer) donated their latest editions, aiming to promote the best values of friendship and cooperation.

https://www.facebook.com/ipa.albania/videos/391348788674893




09 November 2020

Representatives of the Skodrini branch of IPA Albania organised an awareness meeting together with a qualification regarding DMA (Coalition against Drugs and alcohol) to prevent drug use in high schools, as well as on environmental protection, and in a particular the prevention of the pollution of the Shkodra Lake. Participation levels were impressive.





31 October 2020

The annual analysis and the plan for 2021 of IPA Albania took place in the wonderful premises of Grand FAFA Durres, offered generously by a colleague. Participants from the 4 regions rated achievements, and plans unfolded. A minute of silence was held in honour of colleagues and friends lost to Covid-19.

10 October 2020

Following an invitation from the President of IPA Montenegro, Vojislav Dragović, on 10.10.2020, a delegation from the IPA Skodrini Region paid a visit to Montenegro.

This visit took place in the framework of the anniversary of the founding of Section Montenegro. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the level of cooperation and the conviction that this cooperation will deepen in the future.



President Dragović pointed out that IPA Montenegro will intensify its lobbying for the progression of IPA Albania in the affiliation process. During the meeting, symbolic gifts as well as professional assessments were exchanged.

Skender Doda, President Section in Foundation Albania

THE IPA AT 70 – **LAST WORD**

Congratulations to everyone who has 'made it' through this comprehensive 70th Anniversary special edition IPA Newsletter for December 2020!

Our planned publication of the electronic version is 15 December – which coincides rather nicely with Arthur Troop's Birthday.



I have to admit that I was slightly scared and apprehensive at first, when the IEB members decided during an online Zoom board meeting in October 2020, that they would like to see a rather out of the ordinary December Newsletter edition, to commemorate the IPA's significant milestone of 70 years since the association's founding.

The task ahead seemed almost insurmountable: the IAC team, under the guidance and support of our boss Stephen Crockard, was tasked with gathering articles from each IPA section, every IEB member, several past presidents, plus complement the edition with a few informative pages. In an attempt not to panic completely, I started with a project plan and 'totted up' that this edition would in the best-case scenario of everyone replying and cooperating, include up to 68 articles from sections, 8 from the IEB, most likely 4 from former presidents, one from Gimborn, around 10 pages of general info, plus of course the introduction and hopefully an inviting front page … summa summarum: at least 93 items …

To put this in perspective, I had a look at our previous years' Newsletters: in the 11 months of 2020 editions, we processed 120, in the entire year 2019 149, and in 2018 142 items … so this special December 2020 edition accounts for … well I am too tired right now to calculate the exact percentage … but: it is a large one 😊

Never in a million years did I believe that every single IPA section would provide an article, and I am extremely grateful to all those who put pen to paper and wrote their contributions in a language other than their native one. Thank you also for sending a multitude of wonderful photos, many of which will eventually find their way into our website's photo gallery, where all of you can enjoy them!

I count myself lucky to have learned so much more from each IPA section while we edited and formatted your contributions. Thank you from all of us at the IAC! A massive thank you also to the IEB members, who never seemed to doubt that we would manage the task ahead of us, and assisted us wherever they could, to ensure that we could publish this current Newsletter in under 8 weeks.

I hope you have enjoyed reading everyone's contributions as much as we have at the IAC – although I have to confess that I am quietly glad that the next significant milestone – 75 – is a few years ahead yet 😊

Happy Anniversary, IPA!

Elke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