IPA Newsletter

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Getting ready for take-off!



An inspirational photo from Gérard Fayet,
Merit Award winner of the IPA Photo Competition 2017

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear all,

Some of our members have very high expectations about what the IPA should be and what role the association should play on the international scene. It has been suggested to me that I am not doing enough to develop this aspect that could, amongst others, be used for recruiting new members.



What a beautiful world!

Their concern is that the IPA has been reduced to a 'drinking club', to quote one of the comments I received. Of course my first reaction would be 'what's wrong with having a drink?' (just kidding).

On a more serious note, I understand these comments, especially as article 7 of our International Statutes lists as one of the IPA's aims to 'enhance recognition of the IPA by international bodies'. In addition, article 1 states that 'The IPA is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Consultative (Special) Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; in Consultative Status with the Organization of American States and UNESCO'.

I will not minimise this aspect and especially the work put in by many of our members to uphold such an important international recognition for the Association. And I know that many sections work hard to develop this recognition at a national level, and that it is of great importance for the IPA. Time and energy is invested to attend conferences or meetings, and many members act as speakers. I express my thanks to all of them and encourage them to continue their vital contribution.

I ask myself, however, if this is the primary aim of our Association; does it reflect our values and principles developed over time? I personally don't think so. The soul of the IPA is friendship, our capacity to gather together, to invite newcomers and to unite through the activities set up by branches, regions and sections of the IPA. Our potential new members who will carry on our motto and our flag over the coming decades are members of the police force or related professions as specified in the membership conditions of our international and national statutes. It is not by chance that our Association has come so far since 1950, but because the IPA gathers people who have an inherent sense of the honour of what it means to serve. It is exactly this aspect that has ensured that the IPA has continued to develop, through our service through friendship all these years! Time will never erode such values.

I respect and value the work of the international organisations we are part of, but I feel closer to IPA members who joined the Association due to their belief that friendship could bring them together to share good moments, knowledge, best practice, social and cultural aspects, and why not to have a drink together ?

Long live IPA

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA Estonia



The annual meeting of IPA Estonia was held on 24 March 2018, in the heart of Estonia at Väätsa. During the meeting, the election for the new board was held, and it is a great honour for me to be elected as the new President of IPA Estonia.

I have been working for the Estonian police force in different positions since 1995 and currently work as a trainer of emergency vehicle drivers in the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board. I have been a member of IPA since 2002 and a member of the Board since 2009.

I am pleased to introduce the new board members of the Estonian section, whose average age is 49:

Uno Laas	President
Janek Pedask	Secretary General
Kaja Suur	Treasurer
Lauri Läänso	Website and Social Media Coordinator
Maret Tamra	Member of the Management Board
Üllar Kütt	Member of the Management Board
Marek Unt	Member of the Management Board



Marek Unt, Üllar Kütt, Maret Tamra, Kaja Suur, Uno Laas, Lauri Läänso, Janek Pedask

We will carry on what our predecessors started. One of our more important goals is to increase the number of our members as well as broadening national and international friendships and relations. Furthermore, we will continue our cooperation with the Estonian Cancer Society. Whilst the 2017 project was aimed at our beloved female colleagues and spouses of our male colleagues, the 2018 project will be directed towards men.

We will also continue with arranging excursions and work together with our neighbours from close and far.

PS!

To learn more about our activities and us, we invite you to the 25th anniversary of the IPA Estonian section, which takes place from 16 – 22 July 2018.

For additional information visit: https://ipa-estonia.eu/en/events/friendship-week-2018

Best Wishes!

Uno Laas, President IPA Estonia

A heartfelt IPA 'au revoir'



It is with a lot of emotion that I leave my post as National President of IPA France after 6 years in the Presidency and 10 in the National Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome you have always given me at international meetings and World Congresses, as well as for the support over the years.

Since 30 March 2018, the French section has had a new President, Thierry Larrouy, who many of you will already know, as he has been involved with our association for several years now, and he accompanied me to the World Congress 2015 in Cyprus.

A new team has been put in place which will be introduced to you soon.

I will not leave the IPA; I will continue to contribute on a different level and support the new team if necessary, as it is vital to ensure the continuity of our tasks in the interest of our members.

I know I can count on each and every one of you to welcome and support the new IPA France President and his whole team.

I will not forget you and I sincerely hope to have the pleasure of seeing some of you again on my future travels.

Long live the IPA.

Rose Lourme, Past President IPA France

IPA Latvia organises a successful Baltic Spring Event

On 7 April 2018, the Latvian section of the International Police Association organised an international Baltic States event called ‘Let's celebrate spring in Skrīveri’. Friends of the International Police Association from Lithuania and Estonia, including Uno Lass, the new President of IPA Estonia. It was a great pleasure to meet many close friends and colleagues from our neighbouring countries.

Together we went on a tour to visit ‘Skrīveru saldumi’ (‘Skrīveri Sweets’), a family company founded in 2005 in Skrīveri. A team of professionals works in the factory, with experience in candy production since 1959! The company's motto is - Combine healthy with sweet! The tour members had an opportunity to take part in an hour’s tour and see how our favourite Latvian sweets, the candy ‘Gotiņa’ (‘Cow’), are made, and they were able to take part in a creative workshop, learning a small part of the work the factory workers do every day.





Afterwards, we went to one of Latvia's most beautiful and mythical places, Koknese, where we walked through Latvia's ‘Likteņdārzs’ - a special garden created by Latvian residents for Latvia’s centennial. Every Latvian citizen can donate to the development of this garden, as well as take part in hands-on work in order to improve the facility.





Koknese Castle was one of the largest and most important medieval castles in the territory of Latvia. Construction of the huge castle, which belonged the Archbishop of Riga, and the adjacent town of Koknese started in 1209 and was completed in a short time. The castle was abandoned after the mighty western towers were blown up in 1701, and the spectacular medieval ruins of Koknese Castle are still one of the most scenic places between the two rivers Pērse and Daugava.

Many thanks to the dear friends from Lithuania and Estonia who attended this joint event and strengthened our Baltic State friendship ties.

Best regards!

SERVO PER AMIKECO ☺

Indra Lūse, Secretary General IPA Latvia

IPA Brazil participated in the 8th World Water Forum



From 18-23 March 2018, the 8th World Water Forum was held in the capital of Brazil, Brasilia - the first city in the Southern Hemisphere to host the event. The International Police Association's Brazilian Section - IPA Brazil - was present and participated in the Forum.

With the theme of 'Sharing Water', the forum had a participation of about 97,000 people, with 15,000 from outside of the country, including members and visitors. Over five days of debates involving leaders from 172 countries, issues such as climate change and the impact on water resources, as well as water infrastructure financing to increase global supply security were addressed. In addition, integrated management in urban areas was discussed, taking into account water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste collection. The President of the World Water Council, Benedito Braga, stated that: 'We want to see solutions that can be used in the long term and influence decision-makers.'







IPA Brazil joined the 8th World Water Forum with a project developed in conjunction with ADASA (a Water, Energy and Sanitation Regulatory Agency) with regard to a process of water purification, which was presented at 'Vila Cidadã', where the public drank and praised the result.

In addition, a process of re-use for real estate construction was presented. The novelty of this police participation resulted in one of the biggest awards of the event.

IPA Brazil was not only involved in the above projects, but also took part in debates which showed that the police are essential in this context of controlling water waste.

Joel Mazo Zarpellon, IPA Brazil

America takes on North Wales – a UK 'IPA story'



Following receipt of an IPA Travel Form from Mike Fales, a serving NYPD officer, Gary Fernandes of the North Wales Branch immediately got in touch with him to arrange a meeting at Ruthin. Mike and his travelling companions were visiting North Wales during a tour of the UK. Gary takes up the story:

David Moore and I met up with Mike Fales, a serving detective in the NYPD at Ruthin Castle on 19 March 2018.

Ruthin was an overnight stay for Mike who was on his way down from Scotland to Stratford upon Avon.

Mike travelled with about ten other NYPD colleagues and their wives/partners. The group mainly comprised retired officers, so it was quite interesting to hear about the experiences of former officers compared to those presently serving.

It appears that race relations is a big issue in New York and how different mayors of the city and Presidential attitude can affect policing on the street. In particular, the confidence in the police in a given community seems to be related to the political leaning of those who govern.

Mike and his colleagues were most hospitable, insisting that David and I stay and have a meal with them. Gifts and contact details were exchanged and before I knew it, darkness had fallen and it was beginning to snow. Time for me to make my way home.

It was a lovely evening spent in the company of colleagues from the USA who I now refer to as friends … And isn't that what the IPA is about?

Denis Hunt and Gary Fernandes, IPA UK

IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA House Johann Rissik, Pretoria, South Africa

Situated in Pretoria, the capital and known as the Jacaranda City of South Africa, the Johann Rissik Guest House is located approximately 3 kilometres from the City Centre.

It is within walking distance of the Union Buildings, Loftus Versveld (a world-renowned rugby field) and various embassies. The IPA house is a mere 30 minute drive away from the Oliver Tambo International Airport and City of Johannesburg.

The legacy of the past directly links the Johann Rissik IPA House (built in 1924) to the history of Johannesburg, the biggest city in South Africa, as the House is named after Mr Johann Rissik, one of two persons after whom the City of Johannesburg was named.

The facility has been in operation as an IPA House since 1989.



There are 9 rooms accommodating 18 people, a lounge with a TV, as well as a fully equipped kitchen for use by guests.

A bar facility that is open 7 days a week is available for guests.

The IPA House Johann Rissik has a communal BBQ/Braai area with a lapa. The personnel living on site is always around to assist guests.

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LAST WORD

When spring is in full swing, so is the IPA!

Every time, when updating the Calendar of IPA Events, as seen on the next page, I am amazed at the amount of activities offered to IPA members throughout May and June in particular.

Have a look: if you so wish, you could spend every weekend discovering another beautiful corner of the IPA world – from a shooting tournament in Croatia to a 60th anniversary in Belgium, from the IPA Games in Portugal to a photography seminar in Gimborn, from a motorcycle rally in Italy to a collectors' meeting in Spain, to name only a few.

Take your pick – the list of opportunities for you to enjoy is endless ☺

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Section	***Date***	***Event***
Croatia	5 May 2018	Precise Shooting Tournament, Split
Russia	8-13 May 2018	Mayskaya Week, Moscow
Greece	9-13 May 2018	34th National Congress, Crete
Belgium	10-13 May 2018	60th Anniversary celebrations IPA Liège
Sweden	10-13 May 2018	60th Anniversary IPA Sweden, Malmö
Portugal	13-18 May 2018	IPA Games, Lisbon
Spain	17-20 May 2018	XV Int. Footb. 7 Champ. for Police, Tarragona
Germany	18-21 May 2018	International Motorbike Meeting, Husum
France	18-22 May 2018	Int'l Friendship Week, Nîmes
Croatia	18-25 May 2018	IPA Dubrovnik Diving Week
San Marino	22-26 May 2018	IEB Meeting, San Marino
Hungary	24-27 May 2018	Conf. Centr. & East. Europ. Sect., Rackeve
UK	25-28 May 2018	Photography Seminar, Gimborn
Cyprus	28-31 May 2018	Larnaca Friendship Week
Cyprus	31 May-3 Jun 2018	Conference of Med. Sections, Nicosia
Latvia	1-3 Jun 2018	Nordic Baltic Meeting
Poland	2 Jun 2018	International Police Swap Meeting, Katowice
Belgium	4-8 Jun 2018	COPS 2018, Antwerp
France	6-10 June 2018	Rhône/Alpes Motorcycle Meeting
UK	7-10 Jun 2018	Notts Branch 60th Anniversary Celebrations
Spain	9 Jun 2018	4th Meeting of Police Collectors, Valencia
Romania	13-18 Jun 2018	2nd Int'l Women's Meeting – 'Dracula Tour'
Austria	14-17 Jun 2018	Northern European Forum, Vienna
Spain	14-17 Jun 2018	Football Tournament, La Coruña
Italy	14-17 Jun 2018	8th IPA Motorcycle Rally, Predazzo
Italy	15-17 June 2018	3rd IPA Europ. Police Bikers' Reunion, Udine
Germany	16 Jun 2018	IPA Speyer 60th Anniversary, Speyer
Austria	16-23 Jun 2018	Hiking Week, Nassfeld
France	17 Jun 2018	Bourse du Collectionneur, Lyon
UK	22-25 Jun 2018	Walking weekend, Gimborn
Sri Lanka	7-14 Jul 2018	International Friendship Tour, Sri Lanka
USA	8-12 Jul 2018	US Section Training Program, Green Bay, WI
Austria	13-15 Jul 2018	6th Int'l Blue Light Tournament, Würmla
Lithuania	13-15 Jul 2018	XXI International Summer Gathering
Estonia	16-22 Jul 2018	Friendship Week, South West Estonia
UK	6-19 Aug 2018	Int'l Youth Gathering, Sherwood Forest
Germany	10-19 Aug 2018	VIII International Friendship Meeting, Bork
Germany	17-19 Aug 2018	19th International Biker Meeting, Speyer
Poland	23-26 Aug 2018	XX International Football Tournam., Poznan
Russia	27 Aug-2 Sep 2018	Spasskaya Tower Friendship Week, Moscow
Spain	28 Aug-2 Sep 2018	Football Tournament, La Coruña
Canada	30 Aug-12 Sep 2018	Friendship 'Week', Montréal, Québec, Ottawa

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Poland	2 Sep 2018	Open Police Cup Half Marathon, Piła
Italy	13-16 Sep 2018	5th Riviera delle Palme Trophy, Ascoli Piceno
UK	17-21 Sep 2018	Writers' Seminar, Gimborn
Netherlands	19-23 Sep 2018	63rd IPA World Congress, Rotterdam
Italy	19-23 Sep 2018	35th Anniv. Lignano Basso Friuli
Spain	20-23 Sep 2018	II IPA Trans-Pyrenean Motorcycle Route, Barcelona
Greece	24-30 Sep 2018	4th IPA Members' Fine Art Exhibition, Athens
Spain	1-3 Oct 2018	Motorhome Trip to Oktoberfest Munich
Germany	3-4 Nov 2018	IPARC Contest
USA	4-9 Nov 2018	NEC/NDC Meeting 2018, Las Vegas
Ireland	21-24 Nov 2018	IEB Meeting, Dublin
Spain	1 Dec 2018	18th International Trader Show, Barcelona

FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.
If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de



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


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