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Celebrating half a Century at Gimborn



One of the many fabulous photos taken at the anniversary by IPA Germany member Michael O.A. Klapper

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

In a few days, our big IPA family will gather near Dubrovnik, Croatia, for the 64th IPA World Congress. The delegations of 65 national sections will be present, with only 2 not being able to take part. A very good level of attendance, which I am grateful for.

As you may know, every section is entitled to attend the congress sessions with one delegate and a maximum of two observers. In total, when taking into account the congress participants and the IPA guests who will be present for the social programme, nearly 300 people will visit Croatia. A big thank you to our hosts for the immense work put in to organise such a large event.

As some of you might not be too familiar with the format of the World Congress, here are a few details: The congress itself will start on Wednesday 9 October with the opening ceremony, and the congress working sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. A full agenda will be covered. The main topics will be the reports of each member of the International Executive Board (IEB), various motions brought forward by the IEB and the sections, plus presentations from several sections on a range of topics. Our sessions are interpreted professionally into 5 languages, English, French, German, Spanish and Russian, thus ensuring an optimum level of understanding between our sections with 40 different national languages.

2019 marks the end of the current term, and therefore the last part of the congress, before the Social Day and Gala Evening, will focus on the elections of the new IEB and the Internal Auditors.

This year, 21 candidates are running for the 8 positions on the board, with every position having more than 1 contender. After the election of the board members, the Vice President will be elected. Following this, 5 candidates will compete for the 2 Internal Auditor posts.

To choose a new international board and auditors is always the highlight of an elective congress, and at this point, I would like to thank all candidates and wish them good luck. The board and the auditors are elected for 4 years. This is a serious commitment, calling for competence, a sense of responsibility, hard work and most of all, dedication to the values and spirit of our wonderful organisation.

Above all, though, the World Congress is an opportunity for all participants to gather and spend a few days with friends from all over the world, to share unforgettable social moments, and build memories for life. I am always amazed by what the IPA can bring to all of us, and by what we can all do for the IPA.

A big thank you to all those coming to the World Congress and contributing to its success, and thank you also to our readers for their support and what they do for the IPA.

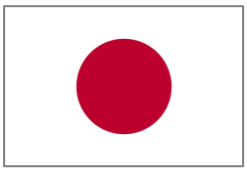
Servo per amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA JAPAN





I am delighted to announce that I was elected President of IPA Japan at the National Congress held in Tokyo on 13 July 2019. Although this is not a regular election year, my predecessor Mr.Koji Nakamura, our devoted President for 15 years, had proposed that I take over his responsibilities upon his resignation, and the Congress agreed unanimously my presidency for the remaining year of the current term.

It is a great honor and a pleasure for me to chair Section Japan, and I will do my very best, in collaboration with the remaining 4 other national board members. I would also like to pay tribute to the significant contributions that Nakamura-san has made to the Section, and sincerely express our deepest gratitude to him on behalf of all members.

I worked for the Japanese police for 38 years, and retired in 2016 as Commissioner General of the National Police Agency. I was then appointed by the Prime Minister to preside over the Police Personnel Mutual Aid Association, which provides social welfare to police personnel, the retired, and their families. At the same time, I joined the IPA and became an adviser to Section Japan. As you can see, I'm rather new to the IPA world, and I am very excited to learn further from colleagues in Japan and around the world.

Regarding Section Japan, we have several challenges to work on.

Firstly, we need to expand our membership. Even though the Japanese Police has approximately 300,000 officers and civilian personnel, we currently have only a few hundred members. We definitely need more members, both active and retired, particularly the young officers who would be the torchbearers of the future IPA, to further develop our activities. In order to achieve this objective, we would like to raise awareness of the IPA among all the police personnel in Japan through the events that we organize or take part in, and by providing information about our activities with available cooperation from the police organizations.

Secondly, we would like to cooperate with and contribute to all IPA sections in the world to a larger extent. As a first step, we will host the International Friendship Week in Japan in April 2020 for the first time in 10 years.



Speaking at the AGM in Tokyo

We plan to take you on a Bullet Train trip in the season of cherry blossoms, from Tokyo to the ancient capital of Kyoto, the samurai-era castle of Himeji, the peace memorials in Hiroshima, and to the beautiful lake at the foot of Mt. Fuji. We look forward to welcoming many IPA friends from around the world.

Last, but not least, we would like to send as many members as we can to international seminars, workshops, and other events held by the IPA organizations.Thanks to the efforts of the IEB and host sections, such opportunities are the most effective means for young officers not only to learn professional skills and from other countries' experiences, but also to gain global views and build international friendship in line with the shared objectives of the IPA.

I am very much excited to enhance cooperation and friendship with all of you, and am looking forward to meeting you at the World Congress in Croatia in October.

Servo per Amikeco

Masahito Kanetaka, President IPA Japan

50th Anniversary Celebrations of IBZ Gimborn

IEB members Gal Sharon, May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro, Romain Miny and I were honoured to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations of IBZ Gimborn on 31 August 2019, joining some 250 guests from around the IPA World.





Horst Bichl, President of IPA Germany, opened the proceedings by introducing Police Chaplain and IPA member, Father Johannes Gospos, with a short service of thanksgiving. The Prayer of the United Nations was followed by communal hymns and a positive and thought-provoking sermon by Father Gospos.

Peter Newels, Chairman of the IBZ Board, in his speech noted that the founding fathers would be pleased with the development of the facility.

Guest of honour, the Interior Minister of the Federal State of North-Rhine Westphalia, Herbert Reul, praised Gimborn, referring to policing discussions and developments, which were initiated in Gimborn.

Gal Sharon, as IEB Vice President, introduced the other IEB members present and said that Gimborn could not be duplicated, but explained her desire for expansion out into the sections, if she were to be elected as IEB President in Croatia.

There were further speeches from Horst Bichl, Klaus Grootens, Leader of the County Council (Oberbergischer Kreis), Stefan Meisenberg, and the Mayor of Marienheide, plus later on music from a 50s themed jazz band.





Guests then enjoyed a sparkling wine reception in the castle park, with entertainment from the Limburg Police Pipes & Drums. There were displays of acrobatics and unarmed arrest methods from police display teams, plus a puppet display for the children. A wide range of historic and current police vehicles from Germany and neighbouring countries was very popular with photographers.

A sudden change in the weather, causing a deluge and short power outage, did not detract from the evening's superb buffet meal and dance in the marquee. Generous contributions to the IBZ 'Building Block' fund raiser were presented by a number of national and regional committees.

Congratulations are due to the IBZ Director, René Kauffmann, and his team, for all their hard work in putting together such a successful and popular event.

If you would like to see more, please follow the links below to access a photo gallery on IBZ Gimborn's website and a video of the event, kindly produced by John Korsel from IPA Netherlands:

https://www.ibz-gimborn.de/event-gallery_50-jahre-ibz.html

https://www.youtube.com/Gimborn 50th Anniversary

The IEB is proud to support our IBZ Gimborn!

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21st International Football Tournament IPA Poznań 2019



The 21st edition of the International Football Tournament of IPA Poznań took place from 22-25 August 2019. This year, 15 law enforcement teams from the Police, Military Counterintelligence Service, Municipal Police, Fire Brigade and Penitentiary Service from Poland, as well as 4 foreign teams from Cyprus (Paphos), Hungary (Gyöngyös) and Ukraine (Kiev and Kharkov), participated.

This year's tournament was held under the honorary patronage of the Greater Poland Provincial Police Commander, The Marshal of the Greater Poland Province, the Poznań Starost, the Mayor of the City of Poznán, and the President of the IPA Polish Section. After the introduction of the teams and listening to the national anthems of Poland, Cyprus, Hungary and Ukraine, as well as the IPA anthem, the matches started simultaneously on two playing fields.

After two days of matches, the teams of IPA Poznań and IPA Gostyń advanced to the final. The match for 3rd place was played between the teams of the Convoy Department of the Provincial Police HQ in Poznań and IPA Region Mielec, which was won by the Convoy Department on penalty kicks in extra time. Before the match for 3rd place, a friendship match was played between the IPA Poznań ladies' team and a team consisting of the representatives of the tournament.

The final, which was played in 30 degrees heat, was won by the hosts of the tournament – the Region IPA Poznań Team, who managed to beat the IPA Gostyń Team 3:0, and therewith winning the Champion's Trophy.



In the evening, a celebratory barbeque was held, during which the President of the Polish Section, Fryderyk Orepuk, and selected guests presented the trophies and diplomas to all participating teams. The three winning teams were honoured with medals and prizes. In addition, the President handed a t-shirt to the team of IPA Poznań which had been donated by the Polish International and FC Napoli player, Jacek Zieliński. Trophies and prizes were also handed to the top goal scorer of the tournament, the best goalkeeper, the oldest player, and the youngest player.

The team of IPA Paphos from Cyprus was awarded the Fair Play Trophy, donated by the Head of the Polish Olympic Committee.

During the barbeque, the results were discussed as well as the plans for the next Tournament in Poznań in 2020.

Witold Drzażdżyński, IPA Poznań

IPA Israel's leadership sails to Greece

Cruising is always fun - cruising to Greece is especially fun - and sailing together with 166 IPA members from Israel is fantastic fun.

The entire leadership of IPA Israel, including NEC members, chairpersons of all the branches and others, sailed to Greece as part of a professional sailing seminar.



We met up with our colleagues in Rhodes and Crete, as well as NEC members of the Greek section.

On the cruise ship, we held a national meeting of the entire management of IPA Israel, and in Greece we met our friends from the local board.

We want to thank our friends from Greece for the warm, friendly and exciting meetings.

The idea of a 'sailing conference' is great, because on the ship all the necessary facilities for a conference are available, and of course much more.





Meeting friends and visiting other sections at the same cost of a national conference turned our board meeting into an international conference with a lot of fun.

Fun in Greece meant an evening in a local tavern in Rhodes with music, dancing, drinking, and meeting our IPA friends and the commanding officer of the Rhodes police.

This is the way to have professional seminars and conferences.

Dr Eran Israel, Secretary General, IPA Israel

Jordan Blyth shares his thoughts on the YPOS 2019

Having only joined the IPA towards the end of 2018, I thought it would be unlikely that I would be selected to attend from Scotland, so it came as a surprise when I received the notification that I had been successful. I'd never taken part in any IPA event before, so I wasn't sure what to expect to begin with. After greeting the other officers at Edinburgh Airport, I arrived at the University, where I was shown to my room and met my flat-mates, two officers from Switzerland. Very shortly after that, we were in the local pub, a place we all became very familiar with over the week! I quickly felt at home with all the other officers, exchanging stories from our homelands and comparing professional differences between nations.



The rest of the week involved inputs from current and retired officers from Police Scotland and across the UK, many of whom were clearly experts in their fields. The classes and lectures ranged from the Art of Communication, through to the Russian Mafia, Gangs, Organised Crime, International Exchanges, Terrorism, Defensive Tactics and much more. Going into some of the lectures, although I thought they sounded very interesting, I wasn't sure how they would apply to me, my role or my geographical location, however, that notion was soon shattered when those giving the input started to dispense the vast amount of knowledge they clearly had on their respective subjects. There was not one input that I didn't walk away from without learning something useful. Speaking with the other attendees afterwards, they clearly all felt the same.

As well as the professional aspect, there was a distillery tour on the Wednesday and a tour of Edinburgh on the Thursday, followed by a formal dinner at the Royal Scots Club in the evening, to which I and the others wore our dress uniforms.

Having attended the Seminar, I feel I have learned valuable skills which translate to my personal and professional life. I have every intention to continue my membership with the IPA and attend future social and professional events. I now have friends across the world who I can visit, and I have plans to meet with others who are returning to Scotland in the future. As a group, we are already planning a reunion, proposed to be in Spain next year!

I would highly recommend joining the IPA to any officer, no matter what their age or service, as a way to expand their knowledge of policing and meet new friends along the way.

Jordan Blyth, IPA UK – Police Scotland

Voyage de l'IPA Liège au Japon

Domo arigatou gozaimashita ! Nihongo ha totemo muzukashii !
(Merci beaucoup ! Le Japonais est vraiment très difficile !) A part cela, nous l'avions annoncé merveilleux, ce voyage au pays du soleil levant a été tout bonnement somptueux.



Le samedi 25 mai 2019, nous étions 38 à prendre notre envol à Bruxelles vers Kyoto, via Helsinki, pour un voyage extraordinaire au Japon. Arrivée à Osaka, le 26 mai pour de suite commencer par la visite de la ville de Nara, du temple Todaiji, le grand Boudha, du parc animalier de Nara où les daims, animaux sacrés, circulent en toute liberté. Installation à l'hôtel Righa Royal Kyoto 4*.

Le 27 mai, visite du Sanctuaire de Fushimi Inari et son célèbre tunnel de portes Torii. L'après-midi, découverte du Temple kinkakyji et son pavillon d'or. Le 28 mai, petite promenade en Rickshaw au travers d'une splendide forêt de bambous. L'après-midi, découverte du Temple Ryoanji et son jardin Rock. En soirée repas japonais agrémenté d'un magnifique spectacle de Maiko (danseuses traditionnelles).

Le 29 mai, nous nous rendons à Marine Maiko Promenade et découvrons le Pont suspendu d'Akashikaikyo. Nous reprenons la route vers Himeji pour y déjeuner avant de faire la visite du très beau château du même nom, 1er château du Japon à avoir été enregistré au Patrimoine Culturel Mondial de l'Unesco. Ensuite, embarquement à bord du réputé Shinkansen (TGV japonais) en direction d'Hiroshima. Après un transfert en car puis en ferry, nous arrivons au Ryokan de Miyajima. Dépaysement total…une hôtesse en costume traditionnel nous a conduits à notre chambre et nous a invités à prendre le thé sur une table basse. Là, pas de chaussures et kimono souhaité. Pour le repas typiquement japonais, certains avaient revêtu le kimono. Nous avons pu découvrir la cuisine locale - sushis, poissons crus, sauce soja - et le thé.

Le 30 mai, après avoir visité le sanctuaire d'Itsukushima caractérisé par sa porte au bord de l'eau, nous avons repris le ferry pour nous rendre au Mémorial de la Paix à Hiroshima (son parc, son musée et son dôme de la bombe atomique).



Hiroshima

Le 31 mai, départ en car vers Ohara et son musée d'art et visite du quartier historique de Kurashiki Bikan. Après le déjeuner, nous avons repris la route vers Okayma et ses magnifiques jardins Korakuen.

Le 1er juin, direction de Mishima en Shinkansen. Colas, notre nouveau guide, nous attendait pour nous faire découvrir la 5ème station du Mont Fuji. Arrivés à 2400 m d'altitude, le Mont Fuji refusait de nous montrer le bout de son sommet comme c'est souvent le cas ! Le soir installation dans le second hôtel Ryokan. Là, mot d'ordre « tout le monde en kimono » pour ce repas japonais.



Sur le pont suspendu d' Akashikaikyo

Le 2 juin, visite d'Hakone, croisière sur le lac Ashi et, enfin, le Mont Fuji s'est découvert à la plus grande joie de tous. Nous prenons la route vers notre dernier hôtel à Tokyo. Installation dans le magnifique hôtel 4* « Grand Prince New Takanawa » pour 3 nuits.

Le 3 juin, départ vers la ville de Nikko et visite du Sanctuaire Toshogu. Au restaurant Nikko Kanaya, nous avons découvert les photos de personnages célèbres ayant séjourné dans cet hôtel : Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, Charles Lindbergh, Indira Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt et bien d'autres. En soirée, dîner Churrasco dans le restaurant brésilien Barbaco où nous avons dégusté un morceau de chaque partie du bœuf, le tout cuit sous nos yeux et servi à table avec de grandes brochettes. Les amateurs de viande y ont trouvé leur compte…

Le 4 juin, nous sommes partis à la découverte de Tokyo : le marché de Tsukij avec ses poissons, ses épices, ses différents thés, ses petits plats préparés et offerts en dégustation et la place du Palais Impérial. Déjeuner au 21ème étage d'un building pour déjeuner à la « Sky Room » d'où nous pouvions voir la plus grande tour de la ville que nous n'avions pas encore pu photographier. Nous avons terminé nos visites par le Temple Sensoji et sa belle allée de boutiques pour les derniers souvenirs.



André Nicolas avec 3 membres de l'IPA Japon

A 17 heures, nous avions rendez-vous à l'hôtel avec nos amis IPA Japon, Uchida Akio et Shuntaro Nagano de l'IPA Tokyo et Makoto Yamada de l' IPA Yokohama, une rencontre bien conviviale avec l'échange de petits cadeaux et le verre de l'amitié.

André Nicolas, Président IPA Liège & Secrétaire Général IPA Belgique

Arthur Troop Scholarship Awardee Peggy Lefevre attends a valuable Environmental Crimes Seminar at Gimborn

In 2018 I was lucky enough to be awarded the Arthur Troop Scholarship for 2019. I chose to attend one of the renowned courses at Gimborn castle.



I selected the course 'Environmental Crimes – Illegal profits and cross border crimes. Case studies for best practice'. It looks somewhat left-field and I felt as though I approached it as a pioneer would, as New Zealand does not have a single environmental protection agency tasked with enforcing crimes against the environment. I figured I would learn a great deal about the why's and how's of investigating such crimes, and was not disappointed.

The course participants were an eclectic lot, with a majority of Finnish (who sponsored and organised this seminar), Irish, Swedish, German, Brazilian, Sri Lankan and French. Many agencies were represented: Police, Prosecutor Office, Customs, Interpol and local environment protection agencies and councils. It was a great opportunity to compare policing styles, and to discuss our respective challenges and cultures.

Lectures covered a wide range of topics: case studies from well-known illegal dumping operations in Finland were presented in-depth by the very people who investigated and prosecuted these cases, along with representatives from environment protection agencies. An unusual talk highlighted the link between organised crime groups and environmental crimes. As it turns out, the mafia is unwittingly paid by governments to dispose of refuse, dumps it randomly, causing huge health and environmental crises. The very same groups are paid a second time to clean up their illegal dumping.

A presentation at the new Düsseldorf station gave a unique insight into the types and causes of environmental crimes, major crime routes and prosecution from the German perspective.



Additional lectures identified environmental crime and wildlife crime case studies from the UK. The highlight was a lecture on using money laundering investigations to assist with the prosecution of, and recovery of proceeds from environmental crimes/asset recovery from organised environmental crimes. Finally, an Interpol talk detailed the global crime routes, types of crime, and also available international resources to address it.

Most of the lessons learned in this seminar are valuable on a daily basis. They created a large shift in perception about daily destructive habits. From a law enforcement perspective, they can be applied to current efforts to target organised crime and money laundering in New Zealand.



The castle setting and area of Gimborn are ideal for learning. There is something to be said about being inspired and awed by art and beauty. There is also something to be said about joining team mates at the heart of the castle, seconding as its all-round social centre…

The nearby hills and manicured forest paths also allow time to ponder the day's learning, and reflect on larger, existential questions elicited by the contents and topics of this course.

Where to from here? I firmly intend to return to Gimborn and take other courses, probably every second year.

The scholarship was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which I am deeply grateful for: without it I would never had had the courage or ambition to travel across the world to take such a course, and move so far out of my comfort zone.

Peggy Lefevre, Arthur Troop Scholarship Awardee 2019 from New Zealand

IPA UK member Una Blundell enjoys hosting a family from Down Under

It was such a pleasure to host a visiting Australian family during their tour of the West Country. Gary Bowman is a senior Sergeant with Queensland Police Service in the Organisational Capability Command Centre of North Eastern Australia.

Gary's wife Julie is an intensive care nurse at Prince Charles Hospital Brisbane. They had two of their five children with them, Molly who is 13 and Jimmy, 12.





The family had spent 5 days in London with lovely hot weather, and by the time they got to Devon, they longed for something cooler and the openness of the countryside. Their wishes were granted, and they were given the opportunity of wearing their wet weather gear during a walk across Exmoor and taking in the lovely old town of Dulverton and on to Tarr Steps.

The sun did come out in the afternoon and the family walked across the medieval Clapper Bridge, which is believed to have been used for sunbathing by the Devil himself!

The day wouldn't have been complete without a Devon Cream Tea at Tarr Farm Inn.

Memorabilia items were exchanged, and on behalf of the Devon Branch I was pleased to accept a very special coin with limited distribution and engraved 'Disaster Victim Identification Squad', which Gary is part of.

I presented Gary with the Section UK Challenge Coin and a Section UK badge. More importantly, a true friendship has developed between us and the Bowmans, and it certainly feels like we got more out of the visit than we put in!!

Una Blundell, Secretary Devon Branch, IPA UK

29th International Half Marathon Piła with IPA participation from Poland and Israel



On 8 September 2019, around 2700 runners from Poland and other countries took part in the 29th *Signify* Philips International Half Marathon in Piła. 2,668 participants finished the race.

For the fifth time, the International Open Police Cup in Half Marathon took place as part of the event, in cooperation with the Police School in Piła and the IPA Greater Poland Group, with the participation of 82 police officers from Poland and 14 from Israel.

The Police School in Piła was represented by Jarosław Pińkowski, Radosław Słabaczewski and Marek Starosta – a student of the Police School in Piła. Jarosław Pińkowski won the cup for the best policeman-runner from the Police School in Piła (1:26:05).

The trophies and other prizes were donated by the Chief Commander of the Police, the Commander of the Police School in Piła, the International Police Association, the Police Trade Union and the local authorities of Piła.



Additionally, every runner received a medal at the finish line with the image of Zbigniew Nadolski, a famous Polish marathon runner of the '90s, who is coaching many long-distance runners nowadays.

It is worth mentioning that this is the fourteenth medal with an image of a famous Polish marathon runner in the unique collection of medals given to every runner after finishing the half marathon in Piła.

The classification of the International Open Police Cup – Half Marathon was as follows:

Women

1. Patrycja BOSIAK	(Wrocław, Poland)	1:25:20
2. Katarzyna CHORZEWSKA	(Łódź, Poland)	1:35:41
3. Renata PIECH	(Wrocław, Poland)	1:50:43

Men

1. Łukasz MARCJANEK	(Wrocław, Poland	1:15:27
2. Piotr JARZĄB	(Bydgoszcz, Poland)	1:19:17
3. Mariusz BANDOCH	(Bydgoszcz, Poland)	1:19:28

Team classification

1. Provincial Police Headquarters in Bydgoszcz
2. District Police Headquarters in Świecie
3. District Police Headquarters in Człuchów

Best foreign team

IPA Israel Police

The trophies were presented by the Commander of the Police School in Piła, Colonel Beata Różniak-Krzeszewska, the President of the IPA Group of Greater Poland, Major Witold Drzażdżyński, and the chairman of the Police Trade Union at the Police School in Piła, Second Lt. Przemysław Zublewicz.

Text: Katarzyna Budzyńska; Photos Sebastian Wegner, IPA Poland

IPA UK member Harvey Whittam enjoys competing in a tennis tournament organised by IPA Romania



Section Romania has the 2nd biggest IPA membership after Germany. With the current batch of brilliant tennis players, it's kind of inevitable they now host an International Tennis Tournament.

The Florin Mergea trophy was played for, in Targu Jui. Florin, who is a local man, reached the ATP World Tour finals at the O2, London in 2015, where he finished runner-up in the men's doubles.

Superb sunny weather, excellent international standard (ITF) clay courts and high performance training facilities with indoor courts, swimming pool, a gym and coaches, are helping to develop European junior champions in Targu Jui.

Section Romania's Vice President Elena Banea (Professional) opened the event.

New friends were made, whether losing or winning. The key to the smooth running of the tournament was the great organisation by the centre/hotel coaches, and Region 4 Gorj - President & Vice President - Marius & Marius! IPA Romania are already talking about holding another tournament in future years.

No doubt competitive sport at a top sports facility helped foster friendships in the true spirit of IPA.



My tennis coach gave one key piece of advice: to come away satisfied as having tried my best. Which I did: I finished as a semi-finalist having lost a match earlier in the tournament to the overall winner, Nanescu Gheorghe.

Thank you Section Romania!

Harvey Whittam, IPA UK

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the IPA and the World Association of Detectives



The International Police Association and the World Association of Detectives (WAD) have agreed to establish collaboration. We will share information on lecturers and speakers available for both associations with IPA sections and with IBZ Gimborn. In addition, we hope to organise joint training seminars on topics of interest for both associations. The IPA will promote membership in the World Association of Detectives to IPA members moving to the private investigator or security service professional business, and WAD will do vice versa regarding IPA membership.

The reception evening at the Courtyard Hotel in Stockholm marked the start of the agreement that has now been in force since 31 August 2019. More than 200 WAD members attended the event and were extremely

pleased to be able to surprise the Chairperson of the Professional Commission by handing over the 'Investigator of the Year Award':

'WAD would like to take the opportunity and convey our sincere congratulations to May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro on being the recipient of the 'Investigator of the Year Award', at WAD's 94th Annual Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. This great accomplishment reflects her professionalism and outstanding service within the investigation industry, and WAD wishes her continued success in all endeavours.'





WAD's 94th Annual Conference handed over 1,000 Euros to the Ronald McDonald Foundation, and during the reception evening and the following gala evening, drawings painted by children from the Ronald McDonald house were sold for an additional 800 Euros. Mrs. Anna-Karin Norrman, who represented the Ronald McDonald Foundation, was overwhelmed by the generosity.

The IPA and the Professional Commission are now looking forward to the collaboration with the World Association of Detectives and their new President Dan Rusu, who happens to be a retired police officer and active IPA member.

May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Chairperson Professional Commission

The future of the IPA

Next year, the IPA will celebrate its 70th anniversary, but the future of the IPA depends on young police officers. We need more young police officers in the current sections more than we need new sections.

We need to initiate projects that will reach out and are appealing to young police officers. As we formulated the SCC strategy, it was clear to us, that the future of the IPA will rely on the ability to recruit young police officers and to maintain a close relationship with each national police force. Let us not forget that we are a friendship association between policemen and -women.

The IPA Games are one example of a project that has assisted us with recruiting young police officers and co-operating with local police forces.

As at the IPA Games in Lisbon 2018, the next IPA Games in Montenegro will be open to all members of the local police and other police forces. We saw that a lot of police members joined the IPA during the Games in Lisbon.

Since the Games in Lisbon were the first of its kind, I am sure that the number of participants will increase for the next Games.

One of the concerning questions we receive from young police officers is: 'What do I gain from the IPA?'

My point of view is that projects that are appealing to young police officers, such as travelling and hosting within the IPA and using the hosting book, assist young police officers and make hosting and travel affordable.



We can see the benefits of having a strategy that puts young police officers in front, focusing on projects that have a high potential of assisting us to reach younger members of the police, especially in social activities, sports, hosting, travel, hobbies and through social media.

We have learned from the international sports questionnaire that this is the main attraction to younger police officers. In 2018, the number of participants in sports events almost tripled. The data is astonishing, from 54,690 in 2017 to 134,334 in 2018. It is unbelievable.

Sport is a major activity in all police forces, and almost every police officer participates in it. We assume that it especially involves younger members of the police force. I am sure that the IPA Games contributed to the international co-operation between sections and is a major attraction to younger police officers.

In my point of view, we must adopt a strategy that puts recruiting as a major goal for the IPA, and we need to implement a work plan that will support it. We are the biggest police association in the World, but we should also be the best.

Adv. Gal Sharon, Vice President and Chairperson of the SCC

PROJECT BEST PRACTICE

MACHINE LEARNING AND THE POLICE: ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Abstract

How can we secure an accessible and open democratic debate about police use of predictive analytics when the technology itself is a specialized area of expertise?

Police utilize technologies of prediction and automation where the underlying technology is often a machine learning (ML) model. The article argues that important issues concerning ML decision models can be unveiled without detailed knowledge about the learning algorithm, empowering non-ML experts and stakeholders in debates over if, and how to, include them, for example, in the form of predictive policing.

Non-ML experts can, and should, review ML models. We provide a 'toolbox' of questions about three elements of a decision model that can be fruitfully scrutinized by non-ML experts: the learning data, the learning goal, and constructivism.

Showing this room for fruitful criticism can empower non-ML experts and improve democratic accountability when using ML models in policing.

Vestby, A. & Vestby, J. (2019). Machine Learning and the Police: Asking the Right Questions. Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice. doi: 10.1093/police/paz035

Download the full text:

http://hdl.handle.net/11250/2601168

Recommended reading by:

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LAST WORD



Last month I went home to Germany to help my parents prepare for their move to a smaller place. My childhood home, and with my parents having lived their for close to 50 years, this was never going to be an easy task …

One pleasant surprise awaited me in the basement, where I discovered around 10 old photo albums from my grandparents. Looking through them, I discovered literally hundreds of IPA pictures.

I am not exaggerating when I say that each one of those shows how much fun and enjoyment my Oma and Opa had with the IPA, on their trips to Paris, the Netherlands, Nottingham (!), Belgium, and of course while hosting IPA members from all the above sections back in their own home.

I cannot share all of the photos with you, but have chosen a couple that I really like, taken a long time before I was born, at an IPA Ball in Liège in the Sixties.



Have a look at my grandparents dancing with each other, and enjoying the company of their friends in Belgium – and I am sure you'll agree with me that it shows they made the most of their IPA membership ☺

Elke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Section	***Date***	***Event***
Spain	2-6 Oct 2019	III Trans-Pyrenean Motorcycle Tour
Spain	3 Oct 2019	25th Anniversary IPA Tarragona
USA	5-12 Oct 2019	National Delegate Conference Cruise, Miami
Croatia	8-13 Oct 2019 12-19 Oct 2019	64th IPA World Congress, Cavtat Friendship Week
Ireland	13-18 Oct 2019	International Police Training Seminar, Dublin – FULLY BOOKED -
UK	15/16 Oct 2019	Las Vegas Mass Shooting Seminar, Northallerton
Spain	19 Oct 2019	5th Collectors' Meeting, Valencia
Cyprus	25 Oct 2019	Workshop on Cybercrime, Limassol
Croatia	7-8 Nov 2019	Conference on Security in Historic Cities, Solin
Cyprus	14-17 Nov 2019	36th National Congress, Paphos
Spain	30 Nov-8 Dec 2019	Cycle Tour of Gambia, supported by IPA Spain Vallés Oriental
Spain	30 Nov 2019	19th International Trader Show, Barcelona
Spain	12-15 Dec 2019	1st Intern. 7-a-side Football Tournament for Police, Tenerife
UK	30 Jan-2 Feb 2020	Ceilidh Weekend, Kingussie, Scotland – FULLY BOOKED -
UK	14-17 Feb 2020	Devon Branch Spring Friendship Weekend, Exmouth
Japan	7-14 Apr 2020	Japan Friendship Week
UK	22-28 Apr 2020	Caravan & Camping Club Rally, Spalding
Montenegro	10-15 May 2020	IPA Games, Bar
Germany	14-17 May 2020	50th Anniversary IPA Bamberg
Austria	14-17 May 2020	XX National Congress + 60th Anniversary, Seefeld (Tirol)
France	20-25 May 2020	IPA Nord 'Discovery of the Hauts de France' Friendship Week, Lille / Flanders
UK	05-08 Jun 2020	Lincolnshire Friendship Weekend
UK	7-18 Jun 2020	British Isles Cruise, departing from Liverpool
Austria	13-20 Jun 2020	Hiking Week, Nassfeld
Ireland	July 2020	Aran Islands Event + Galway 2020
UK	1-8 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Northern Ireland
UK	8-15 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Scotland
Belgium	31 Aug-7 Sep 2020	45th Anniversary IPA Charleroi
UK	13-20 Sep 2020	70th Anniversary of the IPA – Mayflower 400 Iconic Event

FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars, 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:

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Date	***Seminar***	***Language***
07-11 Oct 2019	Islam und Europa – Islamisierung oder friedliches Miteinander ?/ Islam and Europe – Islamisation or peaceful co-existance? YouPo Seminar	G and E
14-18 Oct 2019	TASER – Master Instructor Course	G and E
15-17 Oct 2019	Die Gewerkschaft in der Gesellschaft	G
21-25 Oct 2019	Hoffnung Europa – Raum und Ziel von Migration	G
21-25 Oct 2019	Virtual Reality Training for Emergency Services: Understanding the technology, the benefits and current / future applicaions	E
25-27 Oct 2019	Die Schreibwerkstatt für Polizisten	G
11-15 Nov 2019	Police Writers Seminar	E
11-14 Nov 2019	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
15-17 Nov 2019	Fortbildung Funktionäre IPA Dt. Sektion II	G
18-22 Nov 2019	Linksextremismus – Die unterschätzte Gefahr?	G
25-29 Nov 2019	Gewalt im Spiel – Ultras und Hooligans im Umfeld von Fußballspielen	G
02-06 Dec 2019	Demonstration und Protest – Eskalation und Deeskalation und die Rolle der Polizei	G
09-13 Dec 2019	Terrorismus – Bedrohung von Freiheit und Sicherheit / Terrorism – A Threat to Freedom and Security	G and E

Date	***Seminar***	***Language***
20-24 Jan 2020	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
27-31 Jan 2020	Rocker- und Motorradbanden – Gesichter organisierter Kriminalität	G
31 Jan-2 Feb 2020	Qualifizierung ‚Konflikttraining für Jungs‘	G


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