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IPA can take you to …



… beautiful sunsets such as this one,
experienced during a Friendship Week in Sri Lanka

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

In about three weeks from now, the IPA World Congress will take place in Albena, Bulgaria. I know that our friends from IPA Bulgaria have done a tremendous job in order to guarantee that every delegate, observer and visitor is able to get there and also to turn our stay into an unforgettable one.



As usual, the conference sessions should be and will be the key point of the gathering and all delegates received the agenda pack with all relevant documents at the beginning of July. I hope that by the beginning of the congress, all participants will have had the chance to read the documents in order to ensure a smooth and productive congress.

Many decisions will have to be made, based on proposals raised by the International Executive Board and also by the sections. Let's all keep in mind, when debating, that we need decisions that can apply to everyone for the good of the IPA.

There are still a few sections facing internal problems. It won't be the duty or the job of the delegates to solve these, but I am certain that the World Congress, as the main yearly IPA meeting, shall help us to find compromises as well as constructive actions in order to see our organisation grow in the true spirit of our founder and our motto 'Servo per Amikeco'.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all again in Albena so that we can serve together the cause of our great association, in order to provide the world with a fresh and peaceful testimony.

See you soon

Best wishes

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA United Kingdom



Three, which seem to me very quick years, have elapsed since I was first elected as President of Section UK where the National Executive (NEC) and I set out our National Strategy of 'Next Steps' to take the Section forward to ensure we have A VIBRANT IPA here in the United Kingdom.

I thought it appropriate to explain what we have tried to achieve in the three years that have just passed and what we seek to achieve in the years ahead.

The 'Next Steps Strategy' in 2014 sought to build upon previous strategies which had shown some notable successes, but equally the aim was to address some areas where the strategies had not delivered long term sustainable benefit.

With the newly elected NEC now on four years terms, it is essential that the ***new Four-by-Four Strategy*** covers not only this term but the presidential terms ahead so that Section UK has a clear direction and sense of where it is going, in order to improve, be successful and maintain its place at the forefront of the IPA world.

As a brief reminder, the 'Next Steps' Strategy entailed the following:

1. A balanced budget utilising finances for member activity
2. Merge branches where needed in order to maintain identity and aim to have a foothold in each Police area.
3. Recruit more members from the wider 'Police Family' increasing overall member numbers ensuring we maximise retainment.
4. Increase events and establish 'iconic' events under the social, cultural and professional portfolio's each year.
5. Identify a new 'key' benefit for members each year.
6. Income generation – maximise the opportunities available.
7. Support our staff at HQ on all matters to deliver what our members request of them.
8. Internationally, to maintain our strong links, sharing best practice and be visible.

Any overall National Strategy needs to be underpinned and supported by a number of other documents which detail how the Strategy's work streams are to be achieved.

A number of these important documents have already been put in place over the last three years.

Traditionally the NEC Strategy in the UK has been divided into the four the key areas of Communications, Finance, Membership and Structure but will now include a fifth, Partnerships.

The Four-by-Four National Strategy, whilst highlighting the key areas of business, will aim to sustain this momentum across the short, medium and long term until at least 2033. It is not a wish list, but should be seen as an ambition to achieve.

Finally I just want to say a big thank you once again to all the members in Section UK for allowing me to be their President over the last three years and I look forward to working together with them and our international IPA friends worldwide over the next four-year term. To be re-elected as Section UK's President Number 10 is an honour and a privilege.

Until next time, have fun and keep safe, enjoying your IPA activity wherever you are.

Yours in Friendship

Mick Luke

Proud to be President of Section UK

Section Germany invites you to download their new IPA app



IPA Germany has introduced its first IPA smart phone app. The app can be found in the Google and Apple stores and is free of charge. Search for 'IPA Deutschland', follow the link: http://ipa-deutsche-sektion-e-v.heise-apps.de/, or scan the QR code. Users will find information about IPA Germany's meetings, IPA Houses, news, as well as email and internet addresses of our branches. Further to that we keep the users up to date with push messages.

IPA Deutsche Sektion e.V. hat ihre erste IPA Smartphone App erstellt. Die App, die kostenlos in den Google und Apple Stores zur Verfügung steht, bietet den Nutzern u.a. einen Überblick über die Termine, die IPA Häuser, die Neuigkeiten und Adressen der Verbindungsstellen der IPA Deutschland. Ferner erhalten die Nutzer aktuelle Neuigkeiten als Pushnachrichten auf ihr Telefon. Einfach im Store ‚IPA Deutschland' als Suchbegriff eingeben, dem Link http://ipa-deutsche-sektion-e-v.heise-apps.de/ folgen, oder den QR-Code scannen.

Oliver Hoffmann, Vice President IPA Germany

IPA Österreichs Wanderwoche auf dem Nassfeld in Kärnten vom 10. – 17. Juni 2017



Das Familienhotel Gartnerkofel liegt in einer Höhe von 1.550 m in herrlicher Alpenluft mit einem Blick ins Tal wie von einem Adlerhorst. Im Osten der imposante Gartnerkofel, der Hausberg der Region.

Am Samstag begrüßten die Hotelchefin und der IPA-Ehrenobmann Ewald Grollitsch die Teilnehmer der 4. IPA Wanderwoche und informierten die Besucher über die kommenden Tage, Touren und Ausflüge.

Als Berg- und Wanderführer war Vbst. Leiter OK Georg Rindler mit seinem Team und Mitarbeiter des Hotels Gartnerkofel im Einsatz.

Die Kärnten-Rundfahrt auf den Pyramidenkogel - Maria Wörth – mit dem Schiff nach Velden am Wörthersee und anschließenden Besuch des Faaker- und Pressegger See begeisterte die Teilnehmer.

Die Genussrundfahrt brachte die Teilnehmer nach Kötschach-Mauthen zur Kaffeerösterei San Giusto, dem Feinschmeckerlokal Edelgreissler Herwig Ertl und zur Spezialbrauerei Loncium.



Am Donnerstag starteten die Teilnehmer, auch 35 IPA-Freunde der Vbst. Mittelkärnten waren dabei, von der Bergstation des Millennium-Express den Erlebnisweg, der Jung und Alt auf jedem Schritt der Natur näher bringt. In 1.900 Metern Seehöhe lädt der Aqua Trail auf 1,5 Kilometern zum Erleben des Wassers mittels Speicherseen, Wasserspielen und Ruheplätzen ein. Diese Highlights sorgen für pures Naturerlebnis. Für alle, die den schnellsten Weg zur Tressdorfer Alm suchten, gab es die Möglichkeit mit der längsten Sommerrodelbahn in Kärnten - dem ‚Pendolino' zu rodeln. Bei einer Länge von 2,2 km - von der Bergstation (Madritsche) des Millennium-Express bis zur Tressdorfer Alm, legte man mehr als 400 Höhenmeter zurück.

Die International Police Association (IPA) als Freundschaftsvereinigung lebt es vor, wie internationale Freundschaften und Hilfestellungen funktionieren können.

Die unfallfreie Wanderwoche ging mit netten Gesprächen und einem ausgezeichneten Fischbuffet-Abendessen zu Ende.

Die 5. Wanderwoche findet vom 16. bis 23. Juni 2018 statt!

Ewald Grollitsch, Ehrenobmann IPA Österreich

The unique spirit of IPA Lithuania's Summer Days event



Have you ever felt like this? When you hear the news about the Summer Days event of IPA Lithuania, the first thought that comes to your mind is that 'this year, I am definitely not going', because it's too far, the Lithuanian summer is too wet, sleeping in a tent is no longer convenient, you are concerned regarding the organisation of the event in general … and maybe, it would be better to spend the weekend at home with a book!

Still, once the event is approaching, you start gathering your backpack, tent, sleeping bag – Okay, you will go there once again!

So what attracts people to the IPA Lithuania Summer Days? The answer is the exclusive, almost tangible spirit, which is created by your colleagues who you have known for many years, the relaxation and community, and the feeling that you are part of the organisation.

Perhaps this is what Police Commissioner General Linas Pernavas meant when sending his greetings to the participants of the festival: 'IPA gathering - the only one where I come voluntarily.'

You could for certain feel this familiar spirit this year: the event took place from 30 June - 2 July 2017 in the district of Trakai. The organisers of the event, from the Vilnius region, had chosen an excellent campsite on a lake shore.

As usual, the camp was attended by a number of teams from IPA Lithuania, as well as by guests from Estonia, Latvia, Poland, and our well-known friend from the USA who has Lithuanian roots: ex police officer Larry Kiceina.

'Sport spirit – in our hearts' – the motto of this year's Summer Days set the tone for the whole event.

The Summer Days started with a 5 km race and the lighting of the Olympic flame.



The event was opened by the president of IPA Lithuania, Vytautas Pliuskus, the Deputy Police Commissioner, General Edvardas Šileris, and the Chief of State Border Guard, Renatas Požėla.

Sport always forms an important part of such events. Many members of IPA are interested and involved in sports, and are therefore very proactive. This year's competitions were not too intensive: team leaders participated in shooting competitions, team members played beach volleyball and water football.

Our younger participants were fascinated by an attraction called 'Sweeper'.

The sports spirit also prevailed in the artistic performances on the campsite. With the theme of 'These sportsmen promote our land', everyone was impressed by a bodybuilder from Panevezys (who instead of recovering from major championships, was on a diet all week - what a nice sacrifice for the team!). Equally impressive were the performances of the women from the Public Security Bureau.

It's impossible to count how many times the region of Kaunas became the winners of IPA Lithuania's Summer Days, and once again they showed that the strength of their team is in its unity, inspiring them to be simply the best.

Servo per Amikeco.

IPA Lithuania

XXIV Conference of the IPA Mediterranean Sections held in Chişinău, Moldova



The meeting of the Mediterranean sections was held from 1-5 June 2017 in Chišinău, Moldova and was attended by delegates from Moldova, Cyprus, Slovenia, Israel, France, Spain, Bulgaria, Portugal, Russia, Ukraine, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Italy, Romania, Switzerland, Montenegro, San Marino and Monaco.

The meeting was chaired by Section Moldova and conducted by Michael Odysseus, the president of IPA Cyprus.

Dr Eran Israel was appointed as secretary of the meeting, approved by the delegates.

The official opening on 2 June 2017 was attended by Vasile Batcu, president of Section Moldova; Alexandru Jizdan, Minister of Internal Affairs of Moldova; Alexey Gankin as representative of the IEB and president of IPA Russia; Michael Odysseus, former international president and co-founder of IPA Moldova as well as Florentin Scaletchi, president of a Human Rights organisation in Romania.

The major goals of the conference were to create an infrastructure for professional discussions, exchange ideas, create international co-operation between close sections and lead professional discussions about the motions that will be presented in the upcoming IPA World Congress. The delegates suggested that the discussions should concentrate on professional issues and not on formalities and procedures.

Communication and media are major issues especially for young police officers and for recruiting new members. In that matter, the delegates exchanged ideas such as: new websites that will appeal to young policemen by adapting them to smartphone-use; new IPA apps; visibility in all areas by posters, advertisements, accessing the recruitment offices, police academies and choosing young IPA members to assist in recruiting; sports activities in police units; social activities for young police officers and much more.



One problem discussed was that the sections having discussions about motions within the NEC or internationally, are experiencing difficulties in the process. 150 days, required at present for motions to the World Congress, is almost half a year before the World Congress. In our opinion, sections need more time and 110 days is deemed sufficient for the IAC.

The hosting of Section Moldova was outstanding.

Thanks to IPA Moldova for their warm and friendly welcome!

We will all meet in Nicosia, Cyprus in 2018 for the next meeting of the IPA Mediterranean sections.

If you would like to see more about the conference, you are welcome to follow the link: https://www.youtube.com/IPA Med Sections Mtg 2017

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel

IPA Greece's Karditsa region has had an active summer!

1st IPA Niš – IPA Karditsa Friendship Cup



The first annual IPA Niš – IPA Karditsa Friendship Cup took place recently, as a result of a deep-rooted friendship between the two IPA regions of Niš (Serbia) and Karditsa (Greece).

The story began with a visit of IPA Karditsa to Serbia in 2016, during which the members of the two regions shared many memorable moments. The visit to Serbia was deemed so successful that the colleagues of both countries agreed to organise a sports event that would contribute towards a long-lasting friendship.

This initiative will take place annually, with the locations alternating between Niš and Karditsa, and started in Niš in 2017 with two teams from each country participating in the event over a two-day period. The choice of sport will be decided each year, with possibilities including popular sports such as football and basketball. Ultimately, the decision will be taken by the organisers each year.

During the first tournament, football was the chosen sport, and the four participating teams were IPA Police and Gendarmerie from Niš, Serbia and IPA and Firemen from Karditsa, Greece. The winners of the first-day matches were IPA Karditsa (against IPA Niš Police) and Gendarmerie (against the Firemen of Karditsa). The Gendarmerie emerged as the victorious team of the second day and established themselves as the first overall winner of the IPA Niš – IPA Karditsa Friendship Cup,

winning the match 1-0 with a last minute goal. IPA Nis Police came 3rd, also winning by 1-0 against the Firemen of Karditsa.

During the four-day trip to Serbia, the members of IPA Karditsa had the chance to visit the beautiful city of Niš, guided by their friendly Serbian colleagues. They also visited the capital city of Belgrade. The hospitality certainly lived up to the famous standards of the Serbian nation, creating everlasting memories.

The 2018 event is already eagerly anticipated and will take place in Karditsa.

One more thing: … the twinning of the two regions is already underway … showing that it's not all about the sports after all!

See you in Karditsa braća!

Trip to the Dalmatian coast

IPA Karditsa members and friends recently enjoyed a memorable trip to the fabulous Dalmatian Coast. This is a part of the IPA Karditsa annual visits to neighboring countries.

The first stop was the historic city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, with the old city being the highlight of our trip. The Secretary General of the local IPA region, Mr. Vlaho Lujo, did an excellent job arranging our itinerary in the best possible way, in order to make our visit both comfortable and informative. During our stay in Dubrovnik the members and friends of IPA Karditsa had the chance to visit surrounding attractions, such as Ston, where we received a warm welcome from the local Police Commander Ante Beader. IPA Dubrovnik had arranged a delicious dinner, during which we were presented with a Croatian Police uniform, now gracing the Police Museum of Karditsa.



The second and final part of the trip took place in Montenegro. After a short stay in the incredible Kotor we visited Budva, a city well-known for its busy nightlife during the summer months. A night out made clear to us the reasons why.

Finally before making our way back to Greece we paid a short visit to the famous resort of Sveti Stefan. To our surprise we discovered that the owner of a restaurant just opposite the main resort, Mr Fanis Stathis, was originally from Karditsa! Mr Stathis' feelings of joy to meet us were there to be seen!!!

In summary the trip was deemed a big success by all participants. 'The proof is in the pudding' as they say so the plans for next year's trip are already underway!

'Servo per amikeco'

Kyriakos Karkalis, Head of International Relations IPA Greece

IPA Tarragona (Spain) organises the XIV International Football Championship 7 in Cambrils



From 25-27 May 2017, the town of Cambrils was the location for the XIV International Football Championship 7 for police officers, organised by IPA Tarragona, bringing together 23 teams from around the world, with a total of 310 players.

On Thursday evening, the mayor of Cambrils, Camí Mendoza, and the president of IPA Tarragona, Anton Casas, were in charge of welcoming the different police delegations as well as the highest authorities, along the Passeig de les Palmeres and the Parc dels Pescadors in the town of Cambrils (Tarragona).

Each participating team presented two uniformed police officers, who paraded the flags of their countries at the opening ceremony. It is worthwhile to point out that the tournament is entirely made up of police officers, ranging from the speaker, through to the referees, and the players themselves: all are police.

The qualifiers were played on Friday and Saturday, and the tournament finished on Saturday at noon. All matches were played on the municipal Cambrils football fields.



On Saturday night the gala dinner with the awarding of the trophies took place. In total there were 23 teams at national level, such as the Mossos d'Esquadra, the National Police, the Civil Guard, the Autonomous Police, and several local Police forces. At an international level, police delegations from Italy (4), Romania, Poland, and Ukraine were present, as well as a representative of IPA Canada, a member of the Mounted Police.

The winning team was the Polish Police, second came IPA Lviv from Ukraine, followed by the Policía Local de las Rozas from Madrid.

The rest of the classification was as follows:

4: IPA Tarragona; 5: Local Police Cambrils / Mossos Cambrils; 6: Guardia Urbana de L'Hospitalet de Llobregat; 7: National Police Aeropuerto Barcelona; 8: Club Esportiu Mossos; 9: IPA Pavia - Italy; 10: Local Police Salou; 11: Guardia Civil Roquetas De Mar; 12: Polizia Penitenziaria Di Novara – Italy; 13: National Police Tarragona; 14: Tenerife Police; 15: IPA III Delegazione Liguria – Italy; 16: National Police Galicia (ACD); 17: Mossos d'Esquadra - ARRO RPMB; 18: Mossos d'Esquadra Tarragona; 19: Local Police Albacete; 20: Guardia Civil Tarragona; 21: Local Police Murcia; 22: IPA Ravenna & Lecce - Italy 23: Politia Caracal - Romania.

In addition the following special prizes were handed out:

- Goalkeeper conceding the fewest goals: Polish Police number 1 Woiciech Dziura;
- Top scorer: Polish Police number 5, Rafal Gnap;

- Team fair play award: Tenerife Police;
- Award for the team from furthest afield: IPA Lviv from Ukraine
- Friendliest team: CNP Galicia (ACD).

See you in May 2018!

Anton Casas Salas, President IPA Tarragona (Spain)

IPA Montenegro organises international gathering



From 23-26 June 2017, the Southern region of IPA Section Montenegro organised an international gathering on the occasion of the establishment of the Sub-Region Bar, as well as the continuation of the successful project 'Together Against Drugs'.

In addition to members of the IPA Section Montenegro, about 50 colleagues from 13 regional IPA clubs from the IPA sections of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia joined the event: IPA Banjaluka, IPA Bijeljina, IPA Doboj, IPA Dubrovnik, IPA Kruševac, IPA Kragujevac, IPA Nova Gorica, IPA Niš, IPA Podunavlje, IPA Priština, IPA Sarajevo, IPA Trebinje and IPA Veles.

The local hosts organised a diverse cultural and artistic programme and a scenic boat trip to Ada Bojana, a famous tourist attraction, for our IPA friends. The programme was complemented by a sightseeing trip to the coastal town of Bar and its ancient part, Old Bar, where the Old Olive tree, estimated to be over two centuries old, was visited.



The central event of the formal part of the gathering was the signing of the Brotherhood Charter between the Sub-Region Bar, IPA Montenegro and the Region of Podunavlje, IPA Serbia. The Charter was signed by the presidents of the two regions, which officially became brotherhood regions.

The event also gave the opportunity to our IPA friends to take part in a traditional football tournament on the occasion of the 'Day Against Drug Abuse', organised under the auspices of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro. Compliments to IPA Dubrovnik, the winner of the tournament!

We are very much looking much forward to future occasions for friendly gatherings and professional cooperation!

Valentina Stojanovic, IPA Montenegro Sub-Region Bar

IPA members from ‘down under’ go ‘down under’ in Cornwall, Section UK



Members from the Cornwall Branch of IPA UK were pleased to welcome IPA members Ross and Cheryl Pengilly who were spending six days in Cornwall as part of a longer tour.

Ross is a ‘time served’ Police Officer who completed 30 years with the Western Australia Police and has been a member of the IPA for longer than that. Born in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia and with a surname like Pengilly, it came as no surprise that Ross’s ancestors arrived in South Australia from Cornwall back in 1827 in search of mining work.

During the 19th century, thousands of Cornish miners left their homeland and sought out work in the hard rock mines of the world becoming part of the great Cornish diaspora and came to be referred to as ‘Cousin Jacks’.

A very full day was arranged and over 20 members and partners joined in a tour of Cornwall’s Penwith ‘Tin Coast’, now UNESCO-recognised with World Heritage Status accorded to the whole region.

The trip commenced with a visit to Zennor, a small village with a very ancient church. Zennor was the sometime home of writer D.H. Lawrence who stayed there whilst writing his famous novel ‘Women in Love’, published in 1920.

Moving on, next was a walk to the ‘*Mên An Tol’* – Cornish for ‘the holed stone’ - a nearby ancient site with a granite stone with a hole as its centre piece. An unusual and attractive place, the Mên-an-Tol is believed to belong to the Bronze Age, thereby making it over 3,500 years old. It consists of four stones, the most memorable being the circular and pierced upright stone.

It was then on to Geevor Mine where proper home-baked Cornish pasties awaited the group! One local member declared his to be ‘just like mother-made’!

Sadly, Geevor closed as a working tin mine back in 1990 but has been taken on by the proud former miners and maintained in near perfect working order. Capable of being worked once again and now a UNESCO-recognised heritage asset, Geevor produced over 50,000 tons of tin during its working life, with tunnels and shafts extending deep underground and even out under the sea.

A fascinating visit was arranged and hosted by mine manager Mike Simpson, himself a former miner not only at Geevor but at several hard rock mines about the globe. The dark and wet conditions brought home the skill and bravery of the Cornish miners who worked in often hazardous conditions, many starting their careers as young as 12 years. It was obvious by the looks on a few faces that life underground would not be a job choice taken by everyone.

The whole four-hour experience which included sight of the many beautiful minerals mined and the various processing and milling machines and a film, ended with many

photographs being taken, with the mine that day set against the moody and misty backdrop of the steep cliffs and dark seas.

The final leg of the tour took in Botallack and the cliff-top mines visited by Queen Victoria, the late Queen Mother and current Queen Elizabeth.



It was then back to the nearby pub, the 'Queen Arms' for a pint or two and a well-received evening supper during which there was an exchange of gifts between Ross, Cheryl and members of the Cornwall Branch.

Summing up, Ross said, 'Today has been a great day and my thanks go to everyone for the organisation of all the memorable activities and sights Cheryl and I have so enjoyed taking part in.'

Branch Chairman, Colin Gameson, himself a serving Police Officer stationed in Bodmin, said, 'The books we present to Ross and Cheryl are about Cornwall and its history and strange place names and words and we hope that when their travels are over, they will find time to sit and read them and to enjoy the memories of their stay here. Our IPA motto and ethos '*Servo per Amikeco'* is very much in our minds here in Cornwall.'

Mike Chappell, member IPA UK

IPA South Africa's West Coast Region supports young talent in crime hotspots



The West Coast Region of the International Police Association (IPA) supported the South African Police Vredenburg Cluster's Hopland Got Talent competition for the third consecutive year.

This competition was initiated by Capt. Van Reenen (SAPS member and Chairperson of the Meeuland Branch of the IPA West Coast Region) with the support of the IPA to identify and to promote talent in less fortunate communities where the prevalence of crime is very high. The idea behind this project is to give hope to the youth and to nourish young talent in crime hotspot areas.

This project not only identifies, but also showcases talent in the community, showing the youth that there is an alternative to drugs and crime.

The ten police stations in the Vredenburg Cluster, on the West Coast of South Africa, each identified the talent within their own stations' crime hotspot areas and

organised a talent contest in their own community. The winners then went on to take part in a Cluster competition.



On 23 June 2017, a special prize-giving event took place at the Protea Hotel in Saldanha Bay on the West Coast to acknowledge the winners' talent. The IPA, one of the event sponsors, was represented by the Vice President of IPA South Africa who is also the Chairperson of the local West Coast Region.

The winner in the singing category was Kiechaan Smith of Piketberg and 'Die Stof Trappers', a group of youngsters (Christopher Engelbrecht, Hakeema Engelbrecht, Kelvin Van Der Westhuizen, Morshia Swanepoel) won the dance category with their local folkdance!

The International Police Association South African Section once again showed that they are committed to improving the image of policing and to support initiatives that promote law and order and safe communities.

Jakkie van Litsenborgh, Vice President IPA South Africa

YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS' SEMINAR 2017

Patrick Tsang from IPA Australia reflects on a unique event

Aaron Allen and I were honoured and privileged to have been selected as the IPA Australia Section's delegates for the 4th IPA Young Police Officers World Seminar held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA. This was a 5-day seminar from 11-16 June 2017, where we attended lectures and practical exercises each day, as well as social and networking events every evening. Approximately 60 police officers from 30 different countries attended this event.



Classes were held at different training locations each day with instructors from multiple policing agencies from the state of Wisconsin. All instructors are respected and knowledgeable in their field, making them exceptional representatives from their

agencies and came from a variety of institutions including several Police Departments, the IPA International Executive Board, the IPA United States Section, Northern Michigan University Criminal Justice Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Appleton PD as well as their SWAT team, and Brown County Sheriff Department.

Apart from the formality of the seminar, we also had sightseeing trips around Green Bay, Madison and its State Capitol, visiting popular American restaurants, shopping centres, university campuses, pubs and bars, shooting ranges, tactical stores, and many other points of interest. There were many enjoyable nights networking and socialising with all the other delegates back at St Norbert College where we stayed, which were extremely memorable and unforgettable. This base of operation was where lifelong friendships were forged and built.



I cannot stress more about the friendship that we've made whilst on this trip. Although we learnt a lot from the lectures, I believe we've learnt and gained more knowledge from each other. This was through chatting over meals about how each of our countries conducts our law enforcement, the ways our departments run our operations, our countries' cultures, and through finding out more about each other. I've found that it does not matter where you are policing in the world, we all share that same common purpose and bond, whilst keeping the peace in our individual societies.

I highly recommend to all our IPA members, if they are eligible, to apply for these opportunities when they arise. This week has been one of the best weeks I've had in my policing career and until you have experienced it, words cannot describe how meaningful, enjoyable and worthwhile these events are. I want to take this opportunity to thank the IPA IEC, IPA US Section and all sponsors, in making this event possible, as well as IPA Australia, for allowing Aaron and me to attend this seminar. Lastly, I would like to thank the New South Wales Police Force and South Australia Police for authorising us to wear our official police uniform on this trip whilst representing IPA Australia.

This YPOS seminar represents what IPA's Esperanto motto 'Servo per Amikeco' is about very well, translated into English as 'Service through Friendship'. I have made lifelong friends from this seminar from all around the globe and am extremely proud to be part of this fraternal organisation of over 400,000 members and 66 national sections. To all my friends out there, stay safe on the thin blue line, wherever you are protecting the citizens of your countries. We will definitely meet again.

In friendship, Patrick Tsang, NSW Region, IPA Australia Section

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

The UN formally recognises the rights of Street Children

I am pleased to inform all IPA sections that on 6 July 2017, the General Comment on Children in Street Situations was published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Rori Raquib from the Consortium for Street Children provides the following explanations on the CSC website: 'A General Comment is the UN's legal advice to governments around the world on how to ensure that street-connected children have access to the same rights as all children.

At present, many Governments simply do not recognize that street children have the same human rights as others – and this is the first time in history that street children have received this level of recognition.

This is a momentous occasion for street-connected children. It is the culmination of seven years of dedicated campaigning, ground-breaking consultation, and collaboration between street-connected children, the street child NGOs, the private sector and the UN.

The Consortium for Street Children brought together member NGOs, academics, advocacy specialists, politicians and more to work towards this – and it's taken more than a decade. The work included organizing direct consultations between the UN and over a 1000 street children around the globe, to ensure the UN listened directly to the views of the children themselves. The UN listened, and now, for the first time, the UN has issued much-needed, authoritative guidance to Governments, informing them on how best to bridge this gap and realise street-connected children's rights.

Our work is far from over, however. This guidance is the beginning of a new phase of our work to make sure the guidance is implemented and becomes a reality for street children around the world.'

The International Police Association is one of the few NGOs who have been part of this process and are the first to deliver a pledge to make the General Comment known among Police Authorities around the member sections.

The full-size document can be downloaded from the link below:

Link to the United Nations General Comment No. 21 (2017)

May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the Professional Commission

IPA Socio-Cultural Commission Meeting 2017 held in Athens



Beautiful Athens welcomed the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission for a joint meeting on 23 June.

All commission members were present: Zina Gantcheva (Bulgaria – Travel and Hosting), Anabela Alferes (Portugal – Special Projects), Denis Nadeau (Canada – Recruitment & international cooperation), Vossie Vos (South Africa – IPA Houses and Other Accommodation), Dr. Eran Israel (Israel – Secretary & Media), Manel Castellví (Spain - IYG), Vytautas Pliuskus (Lithuania – Sports and IPA Games), Kyriakos Karkalis (Greece – International Social Activities), Kikis Perikleous (Cyprus – Video, photo and website competitions) and Denis Dunne (Ireland - Hobbies). The meeting was led by Adv. Gal Sharon, IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission. The president of IPA Greece and the IPA Secretary General joined us as our guests.

The main issues the SCC dealt with were programmes and ideas for recruiting young police officers and professional seminars for liaison officers. In addition, the SCC discussed hosting issues raised by motions and suggestions in Auckland. Iceland had suggested developing home exchanges between IPA members. A further idea had been to look into the area of caravans and motor homes. Section UK had raised the topic of promoting Other Accommodation, while IPA Sweden had suggested including hotel chains in Other Accommodation. SCC member Vossie Vos will be in touch with all relevant sections to progress the issues further.

The international website, under the responsibility of Head of Administration Stephen Crockard, requires improvement and revival. The hosting book is already uploaded and also sent to all sections by the IAC. Vossie Vos is in constant touch with Elke at the IAC. The Hosting Book will continually be updated and promoted.

IPA Games and sports trophy for 2016:
The winner of the 2016 sports trophy will be announced during the World Congress in Bulgaria. The IPA Games are our major project for the years 2017-18. Decisions taken regarding this will form part of the SCC presentation in Bulgaria.

IPA hosting book:
We now have a complete Hosting Book, to assist every IPA member wanting to travel. Vossie has dealt with this large project perfectly, within our timetable and according to the commission's work plan. It will be an ongoing project requiring regular updates and promotion. IPA Houses are advertised in each IPA Newsletter.
To turn the Hosting Book into an interactive tool necessitates a dynamic international website.

Photo competition: Kikis has been in charge of the photo competition for 2017. 69 participants from 13 sections took part. The results will be announced in Bulgaria. Zina was given the 55 best photos for an exhibition at the World Congress.

Recruiting young police officers: The outcome from the workshops in Auckland is important to the IEB and to all sections. Denis Nadeau presented a summary of the suggestions. The main ideas centred around using the IPA Games and other sports events and social activities, being part of the programmes in police academies, offering free membership during the first year, sending young police officers to professional seminars and more.



IYG 2017, South Africa: 40 participants from 21 sections had registered. Manel gave an update and presented statistics concerning age and gender. The programme was very rich and many items were subsidised by the police or municipalities. The participants would take part in a community project, painting and fixing a school, donating their sleeping equipment as presents to the children of the school.

Hobbies: Many of us are collectors. This year there are several gatherings of collectors, not initiated by IPA. We thought that an international 'market place' for collectors, via the international website, would be useful for our members.

Travel and hosting are the main activities for IPA members. The Hosting Book will make a big change worldwide in our sections. Zina referred to the idea of home exchanges, as suggested by IPA Iceland. The idea is to start this on a personal basis and between sections. An agreement between sections to start this project is needed and how to manage this project will need to be determined.

Social activity: IPA Greece is a leading section in initiating international social events, such as the Olympic seminar, the Seminar for Women in Policing, philosophical gatherings and more. Kyriakos is the real engine behind most of these initiatives and presented the idea of an event that could be initiated and promoted internationally: The town of Marusi in Greece is willing to host an international festival of folklore, music and dancing. The IPA has many folklore groups and most police forces have dancers, singers and folklore groups. Kyriakos will contact all sections to check the relevancy.

Anabela updated the commission on the **IPA culture book**. Details for almost half of the sections have been completed and she is waiting for replies from the remaining sections. The outcome will be presented during the World Congress in Bulgaria.

Gal thanked the hosting section, Greece, for the excellent hosting and friendship: 'Thank you all for a fruitful, important and efficient meeting. We have a vivid and hardworking commission. All of you contribute to the team work, and I am proud to present the projects and achievements that really contribute to the IPA. We are a friendly, warm, fun-to-be-with team. I enjoy working with each one of you. I want to thank Kyriakos and the Greek section again for the efficient, warm hospitality.'

Dr. Eran Israel, Secretary of the Socio-Cultural Commission

IBZ Gimborn Trustees Meeting 2017



IBZ Gimborn's Trustees Meeting 2017 was held at the Cologne Police Headquarters on 14 July 2017. Including the IBZ Board members, IBZ staff and trustees, a total of 28 partook in the meeting. The Chair of the Professional Commission is the IEB's representative. The Trustees were informed about progress and the financial situation and were invited to comment on the seminar plan for 2018. They were also welcome to suggest new topics to be added to the seminar plan.

After Rainer Furth, Chair of the Board of Trustees, had welcomed the participants, the Director of IBZ Gimborn René Kauffmann presented the progress achieved over the past year as well as the financial situation. The costs for maintenance of the castle and surrounding buildings were discussed, as already a lot of actions had been taken to lower spending. It was decided that the Trustees Meeting would include a workshop on 'How to save money'.

René Kauffmann was able to report that the goal to bring in over 1,000 seminar participants had been reached in 2016, and the same positive prognosis was expected for 2017.

Information regarding the working year 2016 has been circulated to all IPA sections via the Agenda Pack for the IPA World Congress 2017, and René Kaufmann will present the further details at the World Congress in Bulgaria in September.

A number of seminars had to be cancelled in the current year due to a lack of interest or too few participants, however, to counteract, other seminars had been added with new topics of interest. The IBZ YouPo seminar 2017 in October, for example, is fully booked, and a waiting list is in operation.

The Seminar Plan for 2018 was presented and discussed. A total of 43 seminars were suggested for 2018 including 9 English, as well as 1 each in Romanian, Spanish, French, Polish, Italian, and Dutch. The Social Media Management seminars in German with professional lecturers are very popular and bring in high revenue. Among the 'international seminars', the Nordic IPA Sections will manage one on 'Understanding Terrorism' and IPA Finland on 'Environmental Crimes'. The YouPo seminar 2018 is planned to take place twice due to the increased interest especially from younger IPA members.

Last, but not least, recommendations on seminar topics were forwarded based on the IPA sections' annual progress reports; these include terrorism, digital crime, environmental crimes, the refugee situation in Europe as well as globally, Evidence-based Policing – Predictive Crime, minority police groups in Europe and a Balkan seminar.

May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the Professional Commission

10th International Conference on Evidence-Based Policing



The 2nd meeting for 'Minority Police Groups' was arranged by the Open Society Foundation Initiative Europe (OSFIE), a partner-organisation of the Professional Commission of the IPA, in Cambridge, England between 10 - 13 July 2017.

The initial meeting was held at the Institute of Criminology in the Sir Anthony Bottoms Room where Professor Lawrence Sherman introduced the Cambridge Police Executive Master's Programme. This programme focuses on Evidence-Based Policing (EBP) with Targeting, Testing and Tracking, known as the Triple-T. The Master's programme mainly attracts police officers from the UK, Denmark, Hong Kong, Australia and Canada.

The Minority Police Group participated in the 10th International Conference on Evidence-Based Policing. The framework for the conference is based on presentations of the latest research within the area of EBP by the master students and academics. Academics and practitioners jointly present topics which this year covered: 'Targeting Investigations and Tracking Patrols', 'Domestic Abuse', 'Crime Harm Index Evidence', 'Traffic and Terrorism', 'Policing Hot Spots of Violence', 'Police Legitimacy and Vulnerability, Risk and Evidence'.

At the conference the 2017 Sir Robert Peel Medal was presented to Darrel Stephens, Executive Director, Major Cities Chiefs' Association of North America, for his contribution to the rise of research in policing in the USA from 1969 – 2017.

Commissioner Cressida Dick CBE QPM, of the Metropolitan Police Service delivered a well-received talk on 'Policing London: From Traffic to Terrorism'.

The Minority Police Group incorporates police officers from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK with an ethnic background from other countries.

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De-escalating Conflicts – Tips for Police in a deadly World

DIVERSION CENTER

Police have a tough, unpredictable job. They provide us with a service that many do not want or appreciate, and they often walk into situations that their training has not prepared them for. Training can only do so much to prepare officers for the unknown, so experience is the best way to learn. That being said, training exposes officers to new tactics they can use when they interact with the public.

In 2016, according to the Washington Post, 963 people were killed at the hands of American police officers, but it is unknown exactly how many of those deaths were due to excessive use of force. A number of high-profile cases have raised questions about excessive use of force, and departments have paid out millions in settlements to the families of those who are killed. In the last 2 years, city and state police forces have begun requiring de-escalation and use of force training for their officers annually, although their requirements are often grossly inadequate. For example, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council requires only 2 hours of de-escalation or use of force training.

It should be noted that de-escalation tactics are not reserved solely for police; they can and should be utilized by individuals in management positions, healthcare, education, and first responders in general.

The Diversion Center, headquartered in Marietta, GA, USA, has developed curricula for those in each of these positions, and stresses that the first step in de-escalating conflicts is preventing them. Derek Collins, de-escalation instructor at the Diversion Center, also notes that verbally de-escalating noncompliant citizens takes less than 5 minutes in most situations, compared to nearly 20 minutes for traditional physical de-escalation. Mr. Collins offers both a live and and affordable online training option so officers around the globe can learn these proven methods for verbally de-escalating conflicts without needing to travel.



Derek Collins, De-escalation Instructor at the Diversion Center

In order to properly de-escalate a situation, verbal and non-verbal components must be utilized, and the officer must be aware of the factors that lead to escalation. The officer must be conscious of how the other individual perceives them, and must work to ensure they are not asking for conflict.

Factors that lead to escalation:

- Loss of personal power
- Fear
- Failure
- Attention seeking
- Displaced anger

Non-verbal Techniques

- Appear calm and self-assured
- Maintain limited eye contact
- Maintain a neutral expression
- Position yourself for safety
- Be alert

Verbal Techniques

- Use a soft, positive tone
- Do not interrupt
- Be honest and sincere
- Respond selectively
- Apologize and empathize

To sign up for live or online training, contact Cindy Han at 1(770)690-9622
https://www.thediversioncenter.com

Recommended by May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair of the Professional Commission

Call for papers: Journal of Cold Case Review

The ***Journal of Cold Case Review*** (***JCCR***) is published under the auspices of the non-profit **American Investigative Society of Cold Cases** (http://www.aisocc.com/), a volunteer-based organization of expert investigators and forensic specialists whose sole mission is to assist in solving cold cases by offering a free, interdisciplinary, and non-biased cold case review. The *JCCR* is an open-access, interdisciplinary, and peer-reviewed journal that publishes scholarly works consisting of research, commentary, or practices on any topic contributing to the advancement of cold case processes or awareness. Considered for inclusion are topics such as, but not limited to: Criminal and crime scene investigation, physical and psychological forensic science, criminology, law, victim support, research, and communication. Among other professionals, the Editorial Review Board includes Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the world's foremost forensic scientists. While not a member, the ***JCCR*** will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Journal Publishers of the Committee on Publication Ethics. Find our manuscript guidelines at: http://www.aisocc.com/journal-of-cold-case-review/.

Daniel L. Robb, editor Journal of Cold Case Review

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IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

IPA Apartment Málaga, Spain

Our IPA Málaga apartment is located in a modern building with a lift, a 5-minute walk from the Paseo Marítimo and the Misericordia Beaches, and has a swimming pool in the summer season. The chiringuitos (restaurants) on the beach offer typical Malaga gastronomy, featuring fried fish and skewers.



A Supermarket, shops and a pharmacy are in the direct vicinity, and the municipal market of Huelin is a 10-minute walk away. Strolling along the seafront, the town centre is a pleasant 30-40 minutes' walk, and there is a bus stop (nº 16) just ten meters from the house, which will also get you to the centre.

Málaga, the fifth-largest city in Spain, is located in the south of the Iberian Peninsula in a privileged natural setting. Situated next to the Mediterranean Sea, the mountains around Málaga form a natural barrier against the cold.

The city boasts numerous historic monuments: the Alcazaba, the Gibralfaro Castle, the Cathedral, the Roman theatre, the Customs Palace and the Episcopal Palace.

Málaga has become an authentic city of museums, with a total of 36, mostly located in the historic centre. Recommended day trips from Málaga include Granada, Córdoba, Seville, Gibraltar, Ronda and Marbella**.**

The ***IPA Apartment Málaga*** has three bedrooms, (two with a double bed and the other with two single beds and a baby crib).

The maximum occupancy is six people plus baby.

There are two bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, laundry room, living room and a terrace. The apartment is equipped with a satellite TV for international channels, heating devices for winter, ceiling fans and tower fans for summer, and provides all necessary appliances. In addition, the apartment has a garage.

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- Enquiries : Reservations only in writing / email
- Prices: Available on request

Information provided by Francisco Ruiz, IPA Spain

LAST WORD

Just a short note with a photo this time ☺



Last week, our jobs in the IAC became 'hands on': while our landlords, Section UK, are carrying out maintenance and redecoration of our office, we moved across the hall to a new temporary home.

As we are a small place without in-house expertise on logistics, this meant we all 'mucked in' with the move of our furniture and computers, with a little help from IPA UK handyman Tony and our IT support.

I am pleased to say that we are now all settled in once more and are happy to respond to all your enquiries and requests as always.

Just a short reminder for you all: when contacting us by phone, please use our new number +44 7459 863196.

Elke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Section	***Date***	***Event***
Spain	1-9 Sep 2017	Catalunya Motorcycle Tour
Poland	3 Sep 2017	Int. Open Police Cup Half-Marathon, Piła
Spain	7-10 Sep 2017	IX Champ. Int. 'Ibérico de Fútbol, La Coruña
Spain	9 Sep 2017	III Basque Country IPA Police International Collectors' Meeting, Bilbao
France	10 Sep 2017	Collectors' Fair, Lyon
Russia	10-15 Sep 2017	25th Anniv. Friendship Week, St. Petersburg
Israel	11-14 Sep 2017	ICT 17th Conf. 'The Terrorism Maze', Herzliya
Italy	14-17 Sep 2017	4th Trophy Riviera della Palme, 5-a-side football tournament, Grottamare
Netherlands	18-23 Sep 2017	IPA Netherlands Experience, Limburg
Bulgaria	19-24 Sep 2017 24 Sep-1 Oct 2017	62nd IPA World Congress, Albena Friendship Week
USA	1-6 Oct 2017 6-10 Oct 2017	NDC Meeting, Charleston Friendship Tour Charleston and Savannah
Netherlands	9-13 Oct 2017	35th WPIST, Eibergen, Groenlo/Lichtenvoorde
Greece	12-15 Oct 2017	Balkan-Adriatic Meeting, Veria
Hong Kong	7-12 Nov 2017	Hong Kong Friendship Week
UK	11-12 Nov 2017	COPS-UK CPD Training Weekend, Exeter
Spain	2 Dec 2017	17th Int. Trader Show, Barcelona
UK	22-25 Nov 2017	IEB Meeting, Nottingham
Austria	27 Jan-3 Feb 2018	30th IPA Ski Week, Nassfeld-Hermagor
Belgium	10-13 May 2018	60th Anniversary celebrations IPA Liège
France	6-10 June 2018	Rhône/Alpes Motorcycle Meeting
UK	7-10 Jun 2018	Notts Branch 60th Anniversary Celebrations

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***
01-03 Sep 2017	Motorradkultur und Sicherheit – Training für verantwortungsbewusstes Motorradfahren	G
11-19 Sep 2017	Flüchtlinge in Europa und das Schengen Abkommen // Refugiatii în Europa si Acordul Schengen	G and Ro
16-18 Oct 2017	Rockerbanden und organisierte Kriminalität	G
18-20 Oct 2017	Predictive Policing – Vorbeugende Verbrechensbekämpfung der Zukunft	G
08-10 Nov 2017	Alle Macht für Erdogan! Politische Entwicklungen in der Türkei und die Rolle der Deutschtürken	G
10-12 Nov 2017	Die Schreibwerkstatt für Polizisten	G
13-17 Nov 2017	Burnout – Ausgebrannt – Existenzielle Erschöpfungszustände	G
17-19 Nov 2017	Fortbildung 2017 Funktionäre IPA Deutsche Sektion	G
20-24 Nov 2017	Cybercrime, Cyber Threats and Cyber Terrorism	E
20-24 Nov 2017	Social Media Management für Polizei, Justiz und Öffentliche Verwaltung	G
27 Nov-01 Dec 2017	Gewalt gegen die Staatsgewalt / Violence against Police Officers and other representatives of the State	E and G
08-10 Dec 2017	Qualifizierte Vernehmung im Bereich der Schwer- und Bandenkriminalität	G
11-13 Dec 2017	Reisende Täter, Bandenkriminalität und Eurasische OK in Deutschland	G