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An impressive entry to the IPA Photo Competition 2020
by Robert Timothy Wright from IPA Australia

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Embrace the Change

We are heading into what we hope the post-pandemic time. With the new normal, everything will not be as it used to be. Many of us will act as the old generation did when we were young. We will refer to how it was before the pandemic. Remember, we will never be able to go back in time and be what we were or what we had. The past is the past, and we are the future! Every new day with or without the pandemic will be today and forward, and it is time to embrace the change.



In the IPA we are keen to follow the footprints of those who walked before us. Our history is important, however if we kill the development, we will not survive. We will be like the dinosaurs – we will vanish from the earth. The development of society – who we are part of – cannot be stopped. Therefore, I think the IPA and likewise the IEB must identify possibilities of positive change.

When you read this Newsletter, I will be in Gimborn for the Strategic Young Members Meeting. The idea of gathering young members and to listen to their thoughts on the IPA initially came through a motion from IPA Germany, approved by the World Congress. I recognise the meeting as an opportunity to openly rethink what the IPA stands for, and how the incoming generations are looking at our aims and approaches concerning the interpretation of our goals. They will be invited to give recommendations based on workshops, debate important development questions, and hopefully we will embrace the change and exchange of thoughts.

The embrace of change is forward-thinking with a focus on workable legitimate recommendations borne out of the need of involvement for all members and generations. Still, any step taken should be improvements, and not only a wish to change.



One of the areas where I previously met many young members, was at Defensive Tactic events and the Young Police Officers' Seminars. The exchange of professional knowledge-built friendship. The participants embraced the change of their own way of looking at unknown people from other countries and continents. The strangers became known to them – as new friends. Online meetings can never fully replace meetings in-person.

The IPA was built on in-person meetings; now we also have the online meeting toolkits. Let us embrace the change, however, never underestimate the value to meet in-person. There are many professional seminars at IBZ Gimborn to join: sports events, friendship weeks, local and regional functions where you can contribute with your presence.



In the post-pandemic time we will say good-bye and thank-you to some, and we will welcome others. The IAC will be reviewed, the World Congress will bring motions to consider for the future, new members of national, regional, and local boards will step in where others step down.

This is an ongoing change that we must embrace and accept, as new people and new bonds will be added to the old. Some we will accept quickly, and others we will learn to respect, and understand their value in being different to who we think we are.

To embrace the change is to respect and accept every member's opinion. He or she will make me and you grow. This is democracy at its best! Freedom of expression is built into our International Statutes and is checked by the Secretary General in National Statutes when paragraphs describing the election process is reviewed.



To govern by consensus is to challenge ourselves, to embrace the change and respect those who didn't give me their vote or disagree with my ideas. In the IPA, we encounter this all the time! It is encouraging and gives us opportunities to rethink.

Soon I, the IEB, national delegates, observers and guests will be heading to the World Congress in Spain. Much has changed since we last met, and we will re-establish our bonds and add new ones.

As the highest body of the IPA, we will make decisions for the future, and we will celebrate and embrace the change. We will be able to welcome new national presidents. We will enjoy social outings in connection to the work in the congress hall.

We are the ones to embrace as we – the IPA, will be changed.

In friendship,

May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro, IPA Secretary General

AROUND THE WORLD

Thank you from IPA Estonia to IPA Germany's Bork Region for their assistance with the Children's Camp 2022

In cooperation with the leadership of IPA Germany's Selm Bork region, our camp for children from underprivileged or large families took place from 30.06 - 10.07.2022. 20 children from Estonia (including 10 from large families of police officers) and 20 from Latvia.

The drive to Germany started in the early morning of 30 June, and we were joined by the Latvian children in Salaspilis. The first night was spent in a hotel in Byalistok, Poland. The next morning, we continued our journey, and stopped in Swiebodzin where the world's highest statue of Jesus is located (33m).





By the evening we had reached Slubice, a town on the German border, and stayed once more in a hotel. On the morning of the third day, we made it over the border to Germany, and stopped near Magdeburg to stretch our legs with a walk on the Kanalbrücke water bridge, where an aqueduct can be crossed with boats. Two cargo ships passed us while we were there, so we could happily wave to the crews. By the afternoon, we made it to the Selm Bork Police school, which became our home for the following days.

We were greeted by our IPA Bork hosts, who gave us a tour of the house, a fire safety briefing and the keys to our rooms. We had dinner at the IPA house where we could chat, and we ended the evening with a bonfire.



The days at the camp went by fast, and included swimming in an indoor pool, getting familiar with local police vehicles and even go-carting.

The children were able to pet a police dog and see how the dog performs his duties. We also walked to a spring which marks the beginning of river Ems (362km).

The children gained unforgettable memories in the Stukenbrock safari park, where they saw many different wild animals right from the bus windows. The most exciting part of the day in the park was when we took a special train through Monkeyland. Monkeys jumped onto the train, holding

on to the nets on the sides, and we were allowed to feed them with nuts and dried fruit made especially for them.

The children were amused when the monkeys' hands were in the cups sorting out their favourite treats. Some of the braver children put the mixture into the palm of their hands and let the monkeys pick their treats from there.



As there can never be enough swimming, we were taken to the Waltrop Badespaβ outdoor swimming pool.

This year, we were able to go to Düsseldorf, to the Nordrhein-Westfalen Ministry of Interior and meet with the Minister of the Interior, Herbert Reul, who is a supporter of the children's camp. We sang the song „Põdra maja" („Moose's house") which includes well-known movements that come with it, with the employees of the Ministry joining in.

In addition to all the previous excursions, we visited the Sea Life centre in Oberhausen and the Maximilianpark in Hamm, where there was a Playmobil exhibition which turned into a musical wonderland at one point.



We ended each of our days with a Bear Cub circle, where everyone could talk about what they liked the most about the day and why and, of course, if they did not like some parts.

The only thing left to do by then was to drive home. Every trip must come to an end, and all children were reunited with their parents safely.

Once again – Thank you to IPA Bork, whose leadership made this camp possible.

Thank you, Konrad Bröker, for having the will and heart to do this!

Uno Laas, President IPA Estonia

IPA Japan celebrates its 60th Anniversary with a Pledge for further Growth!

On 2nd July, IPA Japan held its annual general meeting for the year 2022 in Tokyo. Following the meeting, as part of the 60th anniversary events, our members presented their contributions in foreign languages, and the Commissioner General of the National Police Agency delivered a lecture. We then hosted a celebration with over one hundred attendees. IPA Japan was affiliated as a national section of the IPA in 1962 at the 5th IEC in Geneva, Switzerland. Since then, we have continued our activities and this year we celebrate our 60th anniversary.







At the beginning of the general meeting, the IPA hymn was played. Thereafter, the president of IPA Japan, Mr. Masahito Kanetaka, gave the opening address in which he praised the past activities and spoke about the future vision of the section. This was followed by reports from board members and a discussion of our current issues. An announcement was made that a member from IPA Japan will be sent to the World Congress in Spain this October as an observer through the training programme to experience exchanges with other IPA members. Furthermore, plans to hold a "Friendship Judo Week" in 2024 by inviting about 20 Judo enthusiasts from various IPA sections were also reported. In addition, the participants discussed how IPA Japan should respond at the World Congress to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.





After the general meeting, two events were held to commemorate the 60th anniversary. Firstly, four members presented their points of view on the IPA's activities and the internationalisation of the police in English, Italian, French and Spanish respectively. Next, the Commissioner General of the National Police Agency, Mr. Itaru Nakamura, gave a lecture on the topic of "Cybercrime and Police Activities."

The celebration event to mark our 60th anniversary was a remarkable success, with many guests in attendance, including the Commissioner General Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Hidehiko Yoshida, a gold medallist in Judo (78 kg) at the Barcelona Olympics.





The celebrations began with an address by President Kanetaka, followed by congratulatory speeches and a toast. After the opening, there was a lively exchange among the attendees, and Mr. Yoshida, who is also a supporting member, spoke enthusiastically about his future aspirations and willingness to cooperate with the "Friendship Judo Week" in 2024. We would like to thank all those who attended the celebrations and pledge to further develop IPA Japan.

Below are two group photos: the top one shows IPA Japan members, the bottom one the supporting members. May their smiles bring you happiness!





Toru Uto, Secretariat IPA Japan

8 Luxemburger Medaillen bei den World Police & Fire Games

Die beiden Luxemburger Polizisten Nico Crelo und Gilles Seywert haben sich mit ausgezeichneten Leistungen bei den World Police & Fire Games hervorgetan.



Der Sportwettbewerb, während dem mehr als 60 verschiedene Disziplinen ausgetragen werden und der als Polizei WM gilt, fand dieses Jahr vom 22. bis zum 31. Juli in Rotterdam statt.

Insgesamt nahmen über 10.000 Polizisten, Feuerwehrleute, Zöllner und Gefängniswärter aus aller Welt teil.

Der internationale Vorstand der IPA hatte übrigens seinerzeit die Geburt dieser Mega-Sportveranstaltung, die ihrem Grundgedanken «Servo per Amikeco» absolut entspricht, tatkräftig unterstützt.

Top Sportler aus Luxemburg

Die Kurzfeuerwaffen- und die Bogenschießdisziplinen wurden bei dieser Ausgabe von zwei Luxemburger Polizisten geprägt.

Beim Handfeuerwaffen-Wettbewerb glänzte Nico Crelo mit 6 Goldmedaillen.

In den Disziplinen PPC Pistol, PPC Revolver, distinguished Pistol, distinguished Revolver, service stock Auto und service stock Revolver belegte er jedes Mal den ersten Platz.

Silber gab es für den Luxemburger in der Disziplin PAP Revolver Mixed Team und zweimal Bronze im PAP Revolver Einzel und im PPC Pistol gemischt.



Gilles Seywert konnte zwei Polizei Weltmeistertitel im Bogenschießen gewinnen:

Im Free Style (90 Pfeile aus drei verschiedenen Distanzen) erreichte er 896 von 900 möglichen Ringen.

Einen besonders wichtigen Erfolg erzielte Seywert aber im Field Wettbewerb (auf 24 Scheiben, davon 12 bekannt und 12 unbekannt) wo er 417 Ringe schoss, 4 mehr als sein 6 Jahre alter Luxemburger Rekord.

Neben den zwei Goldmedaillen, inklusive neuem Landesrekord, gab es auch eine Silbermedaille und zwar im 3D Schießen. Der 38-jährige Seywert ist übrigens Mitglied im COSL Elitekader.

Die IPA beglückwünscht ihre beiden Mitglieder zu diesen großartigen Leistungen, welche die Luxemburger Polizei in einem sehr positiven Licht auf die internationale Landkarte gesetzt haben.

Eugène Thommes, Interim-Präsident IPA Luxemburg

8th International Five-a-Side Football Tournament organised by IPA Regional Club West Herzegovina

The traditional 8th International 5-a-Side Football Tournament IPA West Herzegovina (IPA ŽZH) was held on 18th June 2022 at the sports centre in Posušje, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). A new feature of the tournament was that it formed part the cultural and sports event "Posušje Summer 2022".



The official opening ceremony

Eight teams participated in the tournament: IPA Dubrovnik, IPA Split-Dalmatia, PGP Imotski, IPA Šibenik-Knin, IPA Sarajevo, IPA Una-Sana Canton, IPA Herzeg-Bosnia County and the host IPA West Herzegovina County (IPA ŽZH). The winner of the tournament was the IPA Splitsko-Dalmatinska (SD) team, which in addition to winning the cup and medals for the first place also received a large transitional trophy. The best player of the tournament, Mario Kraljević, who also came from the IPA SD team, received a special award from the sponsor of the tournament, HT Eronet - a Samsung mobile phone. The second place went to the hosts IPA ŽZH, from whose team the best goalkeeper of the tournament, Bernard Glavina, was named. The third place was won by the IPA Sarajevo team, whose player Haris Mešanović was named top scorer. The PGP Imotski team won the Fair Play Cup.

IPA ŽZH always innovative

The tournament furthermore featured a match between the women's teams of IPA ŽZH and the 4th Infantry Brigade of the Armed Forces of BiH from the barracks "Božan Šimović" from Čapljina, played for the first time.



The match was won by the 4th Infantry Brigade of the AF BiH, and both women's teams received special diplomas, medals and trophies. This match was a full success, and it is therefore planned to continue this form of friendship.

As part of the tournament, a special certificate of appreciation was presented to the former president and founder of IPA ŽZH, Mr. Zoran Smital, for his overall contribution and commitment, and a certificate of appreciation will be handed to last year's tournament organiser Mr. Milan Galić, Deputy President of IPA ŽZH, who unfortunately could not attend due to illness.



The diplomas, certificates of appreciation, medals and gifts were presented with the help of the Mayor of Posušje, Mr. Ante Begić, immediately after his active participation in the event under the slogan "I love running". In addition to special thanks to Mr. Begić, it should be noted he can be seen as most deserving for this opportunity, as he enjoyed over 50 events within the "Posušje Summer 2022", which also saw the participation of some IPA members, which is a beautiful example of cooperation in the local community, just as it is stated in the IPA logo 'Servo per Amikeco - Service through Friendship'.

The meeting of all teams, guests and friends of IPA ŽZH continued with a barbecue and music until late in the evening, and all those present expressed a desire to meet again.

Damir Pandžić, President Regional Club IPA West Herzegovina County

IPA Malta: New National Board

On 30th June 2022, the IPA Malta Section held elections for new committee members.

The Committee for the years 2022 – 2027 has been formed as follows:

Joseph Borda:	National President
Janet Zammit:	Vice President & Treasurer
Patrick Cassar:	Secretary
Ivan Brincat:	Member
Lino Agius:	Member
Christopher Cutajar	Member
William Grech	Member



Former National President Neville Mercieca did not stand for election, but will remain an active IPA Malta member. We all look forward to a brighter future!

Servo per Amikeco,

Joseph Borda, President IPA Malta

IPA Romania holds successful certified Self-Defence Seminar

The long-awaited end of the coronavirus pandemic came with a number of projects. In addition to social and sport events, we focused on professional projects, as the online period deepened some shortcomings in the area of exchanges of experience specific to police activity, so useful and so desired by all our members.



Based on well-established connections and relationships within IBZ Gimborn, Mrs. Magda Raducu, President of IPA Region 25 Bucharest, proposed a practical self-defence seminar with ASP (Armament Systems & Procedures) instructors.

Therefore, between 21-23 June 2022, 33 police officers completed the training module "Tactics and techniques for training police officers" at the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy in Bucharest.

The target group, according to ASP standards, consisted of police officers working in the field of public order, the penitentiary police, gendarmerie, operations and special actions, and the instructors were Philipp Kurz, Vice President of IPA Germany, Fabio Red Rossi, former investigator and Carabinieri police chief in Italy, an ASP certified instructor, and Marc De Leener, ASP representative. At the end of the course, based on the results obtained at the theoretical exam and the practical test, the 33 participants were certified as trainers.





The project is an example of the spirit of the IPA – Servo per Amikeco!

Proof of the positive experience can be seen in the feedback of one of the participants:

"This course was a great opportunity for the important structures in our defence system to work together and add value to this event."

Beyond the professional side, friends made connections, sketched future projects, joked, and smiled in a beautiful atmosphere that we all had missed.

Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu, President IPA Romania

40th Anniversary Celebrations at IPA South Africa

On 16 June 1982, Section South Africa was formally founded in Cape Town, and the Founding Interim Committee was elected.



On 16 June 2022, which is also Youth Day in South Africa, IPA South Africa returned to the shores of Cape Town, the "Mother City" of our country, to formally celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our founding. The anniversary celebrations were held at the IPA House Timour Hall Villa, which has been in existence since 1796, and was described by Hilary Mauve in 1989 as "An Eccentric …… Yet Gracious Old Lady".

Looking back over the past forty years, Section South Africa has experienced a most wonderful journey and has throughout this time upheld the principles of the Association. It is our privilege and honour to be part of this history.

We applaud and salute all our predecessors for having paved the IPA road for us back since 1979, when initiatives began for South Africa to become a member of the broader IPA fraternity.

Following the election of the Interim Committee on 16 June 1982, the 1st National Executive Committee of Section South Africa was elected on 23 July 1982 with 31 members in attendance. Four members who attended this meeting fulfilled a key role in the history of Section South Africa and that of our country. During our anniversary celebrations, Section South Africa honoured the following four members with a "Founder's Certificate":

- **M.C.W. (Mike) Geldenhuys**, elected as a member of the 1st National Executive Committee, and President of IPA (SA) from 1982 to 1984;
- **SJJ (Basie) Smit**, who was in attendance at the anniversary celebrations, who served on the National Executive Committee from 1986 to 2007, and who became the 4th IPA (SA) President in 1990, a position he held for four consecutive terms (1990 to 2004). He also served on the International Social Commission (2000 to 2003) and held the position of International 3rd Vice President from 2003 to 2006;
- **Jarvist (Pilot) Loots**, served on the National Executive Committee from 1991 to 2004, and was elected as the 5th President of IPA (SA) in 2004 and held this position until 2013;



- **G. (George) Fivaz**, who served on the National Executive Committee from 1993 to 1995, and in 1995 was appointed by the late President Nelson Mandela as National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, a position he held until 1999. In 1996, he was also appointed as the 2nd Honorary President of IPA South Africa.



The recognised individuals, of whom Basie Smit, Pilot Loots and George Fivaz are all still with us, fulfilled a critical role in the history of our Association.

We additionally had the privilege to pay tribute to those members who were instrumental in the establishment of Section South Africa during the years 1979 and 1982, namely Roy Moore (formally recorded as the Founder of The Section), Paul Bjvoet and Uli Gehring.

Uli, who honoured us with his attendance, had undertaken various engagements with the Executive Management of the SA Police Service between April 1981 and June 1982, to have the IPA established in South Africa. These initiatives eventually bore fruit, with formal approval being granted by the then Minister of Police on 28 March 1982. Additionally, Uli was instrumental in the establishment of the 1st IPA Region, namely the Western Cape Region (Cape Town) on 12 January 1983, when he was also elected as the 1st Regional Secretary.

The history of Section South Africa over the past 40 years is filled with many highlights, of which the following are just a few to mention:

- The purchasing of the “Amikeco Centre” in 1994, property of IPA (SA) that serves as our National Administrative Centre;
- We have operated 8 IPA Houses over the years, each with its own uniqueness, that were established to provide our members with affordable accommodation. Of the 8 IPA Houses, we sadly only have 3 IPA Houses still operating, namely Timour Hall Villa Guesthouse in Cape Town, which is also a National Monument; the Johann Rissik Guest House in Pretoria that was built during 1924 and occupied by the then Surveyor General, Johann Rissik, after which the city of Johannesburg was named; and Gamka Moore Guest House, in Beaufort-West;
- The many activities hosted by IPA Regions for the benefit of our members and the support given to those in need in society;
- Various visits of the International Executive Board to South Africa;
- Hosting the 31st International Executive Committee (IEC) at Sun City during September 2002, with 489 attendees from across the world;
- The hosting of the IPA Friendship Week following the IEC in the Kruger Park and Cape Town, with 300 participants;
- Hosting of the International Youth Gathering during August 2017;
- Having had various members receiving the Arthur Troop Scholarship;
- Members participating in the Young Police Officers’ Seminars;

- Having been involved with the establishment of IPA Sections Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique and Botswana, as well as being a member section of the African Chapter of the IPA;
- The privilege of having had representation on the International Executive Board and International Commissions.

We acknowledge the dedication, commitment and integrity of the past Presidents, the National Executive Committees, and Regional Committees over all these years. We also acknowledge the support of the International Executive Board and other IPA Sections over so many years.

During a National Executive Committee Meeting (NEC) held on 27 August 2022 at the Johann Rissik Guest House, we were able to honour Pilot Loots, who could not be in Cape Town on 16 June 2022, with the Founder's Certificate.



From left to right: Matys Oelofse, Tessa Deyzel, Vossie Vos, Pilot Loots, Nico Gerber (back), Elbie Gore (Daughter of Pilot) and Jakkie van Litsenborgh

We are venturing into the next decade with the trust and hope that at its 50th Anniversary in 2032, IPA South Africa will look back with pride on having attained the IPA objectives and the noble cause of the IPA that is driven by transparency, integrity and dedication, as well the upholding of the association's motto:

Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship!

Hendrik (Vossie) Vos, President IPA South Africa

IPA Österreichs Wanderwoche auf dem Nassfeld 2022

In der Karnischen Region Hermagor – Nassfeld – Pressegger See wurde in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Hotel Gartnerkofel im Juni 2022 eine IPA Wanderwoche durchgeführt. Es konnten 80 Teilnehmer aus 5 Nationen begrüßt werden. Diese wurden von IPA Mitgliedern, Freunden aus der Region und Mitarbeitern vom Hotel betreut, welches auch der Ausgangspunkt für die verschiedenen Touren und Ausfahrten war.



Gruppenfoto Madritsche

Mit einem sehr interessanten Abendvortrag über die Gebirgsbildung im Raum Oberkärnten und der Karnischen Region sowie über Gesteine und Fossilien die hier ihre Spuren hinterlassen haben, wies Prof. Hohenwarter darauf hin, dass die Gesteine eigentlich Bücher der Erdgeschichte seien und von unvorstellbaren 600 Millionen Jahren berichten. Dieser Vortragsabend war der Auftakt zur Wanderwoche.

Tags darauf konnte man dann bei der Wanderung durch die wunderschöne Garnitzenklamm die farbenprächtigen Fels- und Gesteinsformationen bewundern und einen Blick in die Erdgeschichte werfen. Von einer Wandergruppe wurde ein Teil des Karnischen Höhenweges über verschiedene Almen vom Nassfeld zur Egger Alm begangen.

Die sogenannte Überraschungsfahrt am Dienstag führte über den Kreuzbergsattel nach Seeboden zur Burg Sommeregg. Es wurde die Burganlage samt Foltermuseum besichtigt. Von der Burganlage aus hatte man einen schönen Rundblick auf die umliegenden Berge, und auch den Millstätter See konnte man von der Burg aus bewundern.

Im Anschluss an die Burgbesichtigung gab es als Überraschung für die Teilnehmer bei strahlendem Sonnenschein eine gemütliche Schifffahrt entlang des 12 km langen Sees von Seeboden nach Döbriach.

Dort gab es eine Stärkung, und danach ging es mit dem Bus über die Glanz-Bergstrasse und die sogenannte Windische Höhe zurück auf das Nassfeld.

Ein Tagesausflug am Mittwoch führte uns in die Mosaikstadt im italienischen Spilimbergo am Tagliamento Fluss.



Schifffahrt auf dem Millstätter See

Die Besichtigung mit Führung in der weltbekannten Mosaik-Schule in der alte Mosaik-Techniken gelehrt werden, war für die Teilnehmer sehr interessant.



Besuch der Mosaikschule in Spilimbergo

Die Stadtführung gab einen Überblick über die Geschichte der Kleinstadt, welche zur Region Friaul-Julisch-Venetien gehört. Mit dem Besuch eines Weinkellers in San Vito al Tagliamento mit Verkostung von Wein- und Prosecco und diversen Spezialitäten zum Essen klang ein schöner Ausflugstag zum Nachbarn aus.

Am Donnerstag wurden 3 verschiedene Touren in den Gailtaler Alpen mit den Gipfel-zielen Mitterwipfel, Golz und Spitzegel angeboten.

Tour I – Mitterwipfel (1911 m) über Almböden ein leichter Anstieg auf den Gipfel;

Tour II – Golz (2004 m), der Anstieg auf den Golz ist etwas schwieriger. Dem Bergsteiger liegt von den Gipfeln aus der Weißensee zu Füßen und es gibt eine wunderschöne Aussicht zu den umliegenden Tälern.

Tour III – Spitzegel (2119) der anspruchsvollste Berg der IPA-Wanderwoche wurde von 2 Bergführern begleitet, und so konnten 11 IPA Wanderteilnehmer den Gipfelsieg feiern.



Wanderung zum Spitzegl

Die Aufstiegsmühen aller Bergwanderer wurden durch die herrliche Aussicht belohnt, und die Glücksgefühle sollen bei ihnen unbeschreiblich gewesen sein.

Am Freitag stand Alm-Picknick auf dem Programm. Zum Picknickplatz, auf der italienischen Seite des Nassfeldes, der Winkel-Alm, wurden 4 unterschiedliche Wandermöglichkeiten dorthin, je nach Fitness und Interesse, angeboten.

Beim gemeinsamen Alm-Picknick mit zünftiger Musik wurden die Energiespeicher bei einem reichhaltigen Buffet wieder aufgeladen. Die Wanderfreunde wurden von 25 italienischen IPA Freunden aus dem Friaul und Cortina besucht.

Am letzten Tag der Woche konnten die Teilnehmer nach eigenem Ermessen (zum Auslaufen sozusagen) gemütliche Wanderungen im Bereich des Nassfeldes durchführen. Bei einem Mittagsschoppen auf der Sonnenterasse des Hotels Gartnerkofel wurde der restliche Tag mit Musik, dem Genuss von Wildschweinbraten und ausgezeichneter Stimmung, verbracht.

Gesellige Abende und gemeinsame Aktivitäten im Hotel (Musik, Tanz, Casino, etc.) boten ausreichend Zeit um Gedanken, Ideen und Erfahrungen auszutauschen. Zum Auffrischen alter Freundschaften und Knüpfen neuer Kontakte gab es genug Zeit.







Die verantwortlichen Veranstalter, Ewald Grollitsch, unterstützt von seinem Team, Annelies und Martin Waldner vom Hotel Gartnerkofel, konnten auf eine unfallfreie Woche mit zufriedenen Teilnehmern zurückblicken.

Servo per Amikeco,

Ewald Grollitsch, IPA Östereich

IPA Serbia Winner for the 7th Time of the Carnival of Ships

The 17th international carnival of ships event was held on the 9th of July 2022 in Belgrade. The day was filled with musical performances by popular artists, concerts for both children and adults, educational and entertaining workshops, etc.



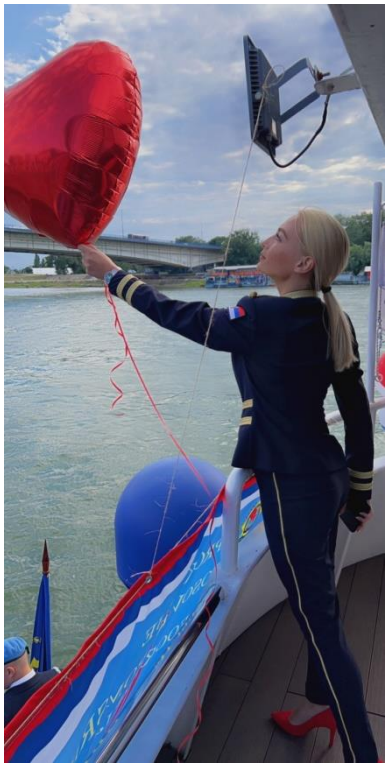
The central event, of course, was the parade of decorated ships, which competed in categories such as the most beautiful ship, the most joyous ship, the best crew, the best theme, and others.

As per tradition, the NS IPA Serbia also competed, with its "Horizont" ship, and the "Ovo je Srbija" theme. The goal of this entry was to present the history, culture, and tradition of the Serbian people to both domestic and foreign audiences. This was achieved with the help of the cultural artist society "Dimitrije Tucović".

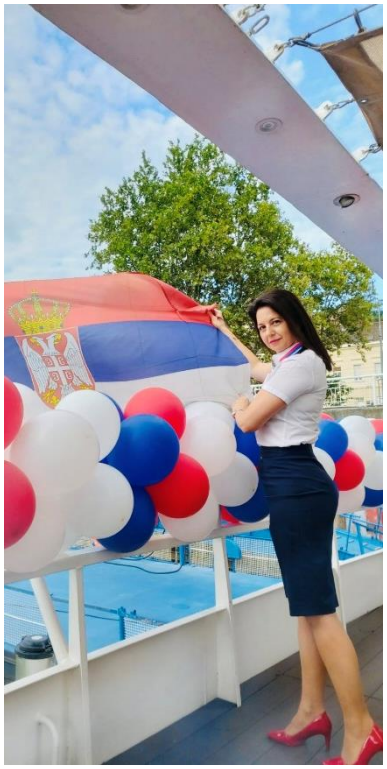
Special guests on our ship were foreign students from 25 countries, enjoying Serbia's love for hospitality We are pleased to report that the NS IPA Serbia won the event for the 7th time.

See you next year!

Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia







IPA Chess Players hosted by the biggest Chess Club in Europe

IPA Primorsko-Goranska, members of Section IPA Croatia, held the first chess tournament, entitled “Rijeka 2022”, in the premises of the Rijeka chess club. The tournament was organised with the support of The Rijeka chess club and the permission of the relevant services of the city of Rijeka. The club is home to the largest chess club in Europe.



We were impressed by the facilities when we came to the premises of the club and saw such a suitable space for lovers of the noble game of chess and its technical equipment. The club can accommodate 350 chess players at the same time, with digital monitoring of the results of all participants, professional judging and all other options of documenting chess tournaments.

These fantastic surroundings enable a successful and pleasant stay for tournament participants as well as spectators who want to attend a tournament in the imposing home of the Rijeka chess club.

Members of IPA Primorsko-Goranska and IPA Istria participated in the "Rijeka 2022" tournament, which was opened by the president of IPA Primorsko-Goranska and IPA Section Croatia, Miljenko Vidak. In this first tournament, the participants were young police officers, along with the grandmaster of the tournament from IPA Istria.





Future tournaments at the largest chess club in Europe in Rijeka will be a meeting place for chess lovers from the ranks of IPA Europe and the world. The tournament will turn into a traditional international, two-day competition with additional contents, such as card games, darts and bocce, as well as an evening cultural entertainment programme, and will aim to gather a larger, more significant number of IPA members both from Croatia and abroad.

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Miljenko Vidak, President IPA Croatia

IPA Police Officers of the World visiting Brazil

In commemoration of 60 years of the IPA in Brazil, Section Brazil saw numerous visits from IPA members from around the world, including members of IPA Norway, IPA Germany, IPA Poland, IPA USA, IPA United Kingdom, IPA Spain and IPA Portugal.



Our IPA colleagues from abroad were welcomed by colleagues of the IPA regions in Brazil, (Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Distrito Federal, etc.), who did not spare any efforts in ensuring that the spirit of our international association, "Servo per Amikeco", manifested itself in our special Brazilian hospitality.







Friendship is the essence of the IPA in the World, and the IPA's performance in Brazil holds this principle at the top of its actions in its management concept.

Further photos and videos of the visits can be seen at:

https://youtu.be/c0u_O1jidx4 and

https://youtu.be/hROchNmO1VA

Servo per Amikeco,

Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil

Alles unter einem D-A-CH in Stuttgart

D-A-CH steht für die IPA-Sektionen Deutschland, Österreich und die Schweiz. Mit ca. 105.000 Mitgliedern haben diese 3 Sektionen rund 28,5% der IPA-Mitglieder weltweit.

Anfang Juli trafen sich die Vertreter der drei Sektionen in Stuttgart, um sich einerseits auszutauschen und andererseits gemeinsame Vorhaben zu besprechen. Themen waren eine digitale Mitgliedskarte, die gemeinsame IPA-App, Präventionsbroschüren, ein Re-Design des Auftritts der IPA und Rabatte für IPA-Mitglieder.

Ziel der Tagung war es nicht, Beschlüsse zu fassen, sondern Erfahrungen auszutauschen und gemeinsame Projekte zu planen. Die drei mitgliederstarken IPA-Sektionen sehen sich auch in der Verpflichtung, Projekte anzugehen, die kleineren Sektionen nicht möglich sind. Ihre Kompetenzen und Kapazitäten werden so auch im Sinne der weltweiten IPA eingesetzt, da die Entwicklungen und Ideen weitergetragen und so auch von anderen Sektionen aufgenommen werden können.



International D-A-CH Meeting in Stuttgart

D-A-CH stands for the IPA sections Germany (D), Austria (A) and Switzerland (CH). With approximately 105,000 members, these three sections account for around 28.5% of the IPA membership worldwide.

At the beginning of July, representatives of the three sections met in the German town of Stuttgart to exchange ideas and to discuss joint projects. The topics on the agenda were: the digital membership card, a joint IPA app, prevention brochures, a re-design of the IPA presence and discounts for IPA members.

The aim of the conference was not to take decisions, but moreover to exchange experiences and plan joint projects. The three IPA sections, which all have a large number of members, also feel obliged to approach projects that are not possible for smaller sections. The combined skills and capacities of IPA Germany, Austria and Switzerland are therefore also used in the interests of the worldwide IPA, since developments and ideas can be passed on, and thus can also be taken up by other IPA sections.

Hubert Vitt, Vice President IPA Germany

IPA Kenya make Donation to Girls' Rescue Centre

It was a joyous moment on Friday 15th July 2022, when the International Police Association's Section Kenya donated textbooks worth 150,000 Shillings, five cartons of sanitary towels, five bales of maize floor, fifty kilograms of beans, cooking oil, soft drinks and assorted stationery to Kajiado Adventist Girls' School and Rescue Centre.

The institution, situated about 110 km from the capital city Nairobi offers shelter, quality education and protection to over 300 girls rescued from the harmful cultural practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early marriages.

The team, led by the IPA Kenya Secretary General, Mr. Jared Ojuok, and the 3rd Vice President and Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission, Ms. Poline Munyi, arrived at the school at midday, and was warmly received by the school community and the local police commander.

In attendance were Mr. Lawrence Some, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) from DCI Headquarters, and Mr. Daudi Oloronyokie, SSP, the Sub-County Commander, Kajiado, among other IPA members.



IPA Kenya Secretary General Jared Ojuok hands over the textbook donations

The Rescue Centre management congratulated the International Police Association's Section Kenya for the special gesture and initiative that they said would inspire hope among the young girls, and also strengthen the police-public relationship among the local community.

The Secretary General explained to the audience that the International Police Association was founded on one of the most fundamental elements of any given society: Friendship.

'Indeed, the Association's Motto, 'Servo Per Amikeco', which is Esperanto for 'Service Through Friendship' is a running call that reminds each one of us of humans' most basic instinct; the need to offer help to those in need.'

The Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Hilary Mutyambai noted in his written speech that, ‘Over the years, IPA Kenya Section has proved itself to be a real ambassador of friendship through activities such as these, and many more.

Today, we bring you good tidings of friendship, that your skies may shine brighter, and that this day may be memorable. May our coming here redouble your joy, and cut your grief, if at all, in half.’

The Inspector General stated that the National Police Service acknowledged the difficult past that most of the girls had been through, and assured them that the future is brighter for those who choose to take full advantage of the opportunity that the Rescue Centre has offered them to get quality education in a safe and secure environment.



Joint group photo with the school community

The Inspector General further said, ‘We sincerely thank the Rescue Centre management for the enormous work they have done in providing this magnificent facility for your shelter and nurture.

The opportunity you have offered to these children is golden, and I believe that out of this home shall come forth future leaders of our great nation. I wish to say that this home offers a great symbolism for community policing.

It is through initiatives such as this one, that that our communities are made safer for all, and hope for a brighter future is built.’

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

IPA Poland's 10th Interregional #MeetingAtTheSummit

On July 19, at dawn, when there was a battle in the sky above the peaks of the Tatra Mountains between the darkness of the receding night and the first rays of the rising sun, the 10th Interregional expedition within the framework of **IPA #MeetingAtTheSummit** set off from the PTTK Morskie Oko Mountain Shelter to the highest peak of the Polish Tatra Mountains and the highest peak of the Crown of the Polish Mountains - **Rysy (2499 m)**.



The group of 19 people, consisting of IPA members from the regions of Nowy Sącz, Nowy Targ, Karpacki, Jelenia Góra, Wrocław, as well as the Uroczysko-Piechowice Region and Podhale, set off along the red trail leading through Czarny Staw below Rysy to the highest peak in Poland in the pale light of the moon, which wandered in the brightening morning sky over the heads of the hikers, as if showing them the way.

Reaching Czarny Staw below Rysy was only a foretaste of the struggles that the participants of the expedition had to face along the way. The difficulties did not only concern the trail, which from Czarny Staw up to the summit meant gaining more meters of elevation with every step, but, also the personal, internal battle of each hiker with fatigue and fear of heights. In such circumstances, it is the support of the group that counts, which was especially true on the section of the trail where chains appeared.

Despite the uncertainty that arose at the sight of the chains and the demands that accompanied this section of the path, each participant knew that the goal of the expedition was really close (just 360 meters from the summit). Guided upwards by connected metal links, the expedition reached the Polish summit of Rysy (2499 m)

before 8:30 am, and the IPA members took up all the space available there and joyfully celebrated success.

To the joy of the hikers, it turned out that colleague Sławek had his birthday on that day, so a loud "Happy Birthday" was sung, and heartfelt wishes were showered on the birthday boy. The expedition then moved to the Slovak peak of Rysy (2503 m), where commemorative badges for reaching the summit were handed out. An unexpected summit meeting also took place here with a police officer from KWP Olsztyn working in Szczytno. After resting and saturating the eyes with the beautiful panorama of the Tatra Mountains on both sides of the border, the expedition started their way down to the Slovak side.



The way down led along the red trail via the Waga Pass to the Chata pod Rysami mountain hut, where the group arranged a stop to recuperate. Then, along the picturesque Mengusovska Valley with the Frog's Ponds, the participants continued on their way to the crossroads over the Frog's Brook. From there, along the blue trail, they continued on to Poprad Pond and then along an asphalt road to the Poprad Pond railroad station, where transport was waiting.

The **IPA #MeetingAtTheSummit** is an initiative aimed at popularising mountain tourism among members of the International Police Association, as well as promoting the Crown of Polish Peaks IPA project, which aims to climb the 28 highest peaks of 28 mountain ranges in Poland.

The climb to Rysy is the 10th mountain hike organised as part of the IPA **#MeetingsAtTheSummit** for Association members, their families and friends. Each subsequent expedition is met with greater interest and response from IPA members from different regions. We look forward to more equally successful events that integrate Association members and highlight the spirit of "Servo per Amikeco."

Michał Sługocki, Secretary IPA Region Wrocław

IPA Serbia hold University Lecture about the IPA

On the 8th of July 2022, the President of Section IPA Serbia, Nebojša Pantelic Ph.D., held a lecture for the students of the Belgrade university's faculty of law on the topic of "The role and importance of the IPA in the fight against crime"





The lecture was held in English and was also attended by 40 foreign law students from 23 countries. The topic aroused great interest, thus many questions ensued.

It was a wonderful opportunity to promote the IPA both in Serbia and further afield.

Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Changes at the International Administration Centre

Daniel James

Daniel, our staff member in the IAC, completed his last day with us at the end of August.

He has been a valuable member of staff for four years and many of you will have seen him at the World Congress in Croatia. He was recruited with an emphasis on responsibility for our IAC website and social media accounts. Daniel has greatly

improved our website, in collaboration with our web providers, Senior Ltd and provided charts on visits to our accounts.

He had also taken on many administrative functions in the office, including the AT scholarship files, updating the International Directory and the Hosting Book and covering the office, when Elke was away.

Daniel has decided to resume his further education and we wish him well in this endeavour.

Thank you, Daniel from all in the IEB, for your service to the IPA and for your friendship.

Elke Schuelpen-Roberts



Our highly valued IAC Office Manager Elke Schuelpen-Roberts has announced her notice of resignation and shall leave us in mid-September.

Elke has been with us for almost eleven years, first as Assistant, working with Wendy and Lesley, then as Office Manager and has built up a broad knowledge of our administration and our Association.

The full list of her tasks fills five pages, and many of you know her from meeting her at World Congresses and IEB meetings in your sections. Elke has introduced many efficiency improvements in the running of the office and taken on the challenges of new technology, including the shift from a predominantly print to a digital working environment.

Elke demonstrated her resilience during the height of the pandemic, when working from home was mandatory and subsequently in adapting to a hybrid model and guiding our staff members Kerry and Daniel. She has been a solid team player and has always been popular with all the other staff members in the IAC and UK HQ over the years.

The IEB have always been able to rely on Elke for her support, advice and friendship and both the President, Pierre and I as her ‘boss,’ especially relied on her without reservation. She will be very hard to replace.

Sadly, she will not be present at the World Congress.

Elke has accepted a position with the University of Nottingham, and our loss is definitely their gain.

I and all in the IEB wish her every success in her new position.

Thank you, Elke.

If you wish to pass on your good wishes to Elke and Daniel, please send them to the IAC address and we shall pass them on.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

LAST WORD

I hope you have enjoyed reading the September edition of the IPA Newsletter, featuring articles from 14 IPA sections on 4 continents. As this is the last edition I had the pleasure to look after, I investigated a little …in my 11th year at the IPA, this is also the 111th edition … in German, this would mean a double 'Schnapszahl' … 😊.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working for the IPA, with all the different aspects I had the opportunity to experience.



The Newsletter was part of my tasks right from the beginning, when each edition was also translated and edited in four languages and thus meant nearly four times as much work. Without doubt one of the largest projects I was entrusted with, was to oversee the production of the 70th anniversary IPA Newsletter in 2020, which the IPA IAC team, with the help of the IEB, managed to publish within 6 weeks. Quite a stressful undertaking, but we were all happy with the result. I hope you were, too.

All Newsletters are available on the international website, at https://www.ipa-international.org/Newsletters, and provide a joyful and colourful display of what the IPA is all about. Why not have a look?

I take this opportunity to thank all IPA members I have worked with, or met over the years at the Arthur Troop House in Nottingham, at an IEB meeting in a section, or during an IPA World Congress. I would equally like to thank all International Executive Board members, present and past, who I have worked for over this past decade and a bit. I am grateful for all the opportunities I was given, the variety of tasks I was trusted with, and the friendship I was offered. It has been a real pleasure, and I will always look back on the IPA with a smile on my face.

Those of you who know me well, will be aware of my competitiveness and my love of sport. Life at the IPA has given me a few chances to try out new sports and visit incredible sporting facilities, which I enjoyed very much. My new job will see me working in a sports environment.

Trying to reflect on my work for the IPA, I came across a quote from the manager of Liverpool FC, Jürgen Klopp:

'It's not important what people think when you come in but what they think when you leave.'

Kind regards,

Elke


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