



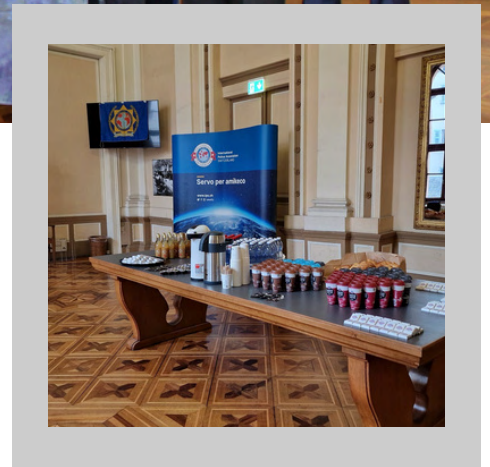
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INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION



North European Forum (NEF)

The North European Forum (NEF) took place in Sion, Switzerland from 25-28th April 2024. 12 countries were represented and a number of topics were discussed. Read more on page 12.



International President visits IPA Peru

On the 9th June 2024, International President Martin Hoffmann visited Peru following the meeting with the IEB & Ibero-American Sections in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Read more on page 8.

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IPA France 5th International Friendship Meeting



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IPA Croatia Meditteranean Meeting

INTRODUCTION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARTIN HOFFMANN



MARTIN HOFFMANN

International President

Dear IPA Members, Dear Friends,

As I reflect on my first nine months in office, I am struck by how quickly time has flown. It feels like only yesterday that I began this journey with the International Police Association, and I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together. The IEB is now actively working on implementing the initial goals of our strategy, particularly those related to the growth and expansion of the IPA.

In line with these efforts, from the 2nd to the 7th of June 2024, an important IEB meeting was held in Rio de Janeiro in collaboration with the Ibero-American sections. This gathering, which included in-person participation from Canada, Spain, Portugal, the USA, Peru, and Brazil, and virtual attendance from Argentina, Andorra, and Colombia, was a cornerstone event in our strategic plan to promote the IPA more extensively outside of Europe. Our discussions centred around strategies for recruitment, new seminars, and the critical role of professional marketing both internationally and within the sections.

The International Executive Board (IEB) is committed to providing increased support to the sections over the next year to enhance these efforts and ensure robust engagement with current and prospective members.

My special thanks go to President Joel Mazo and Vice President Diogo Deleuze of IPA Brazil for their exceptional organisation of this event. Their efforts have significantly contributed to the success of our meeting and the advancement of our strategic goals.

Following this meeting, from the 9th to the 16th of June, I had the honour of accepting an invitation from IPA Peru. This visit allowed me to present the IPA to high-ranking police officials in Peru, including Vice Minister Julio Diaz Zulueta and Police General Victor Zanabria Angulo, General Commander of the National Police of Peru. During these engagements at the Ministry of Interior, I also had the privilege of meeting Lieutenant General Oscar Arriola Delgado, Chief of Staff of the National Police of Peru (PNP) and attending a special presentation by the Special Unit of the PNP under the leadership of General Guillermo Llerena Portal, Director of Special Operations of the PNP.



INTRODUCTION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARTIN HOFFMANN

A highlight of my visit to Peru was receiving the Honour Medal of the Honour Legion of the Guardia Civil of Peru from Colonel (Ret.) Renato Torres Yabar, President of the Honour Legion of the Benemerita Guardia Civil del Peru. This prestigious award was an extraordinary honour and joy to receive. Additionally, visiting Machu Picchu was an exceptional experience and another highlight of my time in Peru. The opportunity to witness such a historic and iconic site was truly remarkable.

In addition, I visited and observed the Mounted Police PATOA, led by Commander Martin Alzamora Rodriguez, Director of the Mounted Police of the PNP. In Cusco, I had the pleasure of presenting the IPA to local police officials and visiting the iconic Machu Picchu. These meetings and visits have strengthened our relationships and opened new avenues for collaboration. I am confident that our shared efforts will significantly contribute to the growth and success of the IPA.

My heartfelt thanks go to President Carlos Fernando Velásquez Salazar, Javier Raúl Gamero Kinosita, Angélica, Jorge, Rossana and all members of the IPA Peru board for their excellent organisation and hospitality.



On the 16th of June 2024, I had the honour of visiting the General Directorate of the National Police of Colombia and the IPA Colombia Section in Bogota. I was warmly received by Deputy Director BG. Nicolás Alejandro Zapata Restrepo and President Hugo Excehomo Linares Silva, who provided a comprehensive presentation on the current state of the IPA Colombia Section. During this visit, we discussed the importance of recruiting new members, both active and retired, and reaffirmed our commitment to supporting their integration. The event included the induction of new IPA members and an exchange of souvenirs, concluding with a visit to the National Police Museum of Colombia.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire board of IPA Colombia for their exceptional hospitality and the productive discussions.

All of this is only possible with an outstanding team. I am proud to work with such an exceptional team in the IEB and the IAC. All seven members of the IEB are doing an outstanding job, especially considering that apart from Mick Walsh and myself, all are new to the IEB. My special thanks go also to Hana and Lisa in the IAC, whose excellent work and support for the IEB is invaluable.

Looking ahead, I eagerly anticipate the World Congress in Ohrid, North Macedonia, where we will have the opportunity to reconnect with friends and discuss our progress and future initiatives. I would like to express my sincere thanks to President of IPA North Macedonia Igno Stojkov, Secretary General Igor Manojloski, and the entire team in North Macedonia for their exceptional preparatory work.

I am also pleased to announce that the layout of our international newsletter has been modernised. It is now presented clearly in the colours of the IPA logo. We hope you find the new design appealing and welcome your feedback at iac@ieb-ipa.org.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our shared mission. I look forward to your feedback and am available at president@ieb-ipa.org for any comments or suggestions.

Servo per Amikeco,

Martin

IEB & IBERO-AMERICA GROUP MEETING IN BRAZIL



On the date of June 2nd to 7th, 2024, the IPA International Executive Bureau, headed by international president Martin Hoffmann, and the Ibero-America Group composed of the countries of Andorra, Spain, Portugal, Canada, United States of America, Peru, Argentina, Colombia and Brazil met at the Hotel Pestana in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, to discuss an extensive agenda on the administration and actions of the International Police Association – IPA.

The highlight was the holding of an International Congress on the Amazon, in connection with the IPA international project called: "IPA Green", scheduled to take place in the triple Amazon border that brings together the countries of Colombia, Brazil and Peru. At the moment, the project of the Brazilian Section of the IPA called: "Eyes of Amazonian Horus" was presented to the Ibero-América Group and the IEB/IPA, which involves the establishment of an IPA Observatory and partnerships in the centre of the Brazilian jungle, more precisely on the banks of the Javari River, with the aim of opening the "eyes" of members that the region that has the largest concentration of still "undetected" indigenous people in the world, so that they can feed information on the region's problems, such as academic knowledge focused on the environment and police action in this type of area.



The meeting brought the first meeting of the Ibero-America Group established by the current IPA management, when at IPAWC 2023-Greece, promoting deliberations of activities by its members in an integrated manner.



IEB & IBERO-AMERICA GROUP MEETING IN BRAZIL

However, the meeting was not just administrative work, since an institutional event promoted by the IPA Brazil Regional in the State of Rio de Janeiro, gave participants the opportunity to get to know a Brazilian operational police structure, with a visit to the BOPE (Batalion of Operational Police Operations), as well as a beautiful tour of a Favela in that city.

The IPA Brazil/RJ institutional event gave participants the opportunity to learn about Brazilian cuisine and culture, in a beautiful happy hour to welcome participants, which culminated with the planting of a typical Brazilian tree in the "IPA Green" garden, specially constructed for this act. In the same vein, the social event to close the meeting, which took place on 6/06, allowed participants to visit two main tourist attractions in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Christ the Redeemer and the hill known as "Pão de Açúcar", in addition to the beautiful Copacabana beach and its wave-shaped promenade created by Burle Marx in 1970. The event ended with a special dinner in which grants and prizes were awarded to those present and invited authorities. For IPA in Brazil it was a unique historical moment.

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INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2024

Photo submissions should be made by 31st July 2024
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 Please scan the QR code for full details



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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS PERU

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, the president of the International Executive Board (IEB) of the International Police Association (IPA), Martín Hoffmann, accompanied by Carlos Fernando Velásquez Salazar, President of the IPA Peruvian Section, arrived in Peru from Rio de Janeiro, after participating in the meeting of the IEB and the Ibero-American Group of IPA; official visit carried out at the invitation of the International Police Association - Peruvian Section (IPA SP) to carry out protocol activities in the city of Lima and Cusco, being received by Javier Raúl Gamero Kinoshita, professional affairs member of IPA SP, Alfredo Jorge Abado Torres, general secretary of IPA SP, Angélica Editha Tapia, IPA SP treasurer and Rossana Di Natali Suarez, president of the supervisory board of the International Police Association - Peruvian Section and members of the Tourism Police of the National Police of Peru.



Official visits to authorities of the Ministry of the Interior and the National Police of Peru

The official activities began on Monday, June 10, where our illustrious visitor presided as a special guest at the Raising Ceremony of the National Flag of Peru at the Ministry of the Interior accompanied by the Chief of Staff of the National Police of Peru (PNP), Lieutenant General PNP. Oscar Arriola Delgado and the members of the Board of Directors of IPA SP. Later, the international president of IPA Martín Hoffmann was received by the General Commander of the National Police of Peru, Police General Víctor Zanabria Angulo. He was then received on behalf of the Ministry of the Interior (MININTER) Juan José Santiváñez Antúnez by the Vice Minister of General Public Security PNP (R) Julio Díaz Zulueta. In these meetings, topics related to IPA's international activities, the expansion of IPA SP membership, among other issues of academic inter-institutional collaboration with Gimborn Castle, IPA Training Centre in Cologne, Germany, as a consequence of the Agreement, were addressed. Current inter-institutional IPA-SP/PNP/MININTER.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS PERU



IPA International Conference "The Influence of the IPA on Police Service in the World"

On the afternoon of Monday the 10th June, a conference was held in the "Mariano Santos" Auditorium of the National Police of Peru located at the headquarters of the Ministry of the Interior. In the presence of President Martin Hoffmann the conference titled "The influence of the International Police Association in the police service in the world", was dictated to members of the National Police of Peru in a situation of activity, made up of ladies and gentlemen members of the National Police of Peru of all hierarchical levels, with whom he later spoke of in honour.

Visit to the Headquarters of the Mounted Police of the National Police of Peru.

On Tuesday, June 11, Martin Hoffmann visited the Mounted Police Headquarters of the National Police of Peru "El Potao", where he was able to participate in the routine activities of the Police Unit, witness an equestrian exhibition of the White Box of said police unit, perform exercises on horseback and enjoy a lunch of camaraderie with the police officers who work in that Historical Unit of the National Police of Peru. The press and publications member of IPA SP Manuel Safra Luzcando was in charge of organising said visit. The delegation was received by the Head of the Unit Commander PNP Martín Alzamora Rodríguez.



IPA Peru International Seminar co-organised with the UN and the Ministry of the Interior

On Wednesday, June 12, Martín Hoffmann proceeded to present the International Police Association at the headquarters of the International Labor Organisation in Lima. The international seminar "Organised Crime, Citizen Security and Governance in the Modern Rule of Law" was held together with the commander PNP General Víctor Zanabria Ángulo and the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations (UN) in Peru, Igor Garafulic, organised by IPA SP in coordination with the security and surveillance department of the United Nations in Peru and the Peruvian Ministry of the Interior.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS PERU

At this event, members of IPA SP and UN officials presented the following conferences “The standards of the use of force in the framework of human rights”, “The role of citizen security in the modern rule of law”, “Plan Safe Peru: Creating a safer and more resilient environment for a solid and peaceful coexistence”, “Integration of a human rights approach in citizen security policy and practice”, “Strategic actions of the Interior Sector to combat illegal mining”, “ Diagnosis of extortion in Peru” and “The dynamics of cocaine in Peru and organised crime.”

On Wednesday, June 12, President Hoffmann visited the Directorate of Special Operations (DIROES) of the National Police of Peru to see an exhibition of command operations carried out by the specialised personnel of said unit and participate in a lunch of camaraderie with the members of the special forces of the Peruvian police. The coordination of said activity was in charge of the Sociocultural Member IPA SP Sergio Luis Antonio Monar Moyoli. The delegation was received by Gen. PNP Guillermo Llerena Portal, director of Special Operations and Parachuting of said unit.



Cultural and tourist activities

Within the framework of the visit of the President of the International Executive Board of the International Police Association, a series of cultural and tourist visits were carried out both in the city of Lima and Cusco.

Among them, a tourist circuit of Lima Antigua, visiting the Historic Centre of the capital city, a Modern Lima tourist circuit, including the districts of Miraflores, San Isidro and Barranco, visits to the Magical Water Circuit, the Gold Museum of Peru, the Inca Archaeological Sanctuary of the Citadel of Machu Picchu and the Sacsayhuamán Fortress in the imperial city of Cusco. The vice president of IPA SP Robin Leiva, the public relations member Francisco Antonio Andrade Kinosita and the deputy secretary Karla Geraldine Gastulo Saavedra were in charge of coordinating these activities.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS IPA COLOMBIA

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION MARTIN HOFFMANN TO THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE POLICE OF COLOMBIA AND IPA COLOMBIA SECTION

The President of the International Police Association, Martin Hoffmann, was received at the General Directorate of the National Police of Colombia by Mr. BG. Nicolás Alejandro Zapata Restrepo Deputy Director of the National Police.

Within the programming, a brief illustrated presentation was made on the current situation of IPA Colombia Section by its President Hugo Excehomo Linares Silva.

The illustrious visitor expressed the arguments that motivated the programming in development, at the institutional command and the importance of promoting the voluntary affiliation of new associates, both in active service and retired, and their permanent willingness to support the decisions made for this purpose. He also thanked the special welcome provided by the Police Institution.

The Deputy Director of the Colombian Police, in addition to welcoming him, expressed the desire of the institutional command to contribute to the efforts of the organisation to facilitate its successful development for the benefit of the national community and its institutions.

Within the programming, the shields were imposed on the new members of the IPA Colombia Section by the International President Martin Hoffmann, among them Mr. Nicolás Alejandro Zapata Restrepo.

The formal event ended with the exchange of souvenirs. Later, a lunch was shared with friends and integration. To end the day, we visited the Museum of the National Police of Colombia.



IPA SWITZERLAND NEF 2024 APRIL 25–28

IPA Switzerland hosted the meeting of the Northern European Forum (NEF). The event was well organised and prepared by the National Board and the Valais region. The meeting took place in beautiful Sion, which can be recognised from afar by the towering doors of the Tourbillon and Valeria castles. These two landmarks watch over the capital of Valais and its 30,000 inhabitants. The guests were accommodated in the Hotel Elite, which is ideally located close to the city centre and the old town.

Our National President, Jean-Pierre Allet, officially opened the conference on Friday in the Grand Council Chamber of the Canton of Valais and was pleased to announce that 12 countries were represented at the NEF. Unfortunately, the IEB representative, Diego Trolese, and the former International President, Pierre-Martin Moulin, had to excuse themselves.

Mr. Bitschnau Christian, Vice-President of the Municipal Council of Sion, conveyed the greetings of the municipal government. Mr. Frédéric Favre, Head of the Department of Security, Institutions and Sport of the Canton of Valais, welcomed the guests on behalf of the cantonal government.

Alain Masseraz, President of the IPA Valais, was pleased to welcome IPA friends from 12 countries and wished everyone an interesting meeting and a pleasant stay in the canton of Valais, the canton with its famous vineyards, mountains and popular vacation resorts.



The agenda items did not lead to too much discussion and were dealt with quite quickly. Only the suspension of the Russia section gave cause for discussion. Some sections are preparing a motion for the next World Congress, according to which a decided suspension would be valid for 6 years and not 1 year as before. This is intended to prevent the annual discussions at the World Congress and it is assumed that a conflict may or may not be over after 6 years and a definitive decision on exclusion could then be made. Robert Neumann, President of IPA Austria, presented an interesting solution for the membership card and other options, such as administration, ordering car vignettes, transferring membership fees, etc. on the "Austrian dMSC App". This could also be adopted and introduced by other sections at low cost.

IPA SWITZERLAND NEF 2024 APRIL 25–28

Some representatives provided information about upcoming events, including Clive Wood UK, who announced that section UK was hoping to host the NEF 2025 in conjunction with the celebration of the “75th anniversary of the IPA” next year. This will also be a tribute to Arthur Troop, who, despite resistance from his superiors and politicians, refused to be deterred and founded the IPA.

More information regarding the organiser for NEF 2025 will be announced following the World Congress in North Macedonia next fall. Consideration was even given to using the IBZ as the venue for future meetings. This is centrally located and easy to reach for the NEF sections.

The National Board had invited two guest speakers to the conference to present their organisations. Sabine Steiner, member of the Board, presented the “PinkCop” association. PinkCop is an independent, Swiss-wide association for queer people who work for the police or law enforcement agencies. Together with other associations, it campaigns for the concerns of the queer community. The association is very well networked in Switzerland and internationally. <https://pinkcop.ch/>

Michel Fornasier was born without a right hand. He founded the “Give Children a Hand Foundation” to ensure that access to prosthetic hands for children no longer remained a heartfelt wish. The foundation works with specialists to create innovative prosthetic hands from 3D printers. In addition to physical aids, children also need role models who support and protect them mentally and boost their self-esteem. This is how the Bionics were created, who publish their non-violent adventures in comic books, which also focus on bullying prevention. The National Board invited several school classes from Salgesch to this presentation. The pupils proved that this was a good idea with their many questions to Michel and that they are very interested in the topic of “humanity and acceptance”. <https://bionicman.ch/>

Of course, there was also plenty of socialising and culinary delights. A visit to the “lac souterrain St. Leonard” was on the agenda on Saturday, where the guests were able to discover the beautiful underground site. In Brig, the little Simplon Express took the party up to the Simplon fortress in Naters. This is a historic, living fortress museum, which also houses the Swiss Guard Museum. This museum displays many personal items that guardsmen or their relatives have given to the Guards Museum. It is well worth a visit. <https://www.simplonfestungnaters.ch/de/>

A real highlight was the visit to the Cup semi-final between FC Sion and FC Lugano at the Stade de Tourbillon. To get in the mood for the match, a raclette à discrétion was served in the stadium box beforehand. There was a great atmosphere in the sold-out stadium and the two fan camps gave each other no quarter. The smoke, firecrackers and pyro flares were used despite the ban. But otherwise the atmosphere remained calm until the end. In the end, FC Lugano ran out 2-0 winners.

The NEF, a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences. The IPA Section Switzerland and the IPA Region Valais made sure that the participants enjoyed their stay and felt at home

Ronald Wüthrich
Editor.de

IPA KAZAKHSTAN BIKE RIDE

On June 6-8, 2024, the Kazakhstan section of the IPA organised and held a bike ride dedicated to the Day of the Kazakhstan Police.

The goal of the project is: international and patriotic education of young police officers, formation of a positive image of the police in society, as well as cultural exchange, provision of social and legal assistance to members of the association, veterans and police officers.

Active police officers, police veterans, members of the Kazakhstan section of the IPA, as well as representatives of other law enforcement agencies and the public of Kazakhstan took part in the bike ride.

The route of the bike ride passed between the cities of Taraz and Turkestan, the distance of which is 333 km.

As part of the bike ride, along the route, meetings were organised and held with local police services and with the population, during which excursions to historical places were organized for the bike ride participants.

Sincerely,

Section President, G. Beristemov.

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IPA KENYA FRIENDSHIP WEEK

On behalf of IPA Kenya, you are invited to their Friendship Week Tour from 20-27 October 2024.

This includes:

- 2 nights Nairobi on Bed and Breakfast Basis
- Dinner at the Carnivore restaurant
- 1-night Lake Naivasha on Full Board Basis
- 2 nights at Lake Nakuru on a Full Board Basis
- 2 Nights Masai Mara on a Full board basis
- 7 Days of Safari transport in 8-seater Safari
- Minivans
- Park entry fees for Lake Nakuru, Lake Bogoria, and Masai Mara
- Game drives
- Masai Village visit
- Vehicle disposal in Nairobi for city tour/shopping

For more information, please contact The IPA Kenya Secretary General at sg@lpakenya.or.ke or visit:

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/ipa-kenya-friendship-week-tour-2024/181012>

IPA SERBIA HISTORICAL SPORTS MEETING OF STUDENTS



HISTORICAL SPORTS MEETING OF STUDENTS MILITARY HIGH SCHOOL "1300 CADETS" AND HIGH SCHOOL OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF NS IPA SERBIA

On June 2, 2024, the first sports meeting of the Military High School "1300 Cadets" from Belgrade and the High School of Internal Affairs "Jakov Nenadović" from Sremska Kamenica was held at the Athletic Hall in Belgrade and the Sports Center of the Boarding School of the Military High School "1300 Cadets".

The event was organised with the aim of promoting, establishing cooperation, and developing a sports spirit between these two schools, at the initiative of the president of NS IPA Serbia, Police Colonel and academician Prof. Dr. Nebojša Pantelić, and the commander of the Military High School "1300 Cadets", Navy Captain Srđan Miljković, with the immense support of the director of the High School of Internal Affairs "Jakov Nenadović", Vesna Đurović.

The sports meeting between the two schools was opened by the legend of world football and player of FK Crvena zvezda, Dušan Savić. Students from the first year of these schools competed in several sports disciplines. Students bravely and dignifiedly represented their schools in the 60 and 200 metres sprint, 4×200 metres relay, shot put, rope climbing, and futsal. Since this was the first such event, it is of great significance for both schools, so both sides gave their best, presented themselves in the best light, and emerged from the meeting as winners.



IPA IRELAND POLICE RUGBY

A brief history of Ireland Police Rugby – The first 21 years.

Ireland Police Rugby is a shining example of the bonds of friendship, camaraderie and rugby that exists between members of An Garda Síochána and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, previously the Royal Ulster Constabulary, originating back as far as 2nd March 1966 when An Garda Síochána hosted the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the Old Belvedere Grounds, Dublin and travelled to Enniskillen 1967 for the return fixture in 1967. Sadly, those early games between both forces had to be suspended in the early 1970s, following the outbreak of the troubles in Northern Ireland.

Whilst no game between both forces took place on the island of Ireland until 1993, both forces did play against each other in the late 1980's/early 1990s in the annual Bill Marshall police sevens tournament hosted by Lothian & Borders Police, in Edinburgh. By some strange coincidence, both teams invariably were always on the same side of the draw and ended-up playing against each other in the latter stages of the tournament. On one occasion both teams travelled together by bus and ferry to Scotland, meeting and separating on the ferry as it departed and arrived in Northern Ireland. The teams always stayed in the same hotel and lasting friendships were formed then, that endure today.

Lasting friendships were also formed between the police officers from the RUC who were selected to play for Ulster and Ireland in the 1980s and 1990's, and the members of An Garda Síochána who were detailed to protect them when they came south to play the other provinces, training and playing against visiting international teams. Two of those players are here with us today. We welcome our guest speaker and 1985 Triple Crown winner, Jimmy McCoy and Ronnie Carey, who is still very much involved in British Police rugby. It was often lamented back then, how we, as police officers, couldn't play rugby against each other on the island of Ireland due to the prevailing political and security situations, at that time.

In 1993, the annual game between both forces recommenced, when An Garda Síochána hosted the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the first game on Irish soil, in almost a quarter of a century. These games continued annually until 2001/2, when, with the formation of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the O'Connor Cup was retired and The O'Shea/Davidson cup was commissioned, commemorating the late Pa O'Shea (An Garda Síochána) and David Davidson (RUC) who were instrumental in arranging the early games in the 1960s. The first game for the new cup was played on 1st May 2002 in Westmanstown. The first women's game between AGS and PSNI took place on 19th May 2004 also at Westmanstown and both men's and women's teams played in New Forge in 2005.

Attempts were made in the late 1990s, to develop a combined An Garda Síochána/Royal Ulster Constabulary team to tour South Africa. A meeting took place in Dublin that unfortunately made political rather than sporting headlines in a Sunday newspaper and the prospective project had to be abandoned at the time.



IPA IRELAND POLICE RUGBY

Following the 1998 Northern Ireland Peace Process, informal conversations recommenced about exploring the development of a combined Ireland Police rugby team.

The inaugural O'Shea/Davidson Cup game in 2002, provided the launch pad for exploratory meetings between both organisations, led by Eamon O'Grady (AGS) and Alan Mains (PSNI), with Michael Larkin (AGS), and Colin Brunt (PSNI), and with support from the rugby community, rugby clubs and senior officers from both organisations on the prospect of forming an Ireland Police Rugby team. We are delighted that many of the people involved in getting Ireland Police Rugby established are with us here today and sadly some are no longer with us (may they rest in peace). We are very grateful and salute their input and commitment to creating the wonderful legacy we have today and for the future.

Another body that has been unwavering in its support for Ireland Police Rugby from the outset, is the Irish Rugby Football Union. From our first meeting with the IRFU to the present day, successive Presidents and IRFU executive committees have been to the fore in their support and goodwill for Ireland Police Rugby. The President or an executive member of the IRFU is an ever-present attendee at our games at home and abroad. We look forward to continuing and growing our strong relationship with the IRFU and other Rugby Unions long into the future.

Ireland Police Rugby played its first game on 29th March 2003 against the Leinster Junior XV in the Garda RFC grounds at Westmanstown and have continued the relationship where we play in warm-up games prior to the annual junior interprovincial series.

In 2003, Ireland Police Rugby participated in and won the Akrotiri International 10s tournament in Cyprus and returned to successfully defend the title in 2004.

In 2006, Ireland Police played Scotland Police for the first time and then travelled to Boston to play against Boston RFC. As the stature and reputation of the team grew, it generated interest from other representative teams, most notably, the British Police who requested a game.

In 2009, Ireland Police Rugby played against the British Police for the first time. The game took place in Donnybrook stadium and the then Uachtarán Na hÉireann (President of Ireland), Mary McAleese marked the occasion by hosting the after-match reception for both teams in the presidential residence, Áras An Uachtaráin. Ireland Police defeated the British Police in that game and went on to play against each other on a number of occasions in the UK and Ireland, including Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. We are also very grateful to all of the Rugby Unions who have embraced the concept of international police rugby, for the provision of top-class referees (such as Wayne Barnes, Alain Rolland and others), stadia and their recognition of the importance of these games and now this 4 Nations police championship.



IPA IRELAND POLICE RUGBY

Over the past twenty seasons, Ireland Police have also played against representative teams from the Australian Police, French Police, English, Scottish and Welsh Police, Irish Defence Forces, Irish Colleges, British Fire Services and Leinster Juniors. The Ireland Police committee expresses our sincere gratitude to our co-patrons, the Garda Commissioner and Chief Constable of the PSNI, and our respective rugby clubs and sports organisations for their continued support over the years.

Ireland Police Rugby has been very fortunate to have had wonderful sponsors over the years and we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our past and current sponsors, especially Securitas Technologies Ireland Ltd., and Servisource/Allied Admissions for their support for our team and this event today. Over the past 21 years we are also very proud to have aligned with and supported the IRFU Charitable Trust and Rugby Players Ireland, 'Tackle Your Feelings' campaign.

Ireland Police Rugby is very proud of what has been achieved over the past 21 years and we look forward to continuing to grow lasting friendships through the sport of rugby long into the future.

Eamon O'Grady,
Co-Chairman, Ireland Police Rugby



IPA IRELAND 4 NATIONS INTERNATIONAL POLICE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP (4NPR)

IPA Section Ireland, is delighted to be associated with a great International Police Sporting Championship the 4NPR.

Section Ireland contributed to this new Rugby Championship through the sponsorship of the International Police Association perpetual trophy

Five police Services are involved in the championship.

- An Garda Síochána (Ireland's Police Service)
- Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Police Scotland
- Police England
- Police Wales

Four teams involved

- Ireland (Police Northern Ireland and Irish Republic)
- Scotland
- Wales
- England

Final matches were played at Westmanstown, Dublin on the 24th April 2024 and the championship was won by Team Wales.

IPA IRELAND POLICE RUGBY

IPA IRELAND 4 NATIONS INTERNATIONAL POLICE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP (4NPR)



President, Section Ireland, Conor O'Higgins presents the International Police Association Trophy to the CEO of 4 Nations Police Rugby (4NPR)

All teams were paraded on to the pitch by the Pipe Band of the PSNI and National Anthems were played by the Band of An Garda Síochána.

The games were watched by a big crowd of supporters from all five services and included the Heads of An Garda Síochána, Commissioner Drew Harris and Chief Constable of PSNI, Jon Butcher and other distinguished guests and sponsors of the championship.

92 serving members of the five police forces participated as team members.

The day began with a reception where Conor O'Higgins, President Section Ireland, presented the International Police Association Perpetual Trophy to the CEO of the 4 Nations International Police Rugby Championship (4NPR) Mr Nick Bracken OBE DL. In his address, Conor wished all participants every good wish and in the true spirit of IPA, that this and future championships will provide for lasting friendship.

The first of two games were played between Wales and England and then Ireland and Scotland.



Victorious Welsh Team

The championship banquet took place in the complex when almost 300 players, mentors and guests enjoyed a lovely meal. The meal was followed by speeches from Co-Patrons of Ireland Police Rugby Committee, Commissioner Harris, Chief Constable Boucher, C-Chair Eamon O'Grady, CEO, 4NPR Nick Bracken and a most interesting and informative speech by special guest, Former Irish Squad player, Mr Jim Mc Coy.

It was a great honour to join with Commissioner Harris and Chief Constable Boucher to present the International Police Association, 4NPR perpetual Trophy to the Captain of the victorious Team, Lewis Burley, Wales.

Article on the history of Ireland Police Rugby is penned by Retired Detective Superintendent and C-Chair, Eamon O'Grady.

IPA KENYA DONATE FOOD & TOILETRIES

On Friday, June 22, 2024, the IPA Section Kenya made a donation to the Cerebral Palsy Society of Kenya (CPSK). The Association's Secretary General, Mr. Jared Ojuok, H.S.C., and the 3rd Vice President, Ms. Poline Munyi, handed the donations valued @USD 1,000 to the CPSK Centre in Old Donholm Estate, Nairobi City County, which included both cash and in-kind contributions such as foodstuff and toiletries.

Present were members of the Centre's Board of Management led by Mr. Abbott Okello and Ms. Esther Ntanguri, and representatives of parents with children living with cerebral palsy. The management and the parents expressed appreciation to IPA Section Kenya for the support.



Ms. Poline Munyi hands donation to Ms. Esther Ntanguri



Mr. Jared Ojuok hands donations to Mr. Abbott Okello



Food and toiletries donated to CPSK

Mr. Abbott Okello, the Centre Manager, stated to the IPA team that the CPSK is a non-profit charitable organisation dedicated to improving the lives of children and people with cerebral palsy in Kenya. Since its start in 1994, CPSK has cared for nearly 3000 families.

Mr. Abbott stated that CPSK envisions an enlightened and empowered society that is concerned with improving rehabilitation, healthcare, and inclusive services for children/persons afflicted by cerebral palsy.

CPSK provides the following services: rehabilitation (therapy), psychosocial support, nutrition support, carer empowerment, and educational support. The Society also conducts awareness-raising activities, advocates, and organises medical camps, workshops, and training.

SPSK also aims to provide the greatest support services to people with cerebral palsy in Kenya by providing therapy, raising awareness, and advocating for necessary measures to improve their welfare.

In the long run, the IPA Section is committed to working with the Centre to raise awareness, assist with the acquisition of assistive equipment, promote economic empowerment, advocate for change, and mobilise resources.

Written by Jared Ojuok, HSC

Secretary General IPA Section Kenya

IPA ITALY

INTERVIEW SARAH BRUNETTI



INTERVIEW SARAH BRUNETTI FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE PENITENTIARY POLICE AND DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF THE ROME REBIBBIA PRISON.

The content of this semester's column is worth mentioning the very interesting interview given by the First Director of the Penitentiary Police Sarah Brunetti, who for a few months has been the department commander of the largest prison in Italy, namely Roma Rebibbia. Through her we will try to understand the values and pitfalls of one of the most delicate and difficult professions to face.

-Hello Dr.ssa Brunetti and thank you for accepting the invitation of the International Police Association. The world of prisons is difficult and the task that men in uniform have to carry out within this context is difficult.

"Good morning, thank you for the very welcome invitation which honors me greatly. I am a Penitentiary Police Officer. The Penitentiary Policeman is a professional at the service of the "polis" and, therefore, of society as a whole. He must guarantee that criminal execution meets absolute criteria of humanity and civility. The Penitentiary Police is the only National Body which, in addition to the possibility of influencing habeas corpus, has received from the Constitution a broader "munus" (as our motto states), a cultural mandate imbued with moral pride. The Penitentiary Police Officer is given the burden of participating, also by example, in the change in the mindset of entire generations and of influencing the cultural evolution of society in order to reduce recidivism and, therefore, the incidence of violation of criminal law on social security"

-His identity as a Penitentiary Policeman, as he likes to define himself, is placed within a family context that has invested a lot in the penitentiary field. How do you find yourself in the role of Commander of one of the most important institutes in Europe? -

I have worked in other environments and in other law enforcement agencies and I am the expression of a "penitentiary" family, to the extent that I have lived the example of my parents (my father was Regional Superintendent for Campania and Puglia and before was Director of Penitentiary Institutions; my mother was an educator in prison; my brother is Director of a penitentiary institution), but I would not change anything about my personal and professional history. Being born into a family dedicated to penitentiary work made me, since I was a child, part of the "prison family" and in particular made me love the uniform that I wear as if it were a second skin.

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I feel at home in the Institute and, probably, compared to my colleagues who are new to the penitentiary environment, I have not experienced any type of difficulty in working in penitentiary institutions to which I was already accustomed and whose noises and atmospheres I already knew. The operation of the Penitentiary Police adapts to my way of being. I have chosen to be the Commander of Penitentiary Institutions because, in my opinion, it is the widest opportunity for human and professional growth that the State, society and Administration, of which I am honoured to be part, have offered me. I take this opportunity to thank my Administration for allowing me to work in penitentiary institutions in contact with wounded humanity.

-How much of you and how much of your family is there in the choice made to become an authentic expression of the penitentiary world?-

Mine was the most desired choice, the only one for me, also because by character I am an operative. The uniform is tailored to me and, wearing it, I dress with pride every day. The Penitentiary Police Corps, which I love viscerally, dresses, with its 207 years of glory (it is one of the longest-lived Corps), my soul and makes me proud. The uniform highlights my honest daily effort and pays homage to the work of my family members. My father, Provveditore, a man of great culture and honesty, said he had learned his trade from the Commander and loved the Corps whose exceptional abilities and humanity he appreciated.

"In Trani, at the time of terrorism, he who is reported in some history books with the nickname given to him by the terrorists of "Servant of the State", alongside the General Dalla Chiesa, had to give up the escort so as not to expose the members of the Corps at the risk of his life. My father was a human and professional beacon for me and passed on to me, in a vain attempt to equal him, his love for the Corps, for its wisdom and courage. My mother made me understand that in the work of a prison policeman, communication with other operators is fundamental, in particular with those involved in treatment, since they all participate in the same mandate of sacrifice for the good of society.

My brother and I, who are an example of undisputed preparation, are honoured to have followed our parents' example. My children look at me with pride when they see me in uniform and interpret my work as a mission of humanity and courage. Seeing my children with proud eyes makes me go back to being that little girl who looked proudly at her father and dreamed of wearing the uniform of her colleagues in the Corps.

-They told us of the lives she saved among the detainees, demonstrating the delicate role played by this important component of the police force. Unique experiences, can you tell us about it? -

In reality it happened to me in two circumstances: once I climbed the institute ladder; another time with the Fire Brigade ladder truck because the inmate had climbed too high. Of these experiences I would like to share only the concern for the risk of falling of the two detained people and the desire, as a driving force of courage, to rescue them.

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There is no one who does not see how, in our work, we think about the safety and security of people. Every experience of saving and caring for human life is so precious that we want to keep it in our hearts, because our duty of "safeguarding" it is to be understood primarily as protection of life and respect and confidentiality for the suffering of others. The truly beautiful experience that I can instead share, also in order to give deserved prestige not only to my work, but above all to the Penitentiary Police Staff with whom I have the honour of working on a daily basis, was a choral experience with sharing of feelings : the solution of a revolt without injuries. The sharing of an operational intervention and the mutual projection of different feelings between the actors of the intervention itself is an episode of great strength. Despite the gravity of the event, thanks to the professionalism and courage of the Penitentiary Police Staff who were ready to sacrifice themselves with me, the critical event was controlled and overcome. I had the joy of seeing the fatigue in the eyes of all the prison officers in the department, but also the sense of belonging to the State and the pride of being exceptional professionals and operators who respect the rules. On that occasion we managed to combine operations, strategy, mediation in absolute compliance with the rules to guarantee the sense of civility that must permeate our actions in criminal execution, with the certainty, also, that the civility of the criminal execution can be deduced civilization of a state.

-Rewarding and painful experiences mix daily in the difficult world of prisons-

Another important experience was the notable success achieved in the Judicial Police activity in the management of High Security prisoners (belonging to organized crime). The ugliest experience, however, is certainly that of death: a sense of helplessness pains you deeply. Poverty, pain, suffering, discomfort, death hurt you and pierce your heart, crossing your soul. By doing this work you perceive the suffering of human beings and to understand it requires great strength and considerable courage. However, you work with the awareness that these painful experiences make you better. In the fear and suffering of others we have the mirror of our own fears.

-Wanting to present it to most people, how would you describe the experience of the Italian prison policeman?-

I would say that it is a wonderful opportunity, full of effort, but also of in-depth analysis, of continuous enrichment. It is a noble profession, always different, a mission! An operational and multifaceted profession: strategic analysis, judicial police, sharing, participation, help, reflection, humanity. A unique, complete work! It is a profession that I recommend to anyone who wants to experiment with overcoming their own limits, preconceptions and prejudices with the honor of doing so by representing the State in an environment with very delicate balances.

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-What do you expect for the future?-

Whatever the future of one's career and, consequently, of professionals, may be, working towards the goals that the State wishes to indicate, with the sense of duty, with the feelings of humility and humanity that distinguish the Corps, will be a further demonstration of value because this is the The only police force that deals with criminal enforcement and any form of inconvenience.

-Thank you Dr. Brunetti for the extremely interesting picture you gave us of the work of the Penitentiary Policeman-

I am very grateful for this precious opportunity for reflection and for the opportunity I had to remember my father whom I encounter every day in my memories and in the values he passed on to me through and thanks to this extraordinary work and human experience.



Edited by the Editorial Director of IPA Italia Magazine
Mauro Nardella

IPA MOLDOVA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Between May 20-24, 2024, the "Ștefan cel Mare" Academy team, made up of employees, participated in the first International Football Tournament in Skiathos, Greece (1st Skiathos International Football Tournament - S.I.F.T.), together with 17 teams from different countries : Greece, France, Denmark, Sri Lanka and Serbia.

The sports event brought together participants from different force structures such as: police, firemen, military, regional and municipal officials, etc. Dedicated and with an amplified team spirit, the selected Academy team, after the competition a among all the matches played, managed to rank 3rd.

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1st Skiathos International Football Tournament



1st Skiathos International Football Tournament

IPA FRANCE 5TH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP MEETING



From May 17 to 21, 2024, our Gard-Hérault IPA office organised its 5th friendship meeting. Following the merger of the Gard and Hérault delegations, we were based for the first time at the seaside resort of La Grande Motte.

The 50 participants came from 14 countries: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

The welcome day enabled us to meet up with some of our regulars and make new acquaintances.

On the first day, we took part in a guided tour of the Maison Noilly Prat, with tastings of the products that James Bond loved in cocktails. For lunch, a restaurant on the banks of the Etang de Thau, with a presentation of oyster production and tasting. From Mont Saint Clair, we admired the city of Sète, and the day ended with musical entertainment led by IPA members.

The following day, the morning was dedicated to free time in La Grande Motte, with a visit to the town, its market, the beach or simply the swimming pool or spa at the residence.

In the afternoon, we visited the Salins du Midi on a mini-train tour of the salt production site. This was followed by a visit to the town of Aigues-Mortes, surrounded by its medieval ramparts.

On the last day, we headed off to Nîmes for the fêria. Some were able to attend a rejón bullfight (bullfighting on horseback), visit the Musée de la Romanité, while others enjoyed a guided tour led by Nicolas, a member of the office who is a history buff, and more particularly, for the occasion, the Roman history of the city of Nîmes (Nemausus).

The day ended at Grau du Roi with a trip out to sea aboard a catamaran privatised for the occasion. We enjoyed an aperitif on a sandbank, a meal on board, a cruise around the Port Camargue marina and to finish off, we enjoyed a superb sunset.

The members of the IPA Gard Hérault departmental office are particularly proud of the organisation of this meeting, under the impetus of President Claire. We were able to strengthen old friendships and make new ones.

We were able to grasp the full meaning of the IPA motto : Servo Per Amikeco.

We look forward to seeing you in 2025.



IPA JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN THE IPA GAMES

IPA Japan made its debut at IPA GAMES! I visited Brasov, Romania to participate in the third version of the event in May 2024. Although I was the only member of our delegation and competed in the judo match alone, it was a big step forward in the history of our section.

IPA GAMES 2024 was held at Cheile Gradistei, a large sports complex about three hours' drive from Bucharest. The facility is in the mountains at an altitude of over 1,200m and it was chilly in the mornings and evenings. The environment was excellent, with all the competitions taking place in one location, and the air was cool and clear, creating the atmosphere of a sacred place for sports.

The event saw heated battles in nine sports: football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, 5,000 meters, biathlon, shooting, judo, and chess. Japan was the only non-European section participating, and I received a warm welcome from the host country, Romania, and all the other delegations. As a member of the IPA Sports Project Team, I visited as many venues as possible to watch the competitions, cheer on each athlete and praise the work of the officials. The attitude of the athletes was exemplary, and everyone gave their all, which was very positive. I was also impressed by the dedication of the IPA Romania members, which was the reason why such a big event ran so smoothly.



IPA UK delegation at Henri Coanda International Airport

Arriving in Bucharest on the 19th of May, I wondered if I would be able to enjoy the event as a lone participant from far away Japan. However, as soon as I stepped out of the arrival gate at Henri Coanda International Airport, Ms. Karen Duckworth, Vice President of IPA UK, approached me and introduced me to other UK members. They then invited me to lunch at a nearby hotel and my worries soon disappeared. I really appreciated their spirit of *Servo per Amikeco*. On my way home on the 24th, I met UK members again at the airport and we had a beer and a chat.

Marching alone

The opening ceremony of the event took place on the 20th in the forecourt of Bran Castle, famous for the legend of Dracula, about 5 km from the competition site. The delegations appeared in alphabetical order, except for IPA Romania, where the Europeans marched in large and lively numbers. Although I was alone, led by the Japanese flag bearer, I received a huge applause.

IPA JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN THE IPA GAMES

Friendship with Vice President of IPA Portugal and her colleague

Being in the same lodge, I got to know Ms. Paula Borralho, Vice President of IPA Portugal, and her colleague, Ms. Ana Brito, and we had a lot of fun together during the event. Paula and Ana competed in the 5,000 metres and it was great to see them running hard in their Portuguese uniforms. At the gala dinner, sitting at the same table, we deepened our friendship. And the goodies I shared with them are all great memories.



Silver medal after losing the fight

When I decided to come to Brasov, I signed up for the judo competition. But then I injured my left knee during training and was unable to practice for a while. As the event approached, all category matches were announced and I found out that only I and Mr. Anton Cena from IPA Albania had registered for the "+60 years, -66 kg" category. My knee was almost healed, but I hadn't practiced enough, so it was difficult to decide whether to fight or not. But I was moved by his deep love for judo, talking to him before my trip and meeting him the day before the judo competition. And I finally decided that if he loved judo so much, I should be on the mat with him on the 21st. As a result, I lost, but I felt refreshed by his fair play in the match.

If I had abstained, I would regret it now. Abstaining and competing have completely different meanings. Now there is a record that the Japanese delegation participated in the IPA GAMES for the first time. Anton must have wanted to get on the mat himself, but most of all I would like to thank him for pushing me with his love for judo. Even though I lost, my silver medal was a testament to our friendship. And I want to make it clear that I didn't lose to him because of my injury. His "Kataguruma" technique was great. It was a very good throw that made sense in judo. I would also like to thank Ms. Berta Dervishi from IPA Albania for her kindness during the event.

Meeting with IPA Sports Project members

On the evening of the 21st, Mr. Christos Parginos, Chairperson of the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission, Mr. Mihai Liviu Tartareanu, IPA Sports Project Leader, and four other project members from the UK, Greece, Poland and Japan held a meeting. The discussion lasted for almost an hour and a half, and it was very meaningful for us to meet and share the passion for developing the IPA through sporting events.

Certificate of Appreciation from IPA Romania

On the evening of the 23rd, the Gala Dinner was held in the facility's gymnasium. I shared a table with the Italian and Portuguese delegations and others, and we had a wonderful time enjoying each other's company. During the dinner, IPA Romania presented certificates of appreciation, commemorative medals and pennants to the participating sections.

IPA JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN THE IPA GAMES

The presenters were IPA International President Mr. Martin Hoffmann, Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission Christos and President of IPA Romania Mihai. Each section came forward to receive them.



Thus ended my first IPA GAMES. At the Gala Dinner I felt lots of emotions and my eyes were a bit hot. I would like to thank everyone of IPA Romania and all IPA friends for the wonderful experience. I would also like to thank Mr. Tita Lulian who took care of the Japanese delegation and Mr. Daniel Calin who picked me up at the airport on my arrival. The next IPA GAMES will be held in Krakow, Poland in 2026 and I hope that our delegation will be larger.

Finally, I would like to mention the Romanian couple I met at the dinner with President Hoffmann on the 22nd. After the commemorative tree planting outside, I went into the restaurant and found Mr. Marian Muscalau of IPA Romania and his wife Dana sitting at my table as hosts, and at the beginning Dana told me they didn't speak much English. But I told them that it didn't affect our interactions very much. Then we began conversations using translation apps and gestures. I was reminded that friendship among IPA members requires a heart more than language skills. "Marian and Dana, your hospitality was outstanding."

Toru Uto IPA Japan Secretariat

IPA SUPER TOUR 2025 PERSIAN GULF CRUISE AND AFRICAN SAFARI EXPERIENCE

IPA Spain, on behalf of its IPA Catalonia Delegation, invites you to participate in the IPA SUPER TOUR 2025 - PERSIAN GULF CRUISE + GREAT KENYA SAFARI, organised by the IPA Vallés Occidental group.

You can find more information from the Schedule attached or visit the official event website.

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IPA SRI LANKA NATIONAL CONGRESS



Newly elected office bearers of the IPA Sri Lanka Section for the term 2024-2028

IPA SRI LANKA SECTION'S ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS & GRADE 5 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING CEREMONY -2024

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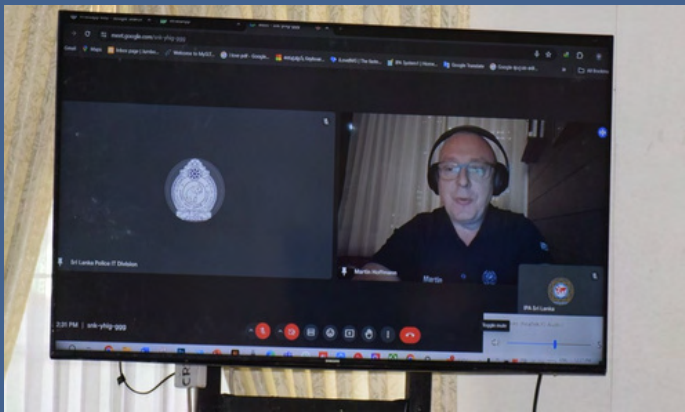
The IPA Sri Lanka Section's Annual National Congress took place on April 27, 2024, at the Banquet Hall of the Police Families Welfare Association in Colombo, with a participation of over 200 members. Mr. Deshabandu Thennakoon, Inspector General of Police, presided over the Congress. This year marked an Electoral year for the election of new office bearers for the Section.

During the National Congress, IPA Sri Lanka made an awarding ceremony for the Grade 5 Scholarship winners 2023 and International Painting Competition winners 2023 who were children of members of IPA Sri Lanka.



IPA SRI LANKA NATIONAL CONGRESS

In this process of elevation, IPA Sri Lanka identified children of IPA member Police Officers who were winners of the Grade 5 education scholarships and 3 children of IPA members who were winners of the International painting competition. They were invited along with their parents and awarded gift packs containing exercise books, printed study packs, stationery/shoes and other ancillary requirements and 50 Euros gift from IEB awarded for the painting competition winners with the aim of motivating them.



Whilst the Congress Annual meeting was in progress, the International President Mr. Martin Hoffmann also joined via zoom and addressed all the attendees. It was an honor and prestige for IPA Sri Lanka as this was the first occasion an International President addressed IPA Congress meeting of Sri Lanka Section.

Dr. Sunethra Senevirathne
National Secretary General
IPA Sri Lanka Section

IPA MOLDOVA TREE PLANTING

The members of the National Executive Committee (CEN) of the "International Police Association" (IPA) and their families, on May 26, 2024, met at the "F Estival" recreation and creation center, in the village of Leordoia, district Ride to spend time together at the thuja tree planting event.

In the context of the participation of the IPA team - Republic of Moldova Section in the sports competitions within the "IPA GAMES 2024", as well as the remarkable results achieved by the Moldovan athletes, on the territory of the "F Estival" Recreation and Creation Center, an Alley of pine trees was planted.

At the end of the meeting, the participants of the event enjoyed food prepared by the employees of the "F Estival" Recreation and Creation Center, at the head of the table was a homemade cuckoo juice, personally prepared by Mr. Boris Slipenski, director of the Center, honorary member of the Association.

The meeting was a good opportunity for CEN members of IPA - Republic of Moldova Section to strengthen their friendly relations.

We sincerely thank the administration and staff of the "F Estival" Recreation and Creation Center for the possibility of obtaining positive emotions from the meeting participants.

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ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP



Outside FBI Field Office Houston

In January 2024 I was astonished to learn that I had been awarded the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) for 2024. I knew that it was a prestigious honour granted to few and wasted no time in making arrangements to utilise it.

In my current Investigator role I wanted to participate in a course that I was not only interested in but would also help me in my duties. I did my research and found the International Homicide Investigators Association was hosting a Homicide Investigation Course in Houston Texas in May. The course was aimed at providing Detectives with a working knowledge of the latest in investigational techniques being utilised by police in the United States.

After speaking to my long-time colleague and recently joined IPA member, Courtney, she felt that the opportunity was one that she too would like to participate in to see how far the friendship of the IPA extended.

I reached out to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Houston Police Department (HPD) to organise visits. Both organisations graciously volunteered their time and resources to ensure that I made the most of my visit to Houston.

On Sunday 5th May 2024 we commenced our journey from Adelaide to Houston via Melbourne and Auckland. After 18 hrs 50 mins of flight time we arrived at our destination jetlagged but cheerful.

FBI Houston Field Office (Monday 06/05)

We were greeted at the front gates by the welcoming committee including Assistant Special Agent in Charge David Martinez who explained the FBI Houston Field Office's area of responsibility and how it worked with its law enforcement partners worldwide.

Special Agent Alexander Simms gave us a run down as to how the Bureau responds to Domestic Terrorism. Special Agent Tomas Ortiz spoke to us about Genealogy and how Agencies looking to help the public identify their family tree have also been assisting in identifying victims and perpetrators of violent crimes solving cases from as far back as the 1980s.

Special Agent John Shimp from Violent Crime delivered a presentation about the FBI's methodology in catching a gang of Cash in Transit robbers who had killed two armour guards in two coordinated robberies.



Meeting with Assistant Special Agent in Charge, David Martinez

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FBI Houston Field Office & National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) (Tuesday 07/05)

After a breakfast meeting with FBI personnel and presentation by Special Agent Connor Hagan, public relations officer, we were taken to the Johnson Space Center.

We met with Special Agent David Davenport who is an FBI agent based at the Space Center working in Counter-Intelligence. His job is primarily to educate staff in counter espionage so that they can identify potential approaches from foreign governments. On arrival we were handed special badges with the words 'Director's Guests' printed on the front and given a VIP behind the scenes tour unavailable to the public. This tour is usually given to Foreign Dignitaries so we were very appreciative for the opportunity. We were shown the life size replica of the International Space Station (ISS) and explained that if anything malfunctioned on the real ISS the problem would be reported to NASA. The technicians working at NASA would then replicate the problem on the ground and find the way to correct it here after which they'd provide detailed instructions to astronauts on the ISS about how to fix it.

We were taken to see the inside of the Mission Control Centre for the 1969 moon landing. This was located on the 3rd floor of the Christopher C. Kraft, Jr building. After the moon landing the Johnson Space Center was declared a National Historic Landmark as designated by the United States Department of the Interior. As such the 3rd floor has been kept as it was back in 1969 and Mission Control is only viewable from behind glass to ensure it is kept for generations to come.

We visited the NASA Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory which is the world's largest indoor pool. This pool contains a life-size replica of the ISS underwater so that astronauts can practice extravehicular activity such as repairs to the outside of the ISS.



Houston Police Department – Police Academy & Police Memorial (Wednesday 08/05)



Houston Police Department – Pursuit Class Vehicle

We were picked up at 0730 by Senior Officer Luke Pham who took us out for breakfast tacos on the way to the Houston Police Academy. We were met by Academy staff who graciously took time out of their day to show us through what their training is like. We witnessed soon to be graduated cadets going through their final assessments being confronted with role players as criminals in dangerous situations. We then moved on to the advanced driver training instructors who took us through their precision driving and high speed courses.

We then went on to the Fertitta Tactical Training Center where we were walked through an indoor village including streets, houses, banks, convenience stores, hotels and even a school.

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All of these were set up to allow officers to train for real world scenarios that they may face in the near future including responding to robberies, domestic abuse incidents and active school shooters.

Following this we were taken to the live fire indoor and outdoor ranges where we spoke to staff and cadets about their firearms training. It was fascinating to find that training for firearms was standardised to a national standard with the qualification shoot being identical to our own.

At the end of our time at the academy we were taken to the Houston Police Memorial which had the city of Houston in the background. These sacred grounds, and the monument that rests on top of it, are strategically located to represent the fallen Officers of the Houston Police force and how they still stand watch over their city even in their death. The monument has a police officer stationed there 24/7 in order to ensure that the appropriate respect is paid by visitors to this memorial.

Houston Police Department – SWAT and Bomb Response (Thursday 09/05)

After a 0900 hrs pick up by Senior Officer Pham we were taken to visit the SWAT, Bomb Response Unit, Water Police and Police Negotiators. After a brief presentation about what each section did we were taken on a tour of their facilities. Bomb Response demonstrated the use of their robot 'Spot' which was developed by Boston Dynamics. This robot is able to be used to assist in search and rescue as well as high risk situations where criminals are held up in a stronghold. The robot dog is able to climb stairs, open doors and even release a canister of CS gas to entice compliance by criminals. Spot is fitted out with 360 degree cameras, thermal imaging, infrared, torches for low light, microphones and speakers.



Spot – Bomb Response Robot Dog

Houston SWAT had a modified Bobcat which had been termed the Rook by law enforcement. The Rook is fitted out with bulletproof glass and thick metal to protect all vulnerable areas. It is able to assist with barricade situations where dangerous individuals are held up inside a premises by tearing holes into walls.

At the end of the tour we were taken to a shooting range to partake in the American pastime of shooting. We were provided with a number of firearms including a 9mm handgun, a .22 semi automatic rifle and an AR-15.

Houston Police Department – Homicide and Police Headquarters (Friday 08/05)

Picked up at 0830 by Homicide Detective Chris Cegielski. We were taken to visit the Homicide Division and introduced to all members in the office. We were shown a case study about a murder solved through the use of cellular data analysis, interrogation and tenacity. This ultimately led to the conviction of two persons charged with Capital Murder (punishable by the death penalty).

After the presentation we were taken out for lunch where we sat with 12 homicide detectives to talk shop and compare investigational techniques used between both police departments. During lunch there was a report of a suspicious death and so we were taken to attend a scene nearby in an observatory capacity.

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Houston Police Department – Ride Along (Saturday 11/05)

At about 9.00 pm we were collected in black Chevy Suburban after which we commenced our ride along. Sergeant Simon and Sergeant Heaven were our tour guides for the evening and they explained that they had permission to be on the city wide channel which gave them access to all areas.

We were driven to the Fusion Centre which houses Special Investigations Unit and dispatch. We were taken to level 3 where dispatch was held and were amazed at the sheer size of the dispatch floor. It immediately reminded me of a convention centre and features hundreds of computers, large screens and clocks with different time zones displayed. The dispatch was separated into three areas, one side was for Houston Police Department dispatchers, the middle was for 911 call takers and the far side was for Houston Fire Department (which in Houston incorporates the Ambulance service). After walking the floor and meeting dispatchers we heard a report of shots fired at a nearby intersection. We got straight into the car and responded to the call. Upon arrival at the intersection we found marked patrols already on scene with crime scene tape up. A crashed vehicle was in the middle of the intersection and traffic had been diverted around. We got out of the car and met the 'Primary Officer' who briefed us on the circumstances of the shooting. Witnesses saw two vehicles collide and both drivers exited their vehicles. A verbal argument started and both drivers pulled out firearms and shot one another. A third male who stood 20 metres away was also shot during the incident. All had been taken by ambulance to the hospital. After crime scene investigators and detectives arrived on scene we left for another shooting.

The second shooting we attended occurred in the carpark of a convenience store. Witnesses stated that they saw the male victim fuelling up his vehicle when he became involved in a verbal altercation with another male at an ATM. The male at the ATM then approached the victim and shot him where he stood. The victim died at the scene and could not be revived. Crime scene arrived and began to process the scene after which time we left.

The third shooting we attended occurred at a block of townhouses. This report came in to police from the ShotSpotter Pilot Program that detects and locates gunfire through mounted listening devices in several spots throughout Houston. The technology uses an array of acoustic sensors in an area and listens for gunshots. Once detected an alert is sent to law enforcement. This technology has assisted Houston Police Department identify shooting hotspots and allocate police to areas of high gun violence in an effort to reduce crime. We arrived on scene to find it had been secured by uniformed members. We found a deceased male with a single gunshot wound in his chest laying next to his semi-automatic pistol. An initial investigation revealed that the deceased had ordered a pizza and when the pizza delivery employee attended he was robbed at gunpoint. The driver drew his own gun and shot the robber dead before driving away. In Houston this is considered to be a justified homicide in self-defence.

At the end of our night we were left stunned by the number of deaths as a direct result of gun violence. Our guides explained that this was an average Saturday nightshift and that on long weekends and public holidays numbers can be significantly higher than this. It was explained to us that even if a gun is illegally obtained or the person using the gun in self-defence is not licenced they still have a right to defend themselves with the firearm and would not face additional charges for doing so.

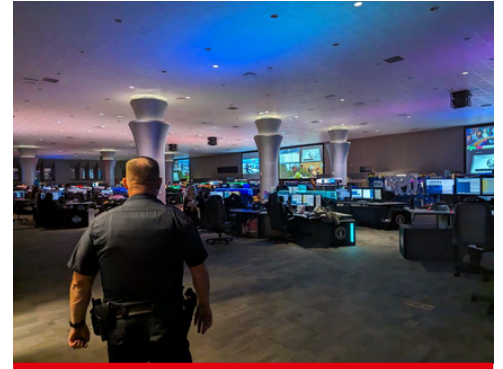
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On average 400 firearms were stolen from locked vehicles in Houston each month in 2023 with a 20% increase in this number in 2024. These stolen firearms make their ways onto the street and into the hands of prohibited persons such as convicted felons and gang members. They're being discovered in crime scenes not just in Texas but in other states.

Montgomery County – Big As Texas Music Festival (Sunday 12/05)

On our first and only day off here we decided to make the most of it and see what Texas had to offer. We found that in Montgomery County, about 1 hour from where we were staying, the 'Big As Texas' music festival was on and decided to partake.

We saw our fair share of cowboy hats, cowboy boots, smoked meats and Texan market stalls. We enjoyed country music by some big names such as Morgan Wade, Dierks Bentley, Anne Wilson, 49 Winchester and Kate Watson. Despite the lousy weather there was an amazing turn out of fans of country music who came from far and wide. While waiting for an Uber to collect us we met with Corporal Frank McIntyre from the County's K9 Unit and exchanged views on country policing and metro policing.



Fusion Center – 911 call triage

Foundational Homicide Investigators Course Monday 13/05/2024 – Friday 17/05/2024

The Foundational Homicide Investigators Course ran for 5 consecutive days with a myriad of experts in their field talking about their work. The course covered off many areas including Responsibilities of Homicide Investigators, Investigative Considerations, Crime Scene Preservation, Evidence Processing, Suspect Development, Interview Techniques, Exploitation of Digital Evidence, Cellular Analysis, Investigative Resources and Courtroom Testimony.

Apart from us, affectionately dubbed the 'Australian Delegation', the course was mostly attended by Texas law enforcement and officers from interstate. During breaks we traded Law Enforcement Challenge Coins and Patches as is the tradition amongst officers. We met with all manner of law enforcement from Constables to Sheriff's Deputies to the famous Texas Rangers (who did not take off their signature white hats for the duration of the course).

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Course photo

The various Law Enforcement Officers all had varying roles in their jurisdiction. Some were from large agencies and others were from small 6 person stations. We all swapped stories and investigational techniques. I firmly believe that we jointly learnt as much from each other during breaks as we did during the delivery of presentations of case studies. We also have friends from all across the USA in multiple different agencies should an investigation ever lead to America.

Before we knew it the final day had wrapped up, we received our course graduation certificates and it was time for everyone to return to their places of duty. We got on the plane (with luggage significantly heavier than when we left for Houston) and headed home to impart the knowledge we had gained to our colleagues.

Throughout the entire time in Houston Texas one thing was clear, the hospitality and friendship through service knows no bounds. While vastly different we are more alike than unlike. We share an unspoken bond with those in the policing fraternity through the experiences we have had a world apart. We have all worn the uniform and put ourselves at risk to ensure strangers do not come to harm. Every Law Enforcement Officer we met went to extreme lengths to share their experiences and learnings with us expecting nothing in return. I hope to someday return the favour to these officers and other officers like them so that they too can experience the true feeling of friendship that I was greeted with every step along the way.

I would encourage all eligible members of the International Police Association to apply for the Arthur Troop Scholarship as it has provided me the opportunity of a lifetime during which I've made new friends and shared new experiences.

Ryan Weissel Australia

HOW TO APPLY

The Arthur Troop Scholarship, as a legacy to the IPA's founder, is a professional education and advanced training bursary, with the aim of aiding IPA members in their professional careers.

Every year, serving IPA members are invited to submit their application forms to their national section to be in with the chance of receiving a scholarship of up to €2,500 to be used for a seminar or training option of their choosing. Many of the awardees opt to attend a seminar from the wide range on offer at the IPA's Education Centre – IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

All applications for the Arthur Troop Scholarship are processed through Google Forms.

Find out more and apply by clicking here:

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IPA MONTENEGRO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

The conference of the sections of Central and Eastern Europe was held this year in Montenegro, in Kolašin, in the period from June 16 to 19, 2024.

During the conference, members from nine countries exchanged experiences on the topic "Promotion of IPA and young members".

The three best presentations, which contain measures to improve the situation in the subject area, are awarded. The best-rated presentations were the presentation of Section Austria, followed by the presentation of Section Estonia and the third-ranked presentation of Section Bulgaria.

The conclusions of the conference are that all sections should undertake measures to promote IPA and attract young members, namely: promotion of IPA activities on social networks of sections, promotion of IPA at police academies, organising training for young people, improving relations with management in the police, creating friendship between members of section at the national and international level as well as passing on the experiences and behaviour of senior members.

Excursions to two national parks, ATV rides and rafting in the Tara Canyon were organized for the participants after the conference.

PR Section of Montenegro

Dejan Katnic



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IPA CROATIA MEDITERRANEAN MEETING



29th Conference of the IPA sections of the Mediterranean countries held in Malinska on the island of KRK.

From 25th to 27th May 2024, the IPA Section Croatia hosted the 29th Conference of the IPA Sections of the Mediterranean Countries. The conference was held in Malinska, in the Hotel Malin, where the IPA Section Croatia was founded in 2001. For the second time, the Croatian section is hosting and organising the Mediterranean Conference. The first time was in 2007 in Zadar.

After the opening ceremony, the national anthem of the Republic of Croatia and the anthem of the International Police Association – “IPA”, and paying tribute with a minute's silence for all fallen police officers of the world as well as members of the IPA, President of IPA Section Croatia Mr. Miljenko Vidak addressed all present and said, among other things: “Your host, the IPA Section Croatia has been a member of the IPA since 2003, and was founded in this hotel in 2001. The Croatian section has just under 8000 active IPA members who are members of 20 IPA clubs. For the first time at this conference we participated in Slovenia in 2004 and since then we have not missed a single year, which speaks in favor of the fact that we are faithful to this conference and we are confident in its usefulness, both to the Membership of the IPA and the current police officers of our countries and the community in which we operate!”.

Regarding the professional part on the topic “Addictions, with an emphasis on the topic of Internet, addiction and youth”, eminent and competent experts Mr. Željko Petković from the Office of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the issues of drug abuse, and Mr. Dobrica Rončević from the Teaching Institute of Public Health of Primorsko – goranska County, had presentations. Silvija Handanović presented the activities of the IPA Croatian Section with the contractual partner IV Publishing in terms of preventive and educational activities. After the presentation, the lecturers answered many questions from the conference participants, and we can conclude that the topic is perfectly affected.

IPA Section Greece presented a short video and thus announced the hosting of the 30th Conference of Mediterranean Countries. At the very end, all present were addressed by delegates and representatives of the IPA sections, and expressed gratitude and praise for the successfully organized congress. IPA Section Croatia awarded all participants with a plaque as a gift, and a unique Croatian symbol a cravat (tie) and a tie needle with IPA Section Croatia insignia.



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The excursion program was especially delighted because a tour of the eastern coast of the island of Krk was organised by boat, passing under the Krk Bridge and visiting one of the oldest settlements on the island of Krk, the beautiful Vrbnik. To come to Vrbnik and not try Žlahtina would be a sin, so a tasting was organised in the Katunar wine house. All praise to the family and employees of the Katunar winery who really tried to keep Vrbnik in a beautiful and unforgettable memory. The tastes of wine, olive oil, cured meat delicacies and the indispensable cake "presnac" are just some of the delicacies that have delighted. We can freely say the taste of the Mediterranean!

After returning to Malinska, a gala dinner at the Mulin restaurant, song and socializing lasted long into the night!!



IPA POLAND MEETING AT BABIA GÓRA

As every year on the 1st of May, a meeting was held on the peak of Babia Góra.

The meeting was attended by Police officers, Border Guard officers and supporters of the International Police Association from Poland and Slovakia.

In beautiful, sunny weather - for the eleventh time - at high noon, members of several IPA Regions from Poland, Slovakia, from IPA Region Zala in Hungary... and also from Indonesia met to promote mountain tourism among Association members and their relatives. It was a time to exchange experiences gained in the past year, as well as an opportunity to discuss plans for the realisation of the Association's statutory goals for the next year. Shared photographs will allow us to remember joyful moments spent surrounded by beautiful nature and the panorama spreading from the summit of the Queen of Beskids.

See you next year.

IPA Region Opole III Korona



IPA NETHERLANDS BLUE LIGHT IN THE DARK DECEMBER DAYS



On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the Blue Light Ride will be organised for the third time in Venlo, The Netherlands. This year the event will be organised for the first time under the flag of the International Police Association (IPA), district Limburg-Noord. An impressive parade of between 80 and 100 vehicles from various emergency services will drive to the VieCuri hospital in Venlo that afternoon.

Along the way they pass various healthcare institutions. When the vehicles arrive at the hospital, one of the patients from the children's department is allowed to count down, after which the dark parking lot turns into a sea of blue light. While a lot of sirens sound, rescue boats on the nearby River Maas light flares. After this, police officers and emergency crews visit the children's department to hand out presents. The aim of the Blue Light Ride is hopefully make patients forget for a while that they are ill. In addition, we want to contribute to increasing the bond between emergency workers from various emergency services at home and abroad.

Despite the fact that police officers and emergency crews will only be able to register for the event in a few months, we are happy to make an exception for IPA members from home and abroad. If you would like to come to Venlo with a police vehicle (this may also be a vintage police car) to participate in the Blue Light Ride, please send an email to info@bluelightride.nl. For more information, photos and videos visit www.bluelightride.nl

IPA BULGARIA 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Ken Davies, Chairman & Treasurer for 4 (Wales) Region of IPA Section UK attended the 30th Anniversary of IPA Bulgaria. Read his story here.

Bulgaria was a country I thought I'd never visit. So, when I got a call from our Executive Committee asking me to represent Section UK for their 30th Anniversary of joining the IPA, I felt honoured and jumped at the chance for Susie and I to go.

On June 11th, we flew from Luton Airport and 3 hours later we arrived in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. We had packed light clothes after seeing the temperature would be near 90 degrees Fahrenheit every day.

Our flight went very smoothly and both of us were wondering who would be meeting us at the airport. To our surprise, when we entered the arrivals area, it was totally empty. After looking outside and making a few calls, we finally got in touch with the greeters. They were at another terminal picking up more guests and soon we were on our way to the hotel.

Our hotel was gorgeous, having only been open for 7 months. It was about 3 hours from Sofia and had many extra facilities. We settled into our room and made our way downstairs to the conference room, where there was a huge buffet. The hotel food was some of the best food we have ever tasted. The room was full of 200 IPA members, 47 of them from numerous countries. We had our meal with the delegates from Albania and made new friends straight away.

Language was a bit of a problem but one of the delegates was a doctor and her English was exceptionally good.

We then travelled to the Damascena Ethnographic Complex. There was a rose factory there, where they extracted oil from the flowers to produce rose water. We had a guided tour, and we were extremely impressed with the whole operation. A short prayer with priests of the Orthodox clergy for friendship and peace took place on the grounds of the rose farm. The flags of the EU, IPA and Bulgaria were then blessed with holy water, and so were we and other participants. The ceremony concluded with the planting of a plane tree to honour the 30th Anniversary of the founding of Section Bulgaria.

In the evening, we were treated to a concert in their open-air amphitheatre. The rows of cement seats were separated by rows of roses, which were beautiful. Our Bulgarian hosts sure know how to put on a concert. It started with about 100 musicians walking down the aisles to the stage playing instruments, which sounded like bagpipes but with a much higher pitch. There was a police brass band, three male tenors, three female singers and an opera singer. It was a superb concert with great talent. After the concert, we were treated to a nice meal, then after midnight back to our hotel for a much-needed rest.

On the Thursday morning, we all gathered in front of the hotel and left to visit several historic sites. By then, we had made friends from Malta, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Kuwait, Ireland and Albania, among others. Our first visit was to the "Shipka Freedom Monument," which is a symbol of modern Bulgaria and its liberation. The monument is the heart of the Shipka National Park-Museum and is located on Shipka Peak in the Balkan Mountains. Its outline resembles a medieval Bulgarian fortress and can be seen from dozens of kilometres.

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It was built with donations from the Bulgarian people and was inaugurated on 26 August 1934. It is 31.5 m tall, and 180 steps lead up to it. When I saw the number of steps I decided to sit that out as I may have got up there, but I would probably still be up there today.

The powerful bronze lion, symbolising the coat of arms of Bulgaria – the symbol of the Bulgarian state – guards the entrance to the Memorial. The other three walls of the monument bear the names Shipka, Sheynovo and Stara Zahora – the battlefields in defence of the Pass. On the ground floor, under a marble sarcophagus, rest the remains of Shipka's defenders. The monument signifies the heroic defence of the pass. The Ottoman unblocking army of Süleyman Hüsnü Pasha failed to come to the rescue and the Siege of Plevna ended in victory. The latter also predetermined the outcome of the Russo-Turkish War (1877–1878).

Our next stop was the Memorial Temple of the Birth of Christ, better known as the Shipka Memorial Church or Shipka Monastery. This Bulgarian Orthodox church was built near the town of Shipka in Stara Planina between 1885 and 1902, according to Antoni Tomishko's design in the seventeenth-century Russian style under the direction of architect Alexander Pomerantsev.

It is dedicated, along with other parts of the Shipka Monument complex, to the Russian and Bulgarian soldiers who died for the liberation of Bulgaria in the Russo-Turkish War.

The temple was officially opened on September 28, 1902, in the presence of Russian Army generals and many honourable guests. The opening and consecration of the Shipka Memorial Church coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Battles of Shipka Pass. In 1970, the temple was proclaimed a national monument of culture.

The church's bell tower reaches a height of 53 m, and its bells, the heaviest of which weighs 12 tonnes, are cast from the cartridges collected after the battles. In the temple itself, the names of the Russian regiments and Bulgarian volunteers are inscribed on 34 marble plates. The remains of the perished are laid in 17 stone sarcophagi in the church's crypt.

Our last excursion was to visit the archaeological museum "The Valley of the Thracian Kings," in which there was a model of Seuthopolis (built in the 4th Century BC).

That Thursday evening, we had a Gala Ball. Plaques and gifts were exchanged, and many people were sharing telephone numbers and email addresses. At the end of the night, we said our goodbyes to the new friends we had made. It was a fantastic 4 days and a very new experience for Susie and me that we will never forget.

Thank you, Bulgaria and your team of organisers, from the bottom of our hearts. You certainly know how to keep your guests happy and give them a fantastic experience. It was so enjoyable in the evenings, after the fantastic food, to see your members and guests on their feet dancing to traditional Bulgarian dances and the breaking in Greek dancing. Bravo all.

On behalf of Susie and myself, I would like to thank Section UK Executive for giving us the honour and joy of representing Section UK at Bulgaria's 30th Anniversary Celebrations.



IPA SERBIA THE SPECIAL IPA MISSION

Mr. Sven, a member of IPA Belgium, visited Belgrade from January 15 until 22, 2024. On that occasion, he went to the office of the NS IPA Serbia and met some members of the IPA Region Belgrade, with whom he formed a close bond and accomplished his mission. In the continuation of the text, the story of him is recounted, which in particular underlines the importance of the link between IPA Sections all over the world, that even "impossible missions" may be done, and once again confirms the motto of the IPA organisation, „Servo per Amikeco.“



We forward the letter in its entirety:

“Sven... A man on a mission!

In December 2023 I had a plan in mind and started to execute it. Thanks to our International President, Martin Hoffmann, I came in contact with Marija Kozomara. I told her about my plans to visit Belgrade and asked her for some recommendations. Besides the regular questions I informed her about my special mission. This mission is based on several personal reasons, but don't worry, I will not bore you with this. I just want to tell about the process and how IPA Serbia, especially Marija helped me accomplish my mission.

My personal mission was to get baptised in a Serbian Orthodox church. So when I explained this to Marija she did everything in her power to get things done.

Only after a few days Marija informed me she had the best news for me. She talked to Father Milan who is a priest in the Church of Saint Petka, based in Surcin. The decision was made that my baptism would take place on Saturday the 20th of January 2024, the feast of Saint John the Baptist. At that point I received the question who would become my godparent. Since I didn't know anybody else in Serbia, but also because all the effort she made to make it happen, I asked Marija if she would become my Godmother. She was happy to do that for me.

After all the necessary paperwork and preparation it was time for my visit to Belgrade. On the 15th of January I had my flight to Belgrade from Brussels and I arrived around 11:30 AM. Marija informed me with advice on how to get to the city centre from the airport. When I arrived at the hotel and after checking in I started to explore the city centre since I had some time to spare before meeting Marija. Around 16:00 in the afternoon Marija was waiting for me in the lobby of the hotel I stayed in. We greeted warmly and had a walk in the city where we grabbed a drink. In the evening she took me to a secret place not many people know. A restaurant with a view. We had dinner in a restaurant on the top floor of the chambre of commerce where I was treated with some traditional Serbian food which I enjoyed a lot.

On Wednesday the 17th of January at around 18:00 we had a meeting planned with Father Milan in the Church of Saint Petka. We arrived a bit early in Surcin so we went for a cold drink in a bar. There I have met Dušan, Marija's nephew. We had some pleasant talks and then we went off to visit Father Milan. Once we arrived I was informed that Father Milan didn't speak any English except for a few words. So Marija was my translator during the conversation. I was informed about the practical procedure on the day of the baptism. Father Milan made a good impression. He is a kind man with his heart in the right place.

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During the next days I have spent my time exploring Belgrade and visited the IPA office in Belgrade. Unfortunately on Friday the 19th I was struck by a fever and a stomach ache and stayed in bed the whole day trying to recover for the baptism on Saturday. Thanks to the medication and advice from Marija I felt better on Saturday morning. I wasn't feeling 100% but I was good to go. So on Saturday around 13:00 I met Marija at the bus stop. I was informed that another colleague would join us to witness this event. When we arrived Marija's nephew joined us as well and he became our photographer/videographer for that day.

Once we entered the church it was time for the proper proceedings. Father Milan and one of his disciples started doing what they do best. Although I didn't understand any words I could feel an overwhelming blessing from them. Not only from Father Milan and his disciple, but also from Marija, who became my Kuma at that point.



After the baptism was over I felt instantly better. We gathered again in the office of Father Milan for the necessary paperwork. At that point I received my official certificate of baptism. The least I could do was offer a donation for Father Milan's church and community. In return I received a bottle of homemade Rakija which I will save for a special occasion. I was being overwhelmed with gifts I gratefully accepted and took those gifts back home. I knew at that point I was blessed, not only because of Father Milan and his disciple, but also because of the fact I gained a new family. Marija became my Kuma and I realise this is a connection for life. Although we are all busy people I will definitely visit my Kuma again.

So for all you readers and IPA members...when you see me in Serbia you can call me by the name Father Milan gave me... Call me Jovan!

A special thank you to Marija Kozomara for making this happen!"

This story illustrates that the IPA is more than simply a police organisation; it is something that brings us together and connects us in intimate friendships across borders and language boundaries. We wish Jovan a blessed entry into Orthodoxy and will be waiting for him in Belgrade.



IPA BOTSWANA WOMEN POLICE NETWORK RETREAT

- **To empower all women police officers**
- **To combat Gender Based Violence (Crime Reduction)**
- **To participate in Nation Building & Social Responsibility programs**

From 19-20 June 2024, about 170 women police officers from across the country convened at Adansonia hotel in Francistown for a two-day retreat held under the theme, "Advancing Women's Strategic Leadership Acumen: Resetting to a Gender Transformative Policing Agenda."

Women were welcomed by the host Divisional Commander North, Senior ACP Setilo. In her welcome remarks, she cited that no man is an island and therefore need to interact with other stakeholders in order to grow.



Official opening on the first day of the retreat

She also said Northern Division has resuscitated the Men Sector and launched it in order to advance together in the raising and moulding a boy-child. This would reduce and eventually curb a boy-child in growing to indulge in domestic violence against women and girls which is rampant in the society.



Grand entrance by the Commissioner and BWP Senior Management

Women police officers were addressed by the Commissioner of Police, Ms Dinah Marathe. In her speech, when officially opening the retreat, she said the event was to appreciate and motivate women officers to perform to greater heights and have contribution towards the mandate of the Botswana Police Service (BPS). When talking about the theme "Advancing women's strategic leadership acumen; re-setting to a gender transformative policing agenda", she said it resonates well with the 2024 International Women's theme which says "Invest in women, accelerate growth".

Which is perfectly aligned with UNSDG #5 on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls. The Commissioner emphasized on the importance of committing the whole energy to the work and make a difference in the lives of the community we serve. She inspired women police officers to aim for success and strive for excellence and advancement in their work at all times. She recognized, acknowledged and honoured the first eight (8) women police officers who braved the un-chattered territories in 1971 to pave way for us all today.

She motivated the women that as they form part of the society, they should also admit that they experience the same societal challenges of the community they police. Therefore, women should admit when they are vulnerable and seek assistance where necessary. Women should not shy away from opening up and accessing help from professionals such as counsellors, psychologist and pastors. Women should first take care of themselves in the physical, psychological and emotional state before serving others which is critical to work progress.

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**The Commissioner of Police Dinah Marathe –
The woman of firsts**

Madam Commissioner further said police women should not submit to the societal belief that they are not capable, but instead, should work hard and embrace their strength which would enable them to diligently achieve multiple tasks. She put emphasis that women should pull their chairs to the table in order to position themselves through merit amongst their male counterparts. Women should bring themselves with a cup full to work, jubilant, vibrant with motivation. Lastly, she said Botswana Police Service has done tremendously well in empowering women, adding that there is 35% women representation at various Police establishments of which 21% are at the Senior Management. Ms Marathe said this was indebted to her predecessors who ensured women officers were appraised on the same scale with their male counterparts.

When giving her statement, the President of the Botswana Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges, Her Lordship Justice Tapiwa Moleele expressed her excitement towards Botswana Women Police Network objectives which she said were similar to theirs. She reiterated that both associations were driven by empowering women for their advancement and ultimately contributing to the socio-economic growth of the country. She further said networking and collaboration should not be confined within Botswana borders but should extend to international space. She said women should stand in solidarity to support each other in order to promote gender equality as Setswana adage says “go ruta mosadi ke go ruta sechaba.” We should be in solidarity through sisterhood, support, commonality of goals and networking which are the principles we should share amongst ourselves. By so doing, we achieve collective strength and overcome barriers in order to promote gender equality.

She further shared that in Botswana Chapter, there are various activities they undertake in the spirit of empowerment and growth. That is to say; empowering women through training opportunities, conferences, seminars, studies and public education. In the process, Justice Moleele pledged the support of her organization to the BWPN, stating that the emergence of more women organisations was testament to today’s women’s solidarity which will ensure collaborative and supportive efforts amongst women. They are open to empower women police with tailor made programs in areas of law. In her conclusion, Justice Moleele stated that our two organisations have the opportunity through our networks to open doors and create opportunities for each other.



Her Lordship Justice Tapiwa Moleele

IPA BOTSWANA WOMEN POLICE NETWORK RETREAT



**Donation of P5,000 to FWI from BWPN –
Handed in by The Commissioner of Botswana
Police**

Botswana Women Police Network (BWPN) donated P5000.00 to Francistown Women's Institute (FWI) at the ongoing two-day retreat. When handing over the donation, the Commissioner of Police, Ms Dinah Marathe, praised the participants for their generous gesture, which will positively contribute to other women's lives. This donation by women Police Officers added to the numerous donations made by the Botswana Police Service (BPS), including 83 houses built and donated to some of the country's less privileged members in the past years. Madam Commissioner called on the Network to forge more collaborations with other sister organisations for the upliftment of women.

For her part, the Vice Chairperson of FWI, Ms Matildah Mazwiduma-Lavik, thanked BWPN for the donation, which will hugely assist them in their ongoing monthly support project to Tshimologo Stimulation Centre, a school for children living with disabilities. She said FWI is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that supports the vulnerable, such as children, the elderly and Gender-based Violence (GBV) victims. Participants also had bought scales of wool which they weaved patches to be connected together to make blankets. Ms Matildah explained that the woolen blankets would be donated for kids (pediatric unit) at Nyangabwe Hospital. She really appreciated the immense support which Botswana women police gave to their NGO.



knitting in progress by women police officers



Attendants Jubilation during the retreat

The event program was packed with vital topics that ushered more presenters to lecture and equip women with skills and knowledge on how to approach their duties with ease. Topics covered were as follows:-

- ❖ Forensic Autopsies and Medico-legal investigation by Dr Mugoma - Francistown Pathology Unit
- ❖ Anti-money laundering by Mr Mashabile & Team - AML Unit
- ❖ The value of Cyber Forensics in investigations by Insp. Tsheole - Cyber Forensics Unit
- ❖ Holistic Health and Wellness by Dr Nyirenda
- ❖ Effective response to Trafficking in Persons by NCB Gaborone

IPA BOTSWANA WOMEN POLICE NETWORK RETREAT



The Commissioner of Police with Executive Management and the donation recipients (FWI)

Botswana Women Police on behalf of all the women police officers made a pledge to stand in solidarity with the Commissioner of Police.

PLEDGE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF BOTSWANA POLICE SERVICE

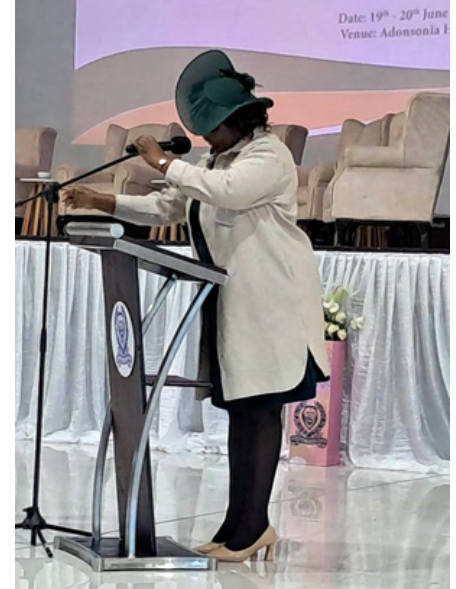
We, the Botswana Women Police Network exist to adhere to the objectives of SARPCCO as per documented. Today the 19.06.24, we pledge to religiously commit ourselves to carry out, in a trustworthy and diligent manner, the duties and obligations of the women network. We pledge to run with your vision madam, which is listening to the voice of a customer and we are very much aware of the Government priorities, Vision 2036 – pillar No. 4 of Governance, Peace and Security, as well as the reset agenda. We therefore also commit to realise that keeping a crime free environment through investment of our time and new avenues of technology shall be our top priority. We pledge our equal participation without fear and favour to compete with our male counterparts in the same grounds, basing on our credit and competency. Lastly, we pledge to be in cohort to fight for zero tolerance for corruption.

FINANCES

Women officers in No. 3 District with the help of our male counterparts made some contributions towards the retreat for a social responsibility activity.

P.J Marumo

Broadhurst Police Women Network Chairperson



Directors of ceremonies

IPA CROATIA CHESS TOURNAMENT

On the first day of June 2024, the third traditional IPA international chess tournament was held in one of the three largest and most equipped chess clubs in Europe, the one in the center of Rijeka, organized by the IPA primorsko – goranska Rijeka.

Parallel in one of the halls of the club was held cadet and junior tournament of chess club Rijeka, where 30 young chess players participated. It was inevitable to make contact with them, so our Marjana held a lecture in the vocational part of the preventive educational programs of the IPA Croatian Section and distributed brochures and magazines of the IPA and some IPA souvenir books to everyone.

Thus, young chess players were also promoted a police profession and were able to convince themselves that young and older and more experienced policemen have the same love for chess as they do now.

The chess tournament itself was played in a Swiss 7-round system with a pace of play of 15 minutes per player. The overall winner of the tournament is a member of the IPA primorsko – goranska Mihovil Dubrović. The second in the tournament is Patrik Šamanić, one of the participants of the IPA Games in Romania, and the third is Tomislav Balent, both members of the IPA primorsko – goranska. The interest of young policemen in this thought game was cheerful and the tournament games were interesting and tense imbued with strategy and tactics. Participants of the tournament were from IPA primorsko – goranska, IPA Istria, judicial police and retired police officers.



The tournament was also attended by the President of ipa Trieste Domenico Gianni and together with the president of the club Miljenko Vidak, with the assistance of our young chess player Niko Nađ, handed out trophies and medals to the best in this tournament.

All participants, about 20 of them, with doomaćine from the Chess Club Rijeka, to whom we wholeheartedly thank for the support of the organization, especially the trial, during the tournament had drinks, canapés, and at the end lunch and socializing with each other.

IPA Section Croatia, IPA primorsko – goranska M.D., M.V., V.Đ, and O.R.N.

IPA HONG KONG VISIT TO UK



As an ex-Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Officer, I was interested in the police force in London. After corresponding with IPA London Reception Officer Alex Williams, I was privileged to be able to tour around at Charing Cross Police Station and New Scotland Yard.

During the visit, I also attended the Concert of MET Police Choir in Holy Sepulchre Church and was enchanted by the unity of the voice of the officers. The juxtaposition between their angelic singing and the fact they are a disciplinary uniform group deeply amazed me. The evening concluded with a chilling out time cheering for England Team at UEFA. Quarter finals.

I had a splendid time chatting with many fellow Police Officers and enjoyed the excellent performance of Police Choir. It was truly an eye-opener.

Thank you Officer Williams for the kind arrangement.

We in Hong Kong will be pleased to welcome visitors from London IPA Members.

Thanks from Alex Lee : HK IPA Member



IPA DUBROVNIK FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Regional Club IPA Dubrovnik invite you to their 20th Anniversary Tour 2024 from 5 - 12 October 2024.

Highlights of the tour include experiencing the culture and wonders of the city of Dubrovnik and cruise the Adriatic Sea among the Elaphite islands along with much more.

The full programme and itinerary can be found on our website.

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IPA AUSTRIA TOUR DE FRANCE OF "SEEWINKEL"



On Sunday, June 23, 2024, the IPA Burgenland, contact office Neusiedl/See, organised the 3rd Tour de France of the Seewinkel, a cycling event that has been getting bigger every year. While the first tour had barely 100 participants, last year almost 300 cyclists took part. This year's tour boasted over 400 participants.

It was a special honour that the newly elected IPA President of Austria, Robert Neumann, IPA-treasurer, Gabriele Strasser, as well as the honorary chairman of the IPA Burgenland, Konrad Luckenberger and the deputy chairman, Adolf Binder, attended the event.

The cyclists had two tours to choose from: a racing bike tour and a pleasure tour. At 10:00 a.m. the signal to start was given by the IPA president himself and the mayor of Apetlon, Silvia Pitzl at the idyllic Finklacke in Apetlon. The "France-Biker Apetlon" cycling team led the colourfully dressed racing bike field over 40 kilometres, past the picturesque "Lacken" (shallow salt lakes) of the Seewinkel to the stage refreshment station of "Peters Gastronomie" in Weiden. There, the participants were treated to culinary delicacies and wines from local winemakers. Reinvigorated, they then headed back to Apetlon via Podersdorf am See and Illmitz; with a tailwind and at top speeds of up to 50 km/h.

The pleasure riders, over 200 in number, crossed the beautiful landscape of the Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park. The route led past herds of cattle, the famous white donkeys and various "Lacken" to Illmitz. In the "Seewinkelhof Salzl" winery, the pleasure cyclists refreshed and fortified themselves with regional specialties and first-class wines from the Salzl family. Via the "Darscholacke", another one of beautiful salt lakes, the bikers finally returned to Apetlon.

The end of the 3rd Tour de France in Seewinkel was celebrated in the Adrian family's Heurigenhof Laberei, where the Johnny Kiss Band provided musical entertainment.

The net proceeds from the event, amounting to 10,000 euros, will benefit a 13-year-old orphan girl whose parents died in a tragic traffic accident, as well as the Sterntalerhof Children's Hospice.

The IPA Burgenland would like to thank all sponsors for their financial support, all volunteers for their commitment and willingness to help and all participating cyclists for a successful Tour de France des Seewinkels 2024.



Manfred Hafner, IPA Contact Office Neusiedl/See, Burgenland

IPA UK THAI POLICE ENGAGEMENT WEEKEND AT FOX ROAD

Back in May I received an email asking if I would like to join a small team of Section UK members to help host 10 Thai police officers at Fox Road HQ, it did not take me long to reply as I jumped at the chance to head out from Norfolk and build relationships with police officers from across the world.

Over the weekend of 6-7 July the hosting team and Thai officers gathered at Fox Road HQ in Nottingham. They had travelled to Nottingham from all corners of the country, from Stirling to Brighton. The majority of these young Thai officers had attended the exclusive Armed Forces Academies Preparatory School before moving onto their police training at the Royal Police Cadet Academy near Bangkok.

After becoming warranted police officers at Lieutenant and Captain ranks, they have been given the opportunity to study various degrees at universities across the UK before returning to resume their police work in Thailand.



Under the leadership of VP Karen Duckworth a busy schedule of activities and learning was organised for the weekend. After brief introductions over a cup of tea we headed across to Trent Bridge cricket ground. We received a tour of the pavilion, stands and ground hosted by Austin (a retired Notts police officer). For all of the young Thai officers it was a fascinating visit, from a country where Thai boxing is the national sport, most had never heard of cricket. Of particular interest was the control room where we saw the CCTV system and discussed how the ground stewards, supported by the police, deal with anti-social behaviour and public order situations.

Despite being in between 2 important T20 fixtures we were able to walk around the pitch and see it being prepared for Sunday's match between Notts Outlaws and Birmingham Bears.

The afternoon saw Fox Road host 2 detectives from Staffordshire Major Investigation Team. First up was a case study of a recent tragic murder case by the SIO of the investigation. All aspects of the case were discussed and analysed including the initial call into the emergency services, the attendance of officers at the scene, the gathering of evidence and subsequent apprehension of the suspect. This brought up some interesting learning points around scene preservation that the Thai officers could take back to their own force.



IPA UK THAI POLICE ENGAGEMENT WEEKEND AT FOX ROAD



We then received an input from an Interview Advisor and Family Liaison Officer on interview strategies and tactics. All of the Thai officers were returning to their force as 'Inquiry Officers' so it was immediately obvious that this afternoon's input was of great interest with lots of questions posed and notes being taken. The day was rounded off by a presentation on the work of the British Transport Police by one of the hosting team, DI Babatunde Adeyeye. Thailand is a country where there is one large national force, so the British concept of county/city and specialist forces was an excellent discussion point. The end of the day saw the Thai officers have along overdue social catch-up, they had not all been together since passing out from the Royal Police Cadet Academy. The UK members took the opportunity to watch some nail-biting England football penalties...

Day 2 began early with an input by VP Karen Duckworth on the work and benefits of IPA membership. Thailand currently does not have an IPA section, but it struck me that the founder of a future Thai branch could be sat in this very room! We joined by DC Alka Mistry of Leicestershire, alongside Nottingham Branch members Tony and Annie Berrington as we travelled in convoy over to Nottinghamshire Police HQ. The group were treated to a walk around the force control room. The control room supervisor gave detailed explanations on all aspects of control and despatch from where the 999 calls come in to how resources are deployed to incidents.



We had visited just as they were struck by an IT system outage, so we even saw the paper contingencies swinging into action. The Thai officers were fascinated with the concept of a single county-wide control room, they explained that at home each individual station had its own small control room. We then went on to visit the firearms unit. The officers were given the opportunity to get hands on with weapons in the armory and give comparisons with their own weaponry. In Thailand officers are expected to provide their own side arm that is stored at their home address, an alien concept to the strict procedures around weapon booking in and out in the UK. An ARV was brought out and carefully unpacked as each piece of kit was discussed and shown to the group.

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From Notts HQ we convoyed back into the city where we were shown into Nottingham BTP station. Two BTP officers kindly gave a full tour of the police station and train platforms. It was the first time that the Thai officers had been in an operational police station and there was much excitement at the opportunity to sit in a prisoner van and many photo opportunities in BTP beat helmets and bowler hats. It was genuinely heartwarming to receive feedback from all of our guest speakers on how engaged the Thai officers were at all times of their visit.



The weekend was rounded off with refreshments back at Fox Road and a final opportunity to discuss the differences in Thai and British police training. Whilst comparing police uniform photos I was particularly interested to see a badge in the shape of wings on Thai uniform shirts. I was nonchalantly told that parachute jumps formed a part of Thai police training, I couldn't help but wonder how many UK officers would relish the prospect of throwing themselves out of an aeroplane in the name of law enforcement!

Final goodbyes were exchanged on the platform of the train station as the 10 officers travelled back to their respective universities across the UK. I drove back to Norfolk with 10 new friends from Thailand on my Facebook contact list and multiple kind offers to meet up if I ever find myself in Thailand. A busy and unique weekend that proved testament to the values of friendship and networking provided by IPA membership.

Olly Button, Region 8 (Norfolk)



TACTICAL FIRST AID FOR POLICE OFFICERS

04.11.2024 – 05.11.2024



The two-day "Tactical First Aid for Police Officers" course provides a tactical pre-hospital trauma care philosophy, stressing the need to treat the multi-system trauma patient as a unique entity with specific needs. This may require an approach to the trauma patient that varies from traditional treatment modalities.

The content of this course is based on the experience of numerous military and police first responders earned the hard way in hostile environments around the world, where the traditional approach to pre-hospital trauma patients does not work.

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EULOGY – AURA HURMUZ

THE LADY IN RED



This year we eulogize IPA member Aura Hurmuz, secretary of IPA branch 4 Bucharest. Every year I wait for your question "Are you coming to guide the women's meeting of IPA 4 Bucharest?", I always answer yes, what would you like me to do?

This is the third year that I have been a guide at the branch's women's meeting, but this time it is a little different, Aura, you won't be there! I'm sure you'll accompany me but it's not the same.

You were the first to let me know that I was accepted into the international team.

You were proud of me and you always said "Pninit you will always do what your heart tells you".

Aura, you were an inspirational figure to anyone who wants to know what it's like to be an IPA member. You always excelled in everything I did with a big smile and sparkling eyes. You knew how to approach people and make them believe in their abilities. You were never caught without red lipstick, and I forgot to mention beautiful red hair.

I met Aura for the first time at a women's conference in Cyprus and immediately there was a special connection and a friendship that developed into real friendships and mutual acquaintances. Aura came to visit Israel and as part of the visit we travelled to Jerusalem, Tiberias, Eilat together with the head of the Romania desk and she always wanted to repeat the visit with the IPA companies from Romania, which for her was the most significant trip of her life.

Aura was very active and successful in everything she touched. Yoga instructor, shooting instructor and has won several championships in the field of shooting.

The thing she loved the most was doing yoga; she felt the most liberated in the world.

when she had cancer, she decided to treat herself in a natural way, believing that she could overcome the disease. The illness did not prevent her from organising women's meetings that were important to her and she chose special places that you always knew when you reached them that it was a decision that was the most perfect place for yoga or other physical activity.

Aura, it was great pride that I got to know you and promise to continue your tradition and values in meetings for women as part of the Women in IPA project #SHEisIPA all over the world.

Shain pninit

#SHEisIPA team

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AUGUST EVENTS



Scotland Friendship Week

9-16 August 2025



IPA Germany
Friendship Encounter
August 2024

9-18 August 2024



IPA Münster Germany -
International Biker Weekend
2024

16-18 August 2024



IPA UK - Liverpool Friendship
Week August 2025

24-29 August 2025



IPA Sri Lanka 50th Anniversary
Friendship Tour August 2024

28 August - 3 September 2024



IPA Italy 1st International Tennis
Championship

31 August - 7 September 2024










GIMBORN SEMINARS

IBZ Castle Gimborn, located in idyllic wooded mountainous surroundings in Germany, houses the IPA's Education and Information Centre.

Founded in 1969, it is where IPA professional seminars, conferences and meetings are held. The full seminar programme and information on the facility is available at www.ibz-gimborn.de.



UPCOMING SEMINARS

24 29	19.08.–20.08.	■ Taktische Einsatzmedizin – Aufbaukurs Tactical First Aid – Advanced		595 €	IPA 445 €
24 30	21.08.–23.08.	■ Unter Druck – Umgang mit belastenden Herausforderungen		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 31	26.08.–30.08.	■ Was kann KI, das Polizei nicht kann? Etablierung von KI gestützten Workflows in der polizeilichen Medienarbeit.		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 32	02.09.–06.09.	■ Zwischen Grenzen und Gesetzen – Europäische Perspektiven im Umgang mit minderjährigen Straftätern Între frontiere și legi – Perspective europene privind abordarea infractorilor minori		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 33	09.09.–13.09.	■ Polizei und Personen mit Risikopotenzial – Risiken erkennen und bewältigen (PeRiskoP) Police dealing with people in mental crises		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 34	23.09.–27.09.	■ Deutsch als Fremdsprache		550 €	IPA 410 €
24 35	30.09.–02.10.	■ OSINT Tools – Anwendungsorientierter Aufbaukurs für Fortgeschrittene Application-oriented advanced course		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 36	30.09.–04.10.	■ The use of drones by front line services – police special		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 37	07.10.–11.10.	■ Into the European Union – Challenges of illegal Migration Στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση – Προκλήσεις της παράνομης μετανάστευσης	 	495 €	IPA 365 €
24 38	21.10.–24.10.	■ 55plus – Motiviert und leistungsstark in die letzten Berufsjahre		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 39	25.10.–27.10.	■ ASP Instructor Course		365 €	IPA 295 €
24 40	28.10.–30.10.	■ Führungskraft sein – Habe ich mir das so vorgestellt?		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 41	28.10.–30.10.	■ HEAT für Polizeikräfte im Auslandseinsatz – Überleben in Extremsituationen HEAT for Police Officers in International Missions – Surviving hostile environments		695 €	IPA 595 €

You can find a copy of the programme on our website:

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MARKETING



Social Media Campaign

As we enter the second half of the year, here are our social media topics for the next 6 months. We encourage all sections to take part in this marketing campaign by submitting one or two images for each topic to help us promote the IPA and strengthen our social media following.

July – IPA Games and Sports

With the success of the IPA games in May, we celebrate the success of this event and encourage sections to send in any related photos or videos you wish to share either from the IPA Games or any other sport events or teams within your sections.

August – Young Members

Young Members are a huge focus for the association; therefore, we need to promote the younger members in the IPA and the opportunities available to them. This can include YPOS, Gimborn, and also any other activities that you target towards young people.

September – Police Bands and Music/ Music Events

Most Police will have a band and associated music. The IEB attended the Vienna ball in February 2023, an iconic event for the police. We also have an IPA Hymn. We encourage sections to share music and videos.

October – Challenge Coins

There are many variations of Challenge coins that circulate through the IPA and they have become collectors' items. Do you have a story to tell about your challenge coin? Maybe you are a collector. Please share your challenge coins from around the world.

November – Animals in Policing

We have previously shared dogs and horses, but are there other animals you would like to share? Or if you missed out last time, send in your wonderful Police dogs and horses.

December – Food and Cultural recipes

A celebration of the delicious foods and recipes from around the world.

Thank you to all those sections that have supported this in the first half of 2024. We really appreciate your input and have loved receiving your images.

Please send in your photographs or videos with a brief description to marketing@ieb-ipa.org while copying in iac@ieb-ipa.org and finally please ensure you have the relevant permissions to submit these images.

**Scan the QR code to get links to our social media pages.
Please give us a follow.**





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