



IPA Newsletter

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**‘The happiness of the Dolphin is to exist.
For man it is to know that and to wonder at it!’
*Jacques-Yves Cousteau***



Another fantastic entry from our 2014 ICC photo competition:
Jackie Lister of Section UK, entitled ‘At work and play’

WORD OF INTRODUCTION



Recently I was asked **what the IPA means to me**. With Arthur Troop's 100th birthday approaching fast, I think now is a suitable time to reflect on this question.

Shortly after the Second World War, Arthur Troop began with the enormous task of founding a worldwide friendship organisation for police officers. He was of the opinion that rather than fighting, people should communicate with each other, and he was convinced of the positive influence of friendship.

With Arthur Troop's ambition in mind, I would like to share with you my personal vision of the IPA: Where is IPA heading? In this context I believe it is important for me to take an active part in defining IPA's goals and to contribute to the processes which will lead to the achievement of these goals: **'If it's going to be, it's up to me'**.

In order to implement this vision, this concept of shaping the future, it is necessary to outline the meaning and values of the IPA clearly. Fundamentally, the aims of the IPA have been defined in our International Statute. It is then, however, up to the International Executive Board (IEB), the sections, the regions and each individual member how these aims are achieved. The foundation for achieving IPA's goals over the next few years was laid by the delegates during the recent conference in Potsdam, through the **Project IPA Tomorrow**.

My position within the IEB requires me to consider the material values of the IPA: to maintain IPA's assets. It is worthwhile mentioning in this context that the International Treasurer Romain Miny and I are bound to decisions made by the delegates which from the outset reduce our assets, and it is difficult if not impossible to present a balanced budget, even if we maintain our current membership numbers. My main aim has and will always be to 'never sacrifice the things that matter most for the things that matter least'. It is therefore of paramount importance to increase our membership base in order to be able to finance all projects which were approved by the delegates at the IPA conferences. I therefore repeat my appeal from the IEC conference in Potsdam: **'We need to motivate more colleagues to join IPA!'**

I feel that at present, everything I do for the IPA has meaning and gives me energy and passion!

I value the idea of fairness within the IPA, the 'give and take' which ensures mutual respect and benefit. This universal principle can be used in all situations, throughout every culture and around the world.

It is vital to work together to find new solutions – considering various options until a fair outcome has been found.

As far as my position in the International Treasury is concerned, I am convinced that **empathy is of the utmost importance**: we have to find out first what the sections really want and what is important to them. We have to listen and think carefully rather than object or refuse straight away. I always try to look at things from the other

person's point of view and understand. It is a basic human need to be understood, and this trust will lead to success.

It is also important to me that the members of the IEB show a **dynamic diversity within a team**. As Nelson Mandela said: 'A small committed group of people can change the world'.

Anyone following this principle is able to appreciate the differences in origin, culture, behaviour and perspective. To put it more simply: this approach allows for mutual respect and the ability to look for and find alternatives, leading to co-operation which in turn multiplies the strength of an individual and often achieves more than the sum of the individual components.

The aim of **building and maintaining relationships** led the International President Pierre-Martin Moulin to allocate to each IEB member a range of IPA sections. Each IEB member is encouraged to establish strong relationships with their sections, spend quality time with them and create trust, enabling us to show a genuine interest in the other person. We all need to be aware that the quality of a relationship is down to our own actions – we have to believe that we can improve any relationship with our own initiative.

Most importantly, we need to keep listening to our members in order to maintain and develop an up-to-date, focused and dedicated IPA.

Servo per Amikeco,

Wolfgang Gabrutsch, Assistant International Treasurer

AROUND THE WORLD

'NEW' NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

IPA Germany



Dear IPA Friends,

During the first week of October, the delegates of the 20th national congress of IPA Section Germany elected a new national board in Leipzig and prepared the way for the next three years. IPA Tomorrow has arrived in the German section! The German board wishes be able to react appropriately to changes in these fast-paced times while at the same time retaining traditional values. Communication and dialogue with our members are on our agenda, as well as training our 1600 office holders particularly on the topics of recruiting members and data protection. We would like to

ensure that - without contravening EU laws - contributions from the social fund of section Germany will continue to be available for IPA friends abroad who are in need due to catastrophes. To achieve this, we will need to explore new ways and means with the International Board.



Our next milestone is the 60th anniversary of Section IPA Germany in March 2015.

The election results in detail: Horst W. Bichl was re-elected as President. Hubert Vitt and Oliver Hoffmann were confirmed as Vice Presidents. Patric Louis (re-elected) and Peter Herwig (newly elected) are Secretary Generals. Both Günter Lambrecht and Rolf Schubert were re-elected as Treasurers.

Servo per amikeco

Horst W. Bichl, President IPA Germany

20th National Congress of IPA Germany

On October 3rd, a national holiday and celebrating 25 years of the fall of the Berlin Wall, IPA Germany held its 20th National Congress. Leipzig, where in 1989 a peaceful revolution was initiated, was surely the best place for this event.

Guests from Denmark, France, Austria and Luxembourg attended and renewed their close co-operation. Representatives of the State of Saxony, the State Police, the Police of Leipzig and the City of Leipzig emphasised the importance and value of the IPA network in their welcoming speeches. Werner Busch, 2nd International Vice President represented the International Executive Board. In his opening speech, he conveyed the greetings of the International President Pierre-Martin Moulin and the entire IEB.

The delegates were informed about the recent Extraordinary World Congress in general and 'IPA tomorrow' in particular and approved the new development. The National Executive Board reported about the work over the last three years. This was followed by the elections – the results of which can be seen in Horst W. Bichl's article further up in this Newsletter.



The delegates discussed and worked through a long agenda with topics such as the legal status of the regions and branches, membership fees and the length of a term. The congress proceeded in a harmonious atmosphere.

At the closing ceremony Werner Busch congratulated Section Germany on behalf of the IEB. In his speech he reflected about grassroots democracy and the delegates' responsibility they shoulder when accepting their mandate. He stressed that "with great power comes great responsibility", which by the way was not first said by Spiderman's uncle but by Francois-Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire.

Werner Busch, 2nd International Vice President

IPA UK attends National Police Memorial Day

Once again, The International Police Association attended the UK's annual National Police Memorial Day (NPMD) and on this occasion, the Association was proud to provide ushers as well as bringing an international dimension to the event.



The event was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland during September and Section UK's IPA Region

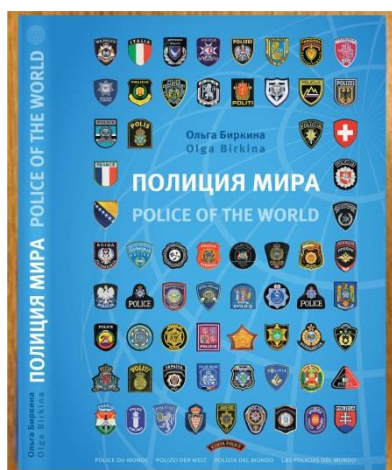
2 (Northern Ireland) provided nine IPA members to perform as ushers at the cathedral ceremony. The NEC of Section UK was delighted that the President of Section Sweden, May-Britt Rinaldo could attend, together with many other IPA members and partners, including Stephen Crockard, the Assistant International Secretary General – a retired Police Service of Northern Ireland Officer. Friends from Section Ireland attended, as did other international visitors.

The above photo shows from left to right Mick Luke, President of Section UK, May-Britt Rinaldo, President IPA Sweden, Simon Edens, Deputy Chief Constable of the Leicestershire Police as well as Sean Hannigan, Vice President of Section UK.

Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK

IPA Best Buy: The book to have! 'Police of the World'

The book 'Police of the World' contains the history and daily work of police forces in 66 IPA sections. It showcases a wide panorama of police activities throughout the various countries and I hope that it will be of interest to all IPA sections, police academies and all of those who choose our profession.



'Police of the World' is ready to order now. Sections can send their orders to the author's email address at world.police@mail.ru. The price of each book is 39.30 € (excluding postage). The method of payment will be provided after the receipt of orders, and printing and delivery is expected for early 2015.

Follow the link below to see more details of 'Police of the World':

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Thank you for the attention you are giving to my book and my work.

Yours sincerely,

Olga Birkina, IPA Russia

IPA Poland co-organises FBI National Alumni Seminar



Lech Wałęsa speaking to FBI NAA alumni

In September 2014 IPA Poland co-organised the seminar 'Bridging East and West – the role of Poland as the West and East connector' in Warsaw. The participants were police officers who had graduated from the FBI NAA (National Alumni Academy), coming from over thirty European countries. Deputy Chief of the FBI, Mr. John Boles, was the guest of honour, and the Polish Minister of the Interior as well as the Chief Commander of the Polish Police gave speeches during the opening ceremony. The former Polish

President Mr. Lech Wałęsa attended the second day of the event.

The FBI National Academy in Quantico is a prestigious university which prepares officers to fulfil managerial positions in Law Enforcement Academies. The Polish Police started to co-operate with the FBI fifteen years ago, and up to now twenty Polish police officers have graduated from the FBI NAA. For over thirty years the academy alumni have been attending seminars aimed at strengthening their professional skills, exchanging their experience as well as promoting law and order. This is the first time that the seminar was held in Poland.

The main organiser was Robert Żółkiewski from the Polish Police and President of the European Division of the FBI Academy Alumni Association. R. Żółkiewski is a member of IPA Poland and attends IPA events on a regular basis. The Polish IPA organised the cultural and tourism programme for all attendees, which included sightseeing in the Old Town of Warsaw, the Royal Palace, the Royal Baths as well as a sports competition in the National Defense Academy.

Arkadiusz Skrzypczak, Secretary General IPA Poland

IPA USA National Delegate Conference 2014

The 57th US IPA National Delegate Conference was held in October on board a cruise ship from New York to Nova Scotia and back. Approximately 200 members and guests joined us with IPA friends coming from as far as Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Our Canadian brothers and sisters at both Halifax and Saint John greeted the IPAers royally. Richard Irving and Canada IPA Region 16 set up the Halifax welcome. The welcome party included a variety of regional and local dignitaries as well as IPA Canada national board members. At Saint John we were treated to a special presentation, tour and welcome at the Saint John Police Museum organized by Coordinator Janet Holt. This was greatly appreciated, was much more than expected and all showed us the Servo per Amikeco spirit the IPA is so well known for.

Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA



IPA USA produces Arthur Troop Centenary Coin

The US Section has created a special commemorative coin to honor the Arthur Troop 2014 Centenary. The coin is \$10 and can be purchased online at the US web site, the direct link is www.ipa-usa.org/100thCoin



These coins can be shipped, or if you are attending the 100th Centenary in the UK in December, the US Section President, Kevin Gordon, will bring any that have been purchased to the event. If a section is interested in a quantity of coins, please contact Kevin at president@ipa-usa.org. Only 200 of these were produced.

Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA

'Lord of the Hats' in the Guinness Book of Records

If Andreas Skala from the IPA in Berlin were to line up all of the police hats from his collection on the floor, he would easily be able to frame an entire football pitch. And the rest of his hats would mark all the lines on the playing field!

There are 2290 hats in his collection, making it the biggest collection of police hats in the world. This is not Andreas Skala's claim, but has been confirmed by Guinness World Records London, and therefore he has now been listed as a world record holder. His certificate states that he has 'The largest collection of police hats'.



Andreas received the certificate in conjunction with the confirmation that he and his collection will feature in the 2015 edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

Andreas Skala and his wife are well-known to many IPA friends: from 2004 – 2010 Andreas was the secretary of IPA Berlin, while his wife chaired the region from 2008-2010. Together, they have organised many collectors' fairs.

The latest one of these took place on 12 October in the police guest house in Berlin, and Andreas Skala gave a talk about the history of this historic police area the evening before.

Andreas' passion for collecting hats was ignited 35 years ago when his grandfather gave him a hat from the Samaritans – 25 years ago he specialised in collecting police hats. It makes sense that three years later, he entered the police service!

Just for the record: Andreas has now got 2296 hats and would love to receive more from other IPA sections! He can be contacted at g.a.skala@t-online.de

IPA Germany

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Taiwanese delegation pays courtesy visit to AISG

Two senior officials from the Taiwan National Police Agency, Bruce Cheng Ming-Chung and Jason Wang, accompanied by the Assistant Director of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Alex YH Huang, have paid a courtesy visit to the AISG, Stephen Crockard, at Fox Road. They were on a tour of Europe.

The AISG advised them that as a UN NGO, the IPA was bound by the UN 'One China' policy that gave recognition only to the Peoples' Republic of China. He gave the visitors a briefing on the history and structure of the Association. Mr Wang told the AISG that Taiwan had around 70,000 police officers. Cooperation on criminal matters between the police in Taiwan and the Peoples' Republic of China had improved greatly in recent years, as had trade across the Straits of Taiwan.

The visitors were interested when Stephen told them about seminars at Castle Gimborn in Germany. He said they were welcome to send officers to Gimborn, but they would have to pay the full price, rather than the IPA discounted one. The AISG further advised them that if the UN situation were to change, Taiwan would then be welcome to establish an IPA section in the normal fashion. Individual officers were, however, welcome currently to join other sections as FAMs. He suggested they make contact with IPA Sections Hong Kong or Macau.



Section UK President, Mick Luke joined the meeting and told the visitors that the section would be pleased to accept them as FAMs, if they made an application.

Gifts were exchanged before the visitors left to travel to their next engagement. Stephen, Mick and the guests all considered the meeting to have been most worthwhile.

Stephen Crockard, Assistant International Secretary General

66 Ways to see the IPA World!

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Canada
Mexico
USA

AFRICA

Botswana
Kenya
Lesotho
Mauritius
Mozambique
South Africa
Swaziland

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina
Brazil
Peru

ASIA

Armenia
Hong Kong
Israel
Japan
Kazakhstan
Macau
Pakistan
Sri Lanka



OCEANIA

Australia
New Zealand

EUROPE

Andorra	Greece	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Belgium	Iceland	Russia
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ireland	San Marino
Bulgaria	Italy	Serbia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovakia
Cyprus	Lithuania	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Malta	Sweden
Estonia	Moldova	Switzerland
Finland	Monaco	Turkey
FYRO Macedonia	Montenegro	Ukraine
France	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Germany	Norway	
Gibraltar	Poland	

LAST WORD

66 Ways to see the IPA World! Across 6 continents! It never ceases to amaze me how many different cultures, languages and ways of life the IPA offers to every single IPA member!

We offer youth exchanges, youth holiday programmes, IPA houses, police placement programmes, the Arthur Troop Scholarship, a large variety of seminars; we encourage participation in World and European Police and Fire Games, hold essay and poetry competitions, collect recipes for an IPA Cookbook and can be extremely proud of the results from our recent photography competition!

I know that each one of our 66 IPA sections offers countless sports and cultural events, from camping weekends to football tournaments, from Christmas parties to gala dinners, and I would love to show more of the incredible variety of IPA life in our Newsletter!

So don't be shy and give it a go! Send me your announcements for upcoming events and articles about your activities so we can include them in our Newsletter! As Wolfgang Gabrutsch said in his Introduction: 'If it's going to be, it's up to me' 😊

On a more technical note, I would just like to let you know that we have started to send out our Newsletter in English to all sections at the beginning of each month. This ensures that all of you have the opportunity to read our news as soon as they come out. All translations into French, German and Spanish are then sent out as soon as I receive them.

Kind regards,

Elke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Full details of all events, where available, have been sent to sections separately. Please find below a summary for the next 12 months:

Section	Date	Event
Sri Lanka	6-15 Nov 2014	Int'l Friendship Week + 40 th Anniversary
Italy	9-16 Nov 2014	Region 7 Tuscany 50 th Anniversary
Greece	9 Nov 2014	Athens Classic Marathon
Monaco	21 Nov 2014	7 th IPA Monaco Gala
Belgium	24-28 Nov 2014	20 th World Police Futsal Tournament
Greece	28-30 Nov 2014	100 th Birthday Arthur Troop Celebrations, Kalavryta
Spain	29 Nov 2014	International Police Trader Show, Barcelona
Austria	5-7 Dec 2014	Krampuskränzchen, Treffen
UK	12-14 Dec 2014	Arthur Troop Centenary, Notts and Lincs
Hungary	12-14 Dec 2014	Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations
Malta	19 Dec 2014	Gala Grand Ball & Buffet Dinner, St. Julian's
Austria	24-31 Jan 2015	Ski Week, Hermagor
USA	25-27 Feb 2015	Football Tournament for Police, Orlando
Ireland	12-19 April 2015	60 th Anniversary Friendship Week
Cyprus	16-19 Apr 2015	ISC Liaison Officers Seminar
Switzerland	17-18 Apr 2015	60 th Anniversary Celebrations
Malta	23-28 April 2015	Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition
Austria	8-10 May 2015	30 th Anniversary Villach
Germany	14-17 May 2015	60 th Anniversary IPA Berlin
Spain	28-31 May 2015	IPA Motorcycle Tour, Pyrenees
Canada	28 May-6 Jun 2015	Friendship Week Niagara Falls
Belgium	15-22 Jun 2015	40 th Anniversary IPA Charleroi
USA	15-25 Jul 2015	Region 57 See America Tour
Poland	19-26 Jul 2015	Young Police Officers Seminar, Legionowo
UK	8-15 Aug 2015	Friendship Week – A Taste of Scotland
Cyprus	12-18 Oct 2015 18-25 Oct 2015	XXI World Congress, Limassol Friendship Week

FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de



Date	Seminar	Language
10-14 Nov 2014	Bandenkriminalität	G
24-28 Nov 2014	Community and problem-oriented policing Bürgernahe und problemorient. Polizeiarbeit	E and G
1-5 Dec 2014	Häusliche Gewalt – Täter und Opfer	G
8-12 Dec 2014	Vom Umgang mit Behinderungen und Erkrankungen in öffentlichen Institutionen und der Polizeiarbeit	G
26-30 Jan 2015	Motorradbanden	G
23-27 Feb 2015	Herausforderungen an die Polizeiarbeit in der ökonomischen Krise des erweiterten Europas Policing Change in an expanding Europe within contracting economies	G and E