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Happy Anniversary IPA Malta!



Mr Peter Paul Zammit (5th from left),
Commissioner of the Malta Police,
welcomes the NEC of IPA Malta

WORD OF INTRODUCTION



Tuesday, 27th May in Geneva. What an evening! I spent 3 hours with the most amazing people, called Sarah, Edwin, Duncan, Nicola, Kate, Louise, Max...; they come from Uganda, Venezuela, Belgium, England, Brazil...; and they are directors, chief executives, professors, lawyers, developers and teachers...

Their common interest? They all work with street children, either in the field, or as facilitators for NGOs. They came to Geneva because after years of hard work, they – together with the Chairman and the CEO of the Consortium for Street Children – finally got the chance today to meet with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for 1 hour!

One hour to show the broad and cross-sector support for the elaboration of the General Comment on Children in Street Situations. A General Comment the PEB, following the invitation of the CSC, accepted to sign as well. One hour to get the attention and finally convince the UN that this issue deserves to be part of the topics officially registered on the agenda of the ad hoc committee.

What these people witness, and the reality they face in the streets, would be hard for most of us to believe. I am shocked to hear the stories of these children, what their daily life looks like, how they struggle for life sometimes. But one common comment keeps hurting my ears: they all refer to the violence of the police towards the street children. They describe a police that has nothing to do with the values of our job. They speak about behaviour that we should be fighting against. What is wrong? Why have corruption and violence taken over the values of true policing in so many places? How can we accept that the police get involved in shameful round-ups, in total breach of the law and of human rights?

Therefore I am more convinced than ever that our association, in line with the principles we defend, our motto and our link with the UN and other NGOs, must also play a role and get involved alongside these people who dedicate their lives to the good of humanity and a better world. Many sections have already developed social programmes and have shown great examples in this field. I had the opportunity to talk to the new CEO of the Consortium for Street Children, and she would welcome our help and sees the IPA, as a police organisation, as a “core partner” for developing training programmes which could be used in countries to assist the police.

Last year, we agreed a few actions together with the CSC, but maybe now is the time to intensify this partnership and come up with concrete tools which would make the difference and offer help. I will speak with my colleagues in the PEB, and I hope to be able to give you some positive news soon. We cannot close our eyes – children are our future.

I also hope that, while I am writing these lines, the UN Committee listened to the voices of these heroes and welcomes the General Comment and includes it in their agenda.

Pierre-Martin Moulin, International President

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Malta celebrates 50th Anniversary



Between Friday 25th and Sunday 27th April 2014, IPA Malta Section celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The International President, Pierre-Martin Moulin was also in Malta and attended all events.

On Friday 25th April, we made a courtesy call to the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Peter Paul Zammit PL. The Commissioner expressed his full support for section IPA Malta. In the evening, IPA Malta hosted a Gala Dinner where 200 IPA members, including visitors from other countries, attended. This dinner was a huge success and a good start for our 2nd 50 years. Mementos were also given to former IPA Malta Presidents and the Secretary General.

To mark the 50-year anniversary, and to serve as a reminder of our past, a chain of office was inaugurated. The International President symbolically passed the chain of office to the IPA Malta national President to wear it with pride, since his office represents IPA in Malta.

On Saturday 26th April, a tour of the island of Gozo was organised during which the International President met several IPA members and the President of the Malta Police Association – Superintendent Antonello Grech. Sunday 27th April marked the end of our events with a Thanks Giving Mass at the Police headquarters followed by a reception for those who attended.

For us, this is a very important year. In October, IPA Malta is organising the 50th Anniversary Tri-Gun Dynamic Shooting competition, and members from all IPA sections are welcome to attend. Details can be found on www.ipamalta.com.

On behalf of the National Executive Committee and all IPA Malta Section members, I would like to thank Pierre-Martin Moulin for finding the time to visit Malta and share this important moment in our history with us. We also wish 'Ad Multos Annos' to the Malta Police Force who is celebrating its 200th Anniversary on the 12th of July.

Neville Mercieca, President IPA Malta

IPA House Managers Meeting held in Athens



The IPA House Managers Meeting was held in Athens from 24-27 April 2014.

12 sections with 35 IPA friends participated: Romania, Sweden, Israel, Germany, Finland, Poland, Ireland, France, Denmark, Portugal, Cyprus and the hosting section Greece.

The PEB was represented by 1st Vice President Gal Sharon, and the ISG

Georgios Katsaropoulos joined the meeting. Kyriakos Karakalis, representative of IPA Greece and member of the ISC responsible for hosting, IPA houses and other accommodation, opened and led the meeting. We would like to thank both organisers and participants of the meeting.

IPA Cyprus has opened its first IPA house in Larnaka, and we would like to send our greetings to Andreas Pallaris who is responsible for this house. All IPA members are invited to visit.

IPA Greece presented the new IPA house on Ios, which was built by IPA members themselves.

IPA Romania introduced its new IPA house in Lipova, Transylvania; a further IPA house is currently under construction in Lepsa, one of the most beautiful areas of Romania. It will be opened by the end of 2014.

A multitude of issues were discussed in a productive and friendly manner, and the PEB will be informed of all issues during the next PEB meeting.

The House Managers Meeting was complemented by a social programme, including visits to Plaka, Monastiraki, Thissio and the classical sights of Athens, such as the Acropolis museum.

The farewell gala dinner was held in the centre of Plaka with traditional Greek music and dancers.

The next House Managers Meetings will be held in the UK in 2016, in Romania in 2018 and in Portugal in 2020.

Eran Israel has produced the following video about the IPA House Managers Meeting: <http://youtu.be/TpPNqzgmD5E>

Gal Sharon, 1st Vice President and Kyriakos Karakalis, ISC member

IPA UK looking forward to welcoming Vera

Members from Section UK and Nottinghamshire Police are looking forward to a visit by a German IPA member later this year.

Vera Volmery, who has served in the German police for 14 years, will be spending July in Nottinghamshire on Section UK's International Learning and Development Exchange Programme (ILDEP).



Accommodating her wish to improve her knowledge of searching operational methods, Nottinghamshire IPA have arranged a programme which includes a tour of duty with different units within Nottinghamshire Police, for example the dog unit, underwater unit and Helicopter squad. She will also spend time at Nottinghamshire Police HQ, the Prison Service, and Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service as well as with individuals in the field of searching techniques.

Speaking about her forthcoming visit, Vera said, "I am looking forward to working alongside emergency service staff in the UK. It will further my professional understanding and has the added advantage of improving my English. Having a better grasp of English will enable me to register on study programmes in Germany which are conducted in English."

A full report of Vera's visit will be published at a later date. Anybody interested in learning more about ILDEP should visit: <https://www.ipa-uk.org/ILDEP>

Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK

"Police Pranks and Misdemeanors"

written by IPA Canada Member Wyatt Holmes

IPA Canada member Wyatt Holmes (pen name) has recently self-published a book of short, humorous police stories entitled "Police Pranks and Misdemeanors". The book describes situations encountered by the author while at police academy as well as during his years as a young police officer, plus further experiences throughout his police years. Here is a selection of topics: an attack by a barbed wire, a domestic dispute involving a pig and a disrupted honeymoon.

The author was personally involved in most of the jokes, pranks or misdemeanors described and – after reading the book – you will understand why he wishes to remain anonymous – "Wyatt Holmes" is a nom de plume.

If you are interested in "Police Pranks and Misdemeanors", you can obtain a copy from www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com. In addition, you can contact our IPA member directly at wyattholmes@hotmail.com



ON THE TABLE OF THE PEB

IPA progress with Europol

Liaising with Europol is a relatively new subject within the External Relations Commission of the IPA and needs further developing. As the relationship with Europol will also include professional aspects, the ERC and IPC commissions have decided to join forces in relation to Europol, and to cooperate whenever possible.

Europol (short for European Police Office) is the European Union's law enforcement agency and handles criminal intelligence. It has been fully operational since 1st July 1999. The headquarters of Europol are located in The Hague, the Netherlands.



Europol has no executive powers, but acts as a support service for the law enforcement agencies of the EU member states. This means that Europol officials are not entitled to conduct investigations or arrest suspects. Europol's objective is to improve the effectiveness and co-operation between EU member states primarily by sharing and pooling intelligence to prevent and combat serious international organised crime.

On 7th May, 2014, Rob Out (member of the ERC) and Kees Sal (IPC chairman) had a meeting at the Europol Headquarters with the head of the Dutch desk of Europol, Mr. Jelmer Visser.

We discussed the organisation of the IPA and its strategy of achieving more balance between leisure and professional activities. Amongst other topics we also surveyed the possibilities of improved cooperation between IPA and Europol.

It was a very positive meeting, and Mr. Visser will look for a management contact within Europol to further elaborate our ideas and to look for common grounds for cooperation.

We also discussed IBZ Gimborn and the possibilities for Europol to organise awareness training regarding the role and structure of Europol in and outside of Europe.

Furthermore, the possibility of Europol providing their facilities for organising the next ERC meeting in 2015 was discussed.

Rob Out, ERC member

LAST WORD

In the middle of May, I received a request from IPA Switzerland: They had been contacted by a local police station who had informed them that a helpful member of the public had handed in a wallet he had found on a train. It turns out that this wallet contained amongst other things an IPA card belonging to a member from IPA New Zealand. A few email messages and only 3 days later, everything is sorted: IPA New Zealand contacted the very happy owner who had probably thought he would never see his wallet again.

Quick, helpful and international: IPA at its best!

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
Bulgaria	4-8 Jun 2014	20 th Anniversary Celebrations
Italy	5-8 Jun 2014	4 th IPA Motorcycle Rally, Predazzo
Italy	11-15 Jun 2014	Motorcycle Rally for Police Forces
France	12 Jun 2014	First IPA Open Golf tournament, Dijon
Spain	12-15 Jun 2014	XII 7-a-side football tournament, Tarragona
France	12-16 Jun 2014	19 th Int'l Challenge of Police Shooting in real-life situation, Marignane
Italy	14-19 Jun 2014	8 th Int'l Football 5 tourn., Ragusa / Sicily
Poland	26-29 Jun 2014	III Int'l Football Championships, Gdynia
Germany	4-13 Jul 2014	Friendship Week Selm-Bork
Belgium	12-20 July 2014	European Police and Fire Games, Brussels
France	19 Jul – 2 Aug 2014	International Youth Gathering
Poland	26 Jul 2014	Polish Police Foundation 95 th Jubilee, Warsaw
Germany	11-16 Aug 2014	Charity Bike Ride, Bavaria
Germany	Aug/Sep 2014	3 Motorbike Tours, starting from Black Forest
Sweden	23 Aug 2014	1 st IPA Int'l Cycle Tour
Italy	1-7 Sep 2014	1 st European Football Cup, Padova
Germany	2-7 Sep 2014 7-13 Sep 2014	39 th IEC, Potsdam Friendship Week
Hungary	20-27 Sep 2014	Friendship Week around Hungary
Greece	1-5 Oct 2014	First Int'l Women's Seminar, Crete
USA	4-11 Oct 2014	Nat. Delegate Conference and IPA FSW
Netherlands	6-10 Oct 2014	32 nd World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament
Malta	16-19 Oct 2014	Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition
Australia	23-26 Oct 2014	50 th Anniversary, AGM and 3-day cruise
Sri Lanka	6-15 Nov 2014	Int'l Friendship Week + 40 th Anniversary
Italy	9-16 Nov 2014	Region 7 Tuscany 50 th Anniversary
Monaco	18-22 Nov 2014	20 th Anniversary Celebrations
UK	12-14 Dec 2014	Arthur Troop Centenary, Notts and Lincs
Hungary	12-14 Dec 2014	Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations
USA	25-27 Feb 2015	Football Tournament for Police, Orlando
Canada	30 May-6 Jun 2015	Friendship Week Niagara Falls

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
23-27 Jun 2014	Herausforderung Häusliche Gewalt, Pädophilie-Mobbing und Stalking-Rechtliche Bestimmungen, Aufgaben und Maßnahmen Profili di Responsibilitá-Penale e Civile, Nella Violenca Contro le Face Deboli Femminicidio- Pedofilia-Bullismo	G and I
30 Jun-4 Jul 2014	Islam und Islamismus – Geschichte und Kultur einer Weltreligion zwischen Alltag und Extremismus	G
18-22 Aug 2014	Cybercrime – Kriminalität in den elektronischen Medien Cybercrime – Crime using digital Media	E and G
25-29 Aug 2014	Formen der Gewalt in unserer Gesellschaft	G
29-31 Aug 2014	Motorradkultur und Sicherheit	G
1-5 Sep 2014	Die Ware Mensch in der int. organisierten Kriminalität; moderne Formen des Sklavenhandels	G
8-10 Sep 2014	Polizeiliches Mountainbiking	G
8-12 Sep 2014	Erfolgreich führen und motivieren – best practice	G
10-12 Sep 2014	Burnout – eine gesellschaftliche und persönliche Herausforderung	G
15-19 Sep 2014	Öffentl. Protest zw. Sicherheitsgewährleistung und Versammlungsfreiheit Gestion y tratamiento de las masas en granes eventos y operativos de seguridad	G and S
22-26 Sep 2014	Wege und Irrwege im Cyberspace	G