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IPA Family Photo



39. IEC - Konferenz in Potsdam - September 2014

Thank you Section Germany for a great week!

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear IPA friends,

Dear IPA family,

The 39th IEC Conference and Extraordinary World Congress in Potsdam are now in the past! I enjoy reminiscing about the nice days and hours spent with you. It was a great honour for IPA Germany to welcome and look after you as guests in the historical city of Potsdam. I hope that all of you enjoyed your stay with us in Germany and that you had a safe trip home so that you can now spend time with your families and IPA work.



Thank you for all donations to the organisation “Schule machen ohne Gewalt (SMOG) e.V. The IPA is very close to this organisation which is involved in preventive work in various aspects. Last year, for instance, the project “Cool and Safe” was developed jointly by IPA sections Luxembourg and Germany and all donations go towards this project. So far, we have received 4687.50 €. I would like to thank you for this and pass on a thank-you note from the chairman of the organisation, Edwin Maisch, former police director, who has been a loyal IPA member for many years:

“SMOG e.V. expresses its heartfelt thanks to all IPA friends who have helped us with a donation! We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the IPA family. We will utilise the money for our joint project “Cool and Safe”, details of which you can see at www.coolandsafe.eu . With this project we help children between the ages of 7 and 12 to master hazardous life situations in a better way. We are at present offering this service in Germany (German) and Luxembourg (French).”

Your

Horst W. Bichl, President IPA Germany

39TH IEC CONFERENCE REVIEW

IPA Delegates and Observers met from 3-5 September 2014 for our 39th IEC Conference in Potsdam. A huge thank you to section IPA Germany for organising both the conference and the friendship week straight afterwards!

OPENING CEREMONY

Held in the magnificent Orangery of Sanssouci Palace, the opening ceremony was attended by the delegations of nearly 70 countries and 400 people. The following 5 speakers took the floor:

- Horst Bichl, President IPA Germany
- Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA International President
- Stefan Keller, Head of Public Security of the Federal Ministry of the Interior

- Rolf Holzschuher, Minister of the Interior of the State of Brandenburg
- Jann Jakobs, Mayor of the city of Potsdam



Amongst the guests were also Arne Feuring, Chief of Police of the State of Brandenburg and Jürgen Klös, former IPA International President.

All speakers stressed the value of the IPA and the importance of its fundamental values at a time when the world is facing a multitude of serious issues, conflicts and wars: Friendship is the cement that makes us stronger.

The opening ceremony was accompanied expertly by the Brandenburg Police Orchestra.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The agenda of the IEC conference with more than 100 items, including 48 motions, meant a large amount of work! I am glad to say that we managed to cover it all. Thank you to all the delegates who were well prepared and had studied the documents. Thank you also to the technicians who assisted us with the analysis and managed the electronic voting system which saved us precious time.

I will not spend time on the various reports presented or the presentations given at the conference, but would like to concentrate on and highlight the main decisions taken which will affect the IPA now and in the future:

1 Newly Affiliated Sections:

The delegates welcomed 3 new sections:



- IPA Kazakhstan, sponsored by Section Russia
- IPA FYRO Macedonia, sponsored by Section Croatia
- IPA Montenegro, sponsored by Section Serbia

It is always a very moving moment when the IPA family is enlarged. Congratulations to our new sections!

2 Expulsion of Section Gabon:

Unfortunately, we had to take the decision to expel Section Gabon from the IPA. We lost contact with our friends a few years ago, but despite all the efforts we took to re-establish and keep contact with them, we had to come to the conclusion that section Gabon was no longer fulfilling the conditions in order to remain an IPA section. Gabonese policemen will have the opportunity to join the IPA as foreign associate

members, and hopefully one day, we will be able to welcome Gabon into the IPA once more.

As a result, there are currently 66 affiliated IPA national sections.

3 Resolution for World Peace:

Following a motion from section Greece which was accepted at the IEC Conference 2013, it was agreed that the IPA would adopt a resolution for World Peace and circulate it to the UN. This document was finalised by the Chairman of the ERC, Werner Busch, and all delegates were invited to sign it on behalf of their sections. This document is an important statement from the IPA. It shows our concern and common view regarding this essential issue and will be circulated to all sections in due course.

4 Extraordinary World Congress:

During the regular IEC conference, an extraordinary world congress session was opened, giving the delegates the opportunity to discuss and vote upon motions regarding the Statute of the IPA. Since the 2013 IEC conference, the international committee of the association (PEB) has been working on a project called 'IPA Tomorrow' and came to Potsdam to present the first part of this project, which included 12 motions. The aim of this project is to give a new "wind" to the IPA at the international level, by adjusting and modernising at first the structures, the communication, the working process and the documents of the IPA, before defining a new strategic plan for the future. Here are in brief the motions that were presented and the results:

4.1. Length of a term:

Up to now, each term at the international level has lasted 3 years. From the next World Congress in 2015, we will extend this to **4 years**. The extra year will give valuable extra time to the international committee in order to implement the decisions taken and lead the projects presented and accepted by the delegates and the international committee.

4.2. No more distinction between International Executive Conference (IEC) and World Congress (WC):

Annual IPA international meetings were characterised as follows up to now: A World Congress would take place every 3 years, where motions to allow changes to the Statute could be brought forward and elections took place. IEC conferences were the annual conferences organised between each World Congress. At an IEC conference, motions proposed could only affect certain types of IPA documents.

Convinced that the current system is not flexible enough anymore in a world marked by constant change, the international committee proposed to simplify this system by naming each yearly IPA conference '**IPA World Congress**', thus allowing the delegates to vote on any IPA issue every year, no matter whether a decision concerns the Statute or any other IPA document. Elections would take place every 4

years. This would lead to more efficiency and speed up and improve processes within the IPA by trusting the delegates to have the capacity, each year, to take the right decisions for the association, no matter which type of document is concerned. This motion was accepted by the delegates and will become effective from 2016. By adding the numbers of the IEC conferences and World Congresses, New Zealand will then organise the 61st IPA World Congress. As a reminder, here are the locations of the next IPA World Congresses:

2015 : XXIst World Congress in Cyprus with international elections

2016 : 61st IPA World Congress in New Zealand

2017 : 62nd IPA World Congress in Bulgaria

2018 : 63rd IPA World Congress in the Netherlands

2019 : 64th IPA World Congress in Swaziland with international elections

2020 : 65th IPA World Congress in Spain

2021 : 66th IPA World Congress in the USA

4.3 Term as International President:

The PEB proposed to limit the mandate of the IPA International President to 2 terms. The delegates rejected this proposal.

4.4 Position on the international committee:

The motion recommended that anyone elected onto the international committee should step down from any official position on their national board. This would act as a safeguard for neutrality and also allow enough time for committee members to work on IPA members. The delegates rejected this motion.

4.5 Candidature for a position on the international committee:

In the past, candidates were able to apply for several positions on the international committee. This will not be possible anymore from now on. The international committee considered it as important that **candidates can only apply for one position**, with a clear job description attached to the post, thus aiming to find the 'right person for the right job'. As the delegates accepted this motion, candidates interested in a position on the international committee will from now on only be able to apply for one position.

4.6 Change the name of the Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB):

This motion proposed to adopt a more modern and accurate name for the international committee, as the words 'Permanent' and 'Bureau' were not regarded as appropriate anymore in relation to international standards. The delegates accepted the proposed motion, adopting the new name '**International Executive Board**' (**IEB**), which will from now on replace the name 'PEB'.

4.7 Hierarchy of the IPA documents:

The delegates accepted the motion to define a new 3-tier system for IPA documents:

1. Statute (including the fundamentals of the IPA)
2. Rules
3. Procedure document (a single document)

This structure will **simplify our documents** as well as present them in a more logical order. The IEB will work hard over the coming year in order to present this new project to the World Congress in Cyprus for final adoption.

4.8 Entry into force of motions:

A slight change to the current regulations was adopted, enabling whoever presents a motion to determine when the entry into force should take place, if needed at a later date than the end of the conference.

4.9 Review of the Timetable:

The delegates adopted this motion which defined a new timetable leading up to the annual IPA World Congress. This new timetable enables the IEB as well as the sections and delegates to deal with all congress documents in a reasonable timeframe. In addition, it lists all compulsory reports which should be presented at each congress and allows the **possibility to present 'urgent motions'** if necessary.

4.10 Commission members:

A change to commission member selection was proposed so that each commission chairman will be able to choose their members according to the projects they plan to develop. Commission members will not be permanent anymore. The main aim is to develop projects based on a mid-term strategy and to **choose the commission members according to the skills for the developed projects**. This change will take effect from the World Congress in Cyprus.

4.11 Re-assignment of the International Internal Commission (IIC) tasks:

The delegates adopted the motion to **re-assign the tasks of the IIC within the IEB**. It was considered that the current working method of the IIC was not well defined and the required tasks could be fulfilled more efficiently by a sub-committee of the IEB before being analysed by the whole IEB ahead of being placed on the IPA World Congress agenda for the delegates to decide.

4.12 New structure of the IEB

The IEB regarded this as the most important motion of the project 'IPA Tomorrow'. **All positions of the IEB have been reviewed** and provided with job descriptions. The aim of this review was to ensure that each IEB member is assigned a main task. In addition, it was also proposed **to merge the international social and the**

international cultural commissions into one commission. As a consequence, at the next elections in Cyprus in 2015, the delegates will elect the:

- President
- Chairman of the External Relations Commission (ERC)
- Chairman of the International Social and Cultural Commission (ISCC)
- Chairman of the International Professional Commission (IPC)
- Secretary General
- Head of Administration
- Treasurer Finances
- Treasurer Social Affairs

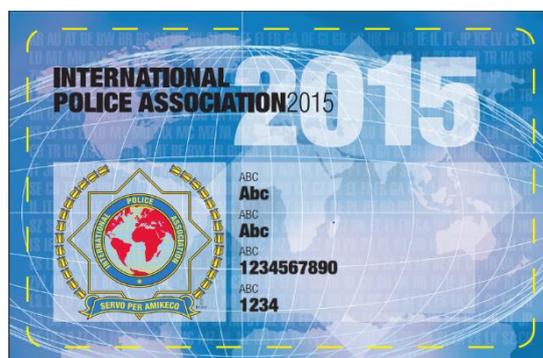
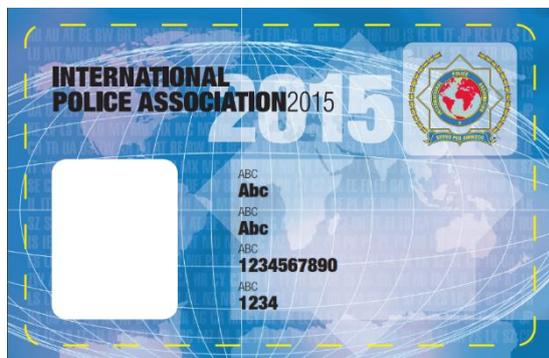
The delegates accepted this motion after the clarification that a vice-president would also be elected. They agreed with the proposal of the IEB that following the election of the 8 members of the IEB, the **vice-president would be elected from the 3 commission chairmen in a further election round.**

To summarise:

The IEB is convinced that all decisions taken will allow both the international board as well as the delegates to work in a more effective and professional manner, for the good of the association.

5 Membership Card

This topic has been discussed for more than 50 years. The delegates decided to adopt a **single annual IPA membership card for all sections**, starting in 2016, either with or without a photo. Many sections already use this type of card. Please see below an example of the two options for the membership card.



6 Symposium 'Olympic spirit and IPA in the city of Ancient Olympia'

This motion was presented by section Greece and proposed an international symposium in the city of Ancient Olympia, Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. The purpose is to create **an IPA Olympic Movement** and enable our members to take part in the lighting of the Olympic Flame. Delegates accepted this motion, including the financial contribution requested from the International Treasury, with the amendment that a review would take place after the first international symposium, before committing to such a symposium every 4 years.

Further information will be circulated to all sections at a later date.

7 Changes to the IPA House Rules

A motion by IPA Germany, proposing a **change to the Directive for IPA Houses** enabling not only sections but also its subdivisions to be responsible for IPA houses, passed. The amended version of the Directive will soon be circulated to all sections.

8 International Youth Gathering 2017 in South Africa

The delegates unanimously agreed with the proposal of IPA section **South Africa to host the IYG 2017**. International Youth Gatherings provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for those teenagers chosen to participate. I take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming IYG's:

2015: Spain [YIG 2015](#)

2016: USA [YIG 2016](#)

9 Young Police Officers Seminar 2015

This event will take place from **19-21 July 2015 in Poland**, in the Police Training Centre in Legionowo. At the time of writing this review, there were still places available. If you are interested in participating in this event, please liaise with your national section. [YPOS 2015 Poland](#)

10 Motions which were not carried

Many motions put forward by sections were not carried during the conference. These motions mainly referred to the wording of articles of IPA documents. As part of the IEB review of all IPA documents (see 4.7 Hierarchy of the IPA documents above), we will make sure to take these proposals into account in order to provide the IPA with clear articles and accurate wording.

11 Finances

The finances of the association remain healthy, although we closed the 2013 accounts with a loss. For the future, it was agreed to work on a mid-term financial plan that will ensure a balanced budget, bearing in mind that costs can vary from one year to another, especially due to the varied locations of the IPA World Congresses.

The international levy remains the same for 2015, namely 1.65 EUR per member.

12 Gimborn



Peter Newels, Chairman of the board of IBZ Gimborn gave a review of the training centre. Our main concern remains the low attendance levels of IPA members and the cancellation of seminars. Gimborn is working hard to develop its seminar programme and adjust it to IPA demand.

As mentioned in the IPA Newsletter for September 2014, the former director of IBZ Gimborn, Gabriele Bischoff, left her position for a new professional

challenge. A certificate of merit was handed to Peter Newels to pass on to Gabriele, in recognition of her efforts in promoting IBZ Gimborn and for her cooperation with the IPA.

Mr. Newels took the opportunity to introduce the **new Director of Gimborn, René Kauffmann**, who will start his new job on 1 October 2014. I would like to wish him good luck, and we will have the chance to present him in a future edition of our Newsletter.

13 Special Recognitions

Certificates were handed to sections IPA Argentina and IPA Malta who are both celebrating 50 years of affiliation this year.

Hugh Brien was awarded the IPA Silver Medal for his outstanding services as member of the External Relations Commission (ERC). Unfortunately, Hugh had to leave the ERC for personal reasons.

Two certificates of merit were given to Pierre Suszeck from Section France and Felicitas Gygli from Section Switzerland for their outstanding involvement in the IPA. Thank you to both of them for their great support of our association.

Kevin Gordon, President of IPA section USA, also received a certificate of merit for his outstanding contribution in producing the IPA movie, which is available as a promotion tool for our association. We remind you that this movie is available in the 4 official IPA languages. www.ipa-iac.org/movie/en



CONCLUSION

We had an eventful and productive conference. A large amount of work was achieved, opening the door to a very exciting year to come requiring a huge effort from the IEB in order to implement the decisions taken.

Thank you to all delegates for the positive atmosphere and the trust you place in the IEB, thank you to all my colleagues on the IEB for their team spirit and the work both already achieved and yet to come and a big thank you to Elke as well as Lesley and Kerry at the IAC for their constant and precious help and dedication.

May our friendship always guide our steps and may our association always be safe and prosperous.

Best wishes to you all

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin, International President

IPA Photographic Competition



Paul Visser of the ICC, together with a panel of judges, chaired by Bruce Hutton reviewed the 386 images submitted by IPA members across the world. Bruce said that the quality of entries was extremely high and the panel had a difficult job selecting the winners.

The overall winner was David Idan of Israel. The photojournalism winner was Adar Yaholom.

In the open category, the winner was Arturas Barkus from Lithuania, who also took second place. Third place went to Andrew Walker of the UK and he received a merit for a further photo. Catherine Webster of the UK and Orlandus Butkus of Lithuania also received merits.

In the police category, Aapo Hillman of Finland was the winner, with second place going to Sebastian Cichocki of Poland and third place to Andrea Quattrini of Switzerland. Merits were awarded to Erolino Rainaldi of Italy and Seppo Auvinen of Finland.

Paul and I wish to thank Bruce and his panel of judges and all the IPA members who submitted their entries to the competition.

We are hoping to publish more photos from the photographic competition in future Newsletters and also to provide a link when available.

Stephen Crockard, Chairman ICC

Web Awards

Patric Louis of the ICC reviewed and assessed the IPA national websites around the world, looking for ease of use, information provided, members' areas and clarity of layout. There were a couple of new additions and some sites were assessed as worthy of higher awards this year.



Bronze Award winners:

Austria, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Kenya, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine.

Silver Award winners:

Cyprus, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, Sweden and USA.

Gold Award winners:

Australia, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Patric and I thank the webmasters of the national sites for their fine work to improve the service being offered to their members.

Stephen Crockard, Chairman ICC

IPA Sports Trophy for 2014



This year we awarded the IPA sports trophy for 2013 to section Romania.

The ISC report for 2013 was shorter and concentrated on the major activities of IPA. The first and major aspect of all sections are social activities, followed by sports.

Sports is part of our training and a major activity in all police forces.

Last year, the ISC proposed a new formula for evaluating the achievements of the sections in sports activities. Until last year, the sports trophy was granted each year to a big section because usually the big sections organise more activities.

What about smaller sections, however, which are doing excellent work? The new formula examined the number of members in relation to the number of events and the amount of activity. As a result, section Lithuania was awarded the sports trophy for 2012.

In 2013, IPA Romania organised 324 sports events with 23 750 participants. A lot of activity, but also a big section.

Our message to all sections was simple: excellence is not only dependent on the size of the section. In the case of Romania, despite the egalitarian formula used, they were simply the best and we congratulate them!

Gal Sharon, Chairman ISC

The IEC conference 2014 as seen through the eyes of the IPA Guinness Forum

You may recall that the IPA Guinness Forum was founded at the IEC Conference in Copenhagen in 2013. Back then our International President Pierre-Martin Moulin spoke about *IPA Tomorrow* and the *Road to Potsdam*. Well we've travelled that road, and on the 2nd of September 2014 IPA delegates, observers and guests from all parts of the world met in Potsdam, Germany for the 39th IEC Conference. The IPA Guinness Forum was also strongly represented with most of its founding members turning out in esteemed fashion.

The opening ceremony was held at the majestic *Orangerie* and the array of police uniforms looked stunning under the autumn blue sky. Our International President gave a gripping opening speech capturing the minds and souls of everyone with his inspirational vision.



Scattered throughout the conference hall the IPA Guinness Forum members were perfectly poised to see history in the making. With many interesting motions on the agenda restlessness infused the conference hall. One by one the motions were voted upon, which in turn brought about many structural changes. Electronic voting proved to be a big winner and it all added to the excitement.



The IPA Guinness Forum fulfilled their promise to award every delegate and observer with an IPA Guinness Forum Challenge Coin. The coins proved very popular and added an extra social dimension to the week. It's the intention of the Guinness Forum to issue a different colour challenge coin at each annual

IEC/WC and all the proceeds will go to the nominated charity of the host section. This year all donations were given to the Consortium for Street Children. Three new Sections joined IPA this year, and of course they were presented with coins, so feel free to challenge them. For more information about the IPA Guinness Forum and its Challenge Coins please visit our web page www.ipagf.org or join the Facebook Group page:

 [IPA Guinness Forum.](https://www.facebook.com/IPAGuinnessForum)

IPA Germany were terrific hosts, and put on a very commendable performance. They should be credited for all their efforts and service to IPA. Lots of fun was had on board the cruise ship on *Templiner See* where good food; low bridges; challenge coins; an amazing sunset and fireworks were only some of the highlights. The tour of Berlin City was fascinating, with the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie proving very popular. *Danke* Germany.



Finally, they say that Tomorrow never comes; but I suggest it has. IPA Tomorrow is here; it's here Today and with the vision, commitment and courage shown by everyone at this year's conference it's here to stay.

Servo per Amikeco.

Your Guinness Forum Team

AROUND THE WORLD

IEC Conference 2014 on TV



Please have a look at Eran Israel's videos on Israeli TV, featuring the recent IEC Conference in Potsdam, the last meeting of the International Social Commission in Brussels plus further events:

<http://youtu.be/wNWbbTQEEC0>

In addition, you will find a greeting for the Jewish New Year:

<http://youtu.be/vj3CeWO31ac>

You do not have to be a Hebrew speaker to enjoy watching these.

Eran, Secretary General of IPA Israel, is known for his effort and dedication in producing videos covering IPA events and bringing IPA to the attention of a wider audience.

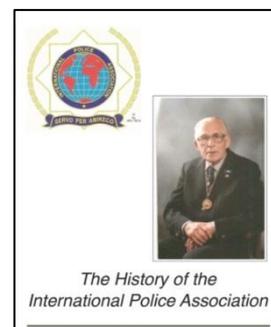
Thank you Eran!

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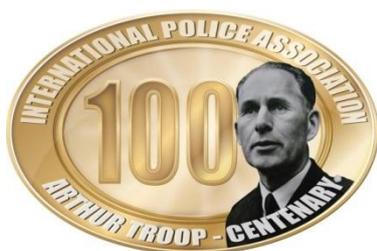
Following the IEC 2014 conference in Potsdam, the IPA International History document, created last year, has now been updated and includes the new IPA sections. Containing a wealth of information on all sections, conference locations and international board members over the years, it is available for downloading from the IPA USA website at:

www.ipa-usa.org/IPA

Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA



Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations



Time flies, and before we know it, the celebrations for Arthur Troop's 100th Birthday will begin!

Here is a reminder of all events planned so far:

The festivities will start off with **IPA Greece** who have organised a weekend of celebrations in Kalavryta from 28-30 November 2014 including sightseeing and a gala dinner. Details can be found at: [AT Celebrations Greece](#)

IPA Hungary has also prepared to celebrate Arthur Troop's birthday. This event runs from 12-14 December and includes a stay in Budapest and a trip to the Arthur Troop Statue in Jászszentandrás. Further information can be seen at: [AT Celebrations Hungary](#)

Last, but not least, Arthur Troop's 100th birthday will be celebrated in his home country. **Section UK's** Arthur Troop Centenary Weekend will also take place from 12-14 December 2014 and invites visitors to come to the Arthur Troop House in Nottingham, take a trip to Lincoln and enjoy a gala dinner. Details can be found at: [AT Celebrations UK](#)

We wish everyone attending these events a wonderful time, and I look forward to seeing many of you here in Nottingham in December!

Elke Schülpen-Roberts, IAC Office Manager

OBITUARY HOWARD ROGERS

IPA Section USA is sad to report the death of Howard E. Rogers. Howard, 83, died Thursday 11 September 2014, at his home in Springfield, Illinois. Howard was a life member of the IPA, a founding member of US Region 22 and was elected and served as both US Secretary General (1986-1988) and as US President (1992-1997). He represented IPA USA at international IPA meetings in London, Vienna, Luxembourg and Rio de Janeiro. At the World Congress in Luxembourg, Howard nominated Russia for membership in the organization, and was very proud of this.



Howard lost his beloved wife Margaret 5 years ago. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, and during his 25-year tenure with the Springfield Police Department, he served as patrolman, Sergeant and Chief of Police.

Howard had many friends around the world and will be sadly missed.

Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

IPA Wristband supporting the Consortium for Streetchildren's International Day for Streetchildren

The IPC initiative during the IEC conference in Potsdam to survey the feasibility of worldwide support for the Consortium for Streetchildren (CSC) by selling wristbands has been a great success: not only did sections, delegates and guests buy 500 wristbands within 2 days, but we also received unexpected funding from the IPA Guinness Forum, who donated all contributions from the challenge coins. Thank you!



A total of 665 € has therefore been transferred to the International Treasury. The IEB, together with the CSC, will decide what specific purpose the funds will be used for when the current initiative has ended.

For now, the focus is to highlight 12 April as the 'International Day for Streetchildren' throughout our IPA family around the world. We sincerely hope that all sections will do their best to buy wristbands for their members from us to then distribute or sell them on in order to create more awareness for this special day.

It would be fantastic if – altogether – we could sell 20 000 wristbands, reflecting approximately 5% of our membership figures!

We will send order forms to all sections within the next weeks. A temporary bank account, IPA-CSC-WB, has been set up. Further details will be sent to you with the order forms. The IT will be kept informed of all orders.

All sections ordering wristbands will be invited to send in a photograph of uniformed officers wearing wristbands. All of these photos will be gathered and displayed on special pop-ups during the next World Congress in Cyprus.

We hope that the IPA family will unite in showing a strong support to CSC!

Kees Sal, Chairman IPC

Congratulations to the Arthur Troop Scholars of 2015!

We would like to congratulate the following awardees of the 2015 Arthur Troop Scholarship:

<u>Awardee:</u>	<u>Section:</u>
Daniel McDonald	Australia
Carlos Peral Reguera	Spain
Joakim Olsson	Sweden
Kevin McGinnis	USA
James Clover	Canada
M.A. Mcaba	South Africa
Edward Hancox	UK
Mick Daly	Ireland
Paul Fremaux	New Zealand
Laura Zalaskiene	Lithuania
U.D.Jayaratne	Sri Lanka
Flora Ting Sau-chi	Hong Kong



During the IEC conference in Potsdam, I expressed the IPC's surprise and disappointment regarding the lack of interest from our members to apply for an Arthur Troop Scholarship. Receiving only 28 applications from 420 000 members and 66 sections leads to the question whether the scholarship is effective in its current format.

We will be discussing this issue at our IPC meeting next year and are therefore asking all sections now to send any suggestions and ideas to improve the use of the 25 000 € funding for the Arthur Troop Scholarship to me at cjas@kpnmail.nl.

Kees Sal, IPC Chairman

LAST WORD

September 2014 for me has more or less entirely been taken up by Potsdam: attending the conference, writing the minutes for the IEB meetings and preparing this Newsletter.

When thinking about my own personal highlights of the IEC conference, I do not want to repeat what has already been written so aptly in the various articles of this Newsletter.



I like to be inspired! And what inspired and impressed me most in Potsdam was our team of interpreters! Right from the opening ceremony at the beginning, they showed true class and professionalism: Peter, with just a little notepad and pen out in front of everybody, certainly rose to the occasion and interpreted several speeches in the most inspiring fashion.

During the rest of the conference, there was not a moment when I was not left with a feeling of awe: interpreting, when the speakers out in front are not native speakers or when the debate becomes heated, must be a challenge. More than once, I was tempted to play around with my headset and listen to the soothing voices of all the interpreters in turn, rather than just sticking to the English or German versions :-)



The interpreters did not just inspire me on a professional level - their friendliness is second to none, and it was a real pleasure for me to spend time with them in the evenings.

Last, but not least, all of them are happy to lend a helping hand as well - whereas Peter left me speechless at the beginning of the conference, it was Sherazade who saved my day towards the end: after I had managed to spill some red wine over me, she literally

threw a whole glass of white wine all over my dress to get the stain out! Freezing cold, but it did the job! So I can put my favourite dress back in my wardrobe, ready to be packed again for next year's congress in Cyprus!

So an enormous thank you to Viviane and her team of interpreters: Karin, Monica, Sherazade, Sarah, Irene, Alexander, Vladislav and Peter!

Thanks for your professionalism, thanks for your help, but most of all thanks for your friendship!

You are a true inspiration and I cannot wait to see you all again next year!

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
Greece	1-5 Oct 2014	First Int'l Women's Seminar, Crete
USA	4-11 Oct 2014	Nat. Delegate Conference and IPA FSW
Italy	4-5 Oct 2015	50 th Anniversary Piedmont
Netherlands	6-10 Oct 2014	32 nd World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament
Bulgaria	9-12 Oct 2014	2 nd Black Sea Regional Conference, Rojen R.
Australia	23-26 Oct 2014	50 th Anniversary, AGM and 3-day cruise
Slovenia	24-26 Oct 2014	National Congress, Portorož
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
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
Malta	23-28 April 2015	Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition (re-scheduled)
Austria	8-10 May 2015	30 th Anniversary Villach
Germany	14-17 May 2015	60 th Anniversary IPA Berlin
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

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Date	Seminar	Language
20-24 Oct 2014	Umgang mit Opfern von Kriminalität und Verkehrsunfällen Engaging with Victims of Crime and Traffic Accidents	E and G
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