



IAC Newsletter

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‘Armenia joins the IPA Family’



Presentation of the Certificate of Affiliation to the President of IPA Armenia, Grigor Sargsyan

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Of all the events that mark the life of the IPA, the affiliation of a new section remains a very special and important moment. First of all for the section itself, as full membership is granted at the end of a process involving several stages of approval. It is the moment of 'lift off', providing the opportunity to develop the section and foster its characteristic activities, enabling it to grow and gain recognition from various national and international authorities.

It is also the moment of glory for the sponsor section, and the feeling of having fulfilled their role. The commitment as well as the follow-up is enormous. The mentoring ends. The bonds that were established remain solid, and the wonderful story of friendship continues.

But it is also a celebration for the whole IPA family, as a new section symbolises the development of the entire association, the injection of new blood, new ideas and maybe different visions; a motivation providing a welcome dynamic, a new country with its own traditions, history, roots and cultural wealth.

I am therefore particularly pleased to know that several countries are following in Armenia's footsteps and will shortly also become affiliated after the approval stages. Likewise, I am delighted that several 'new' countries have approached us and are motivated to join the IPA ranks.

A warm welcome to Armenia and all aspiring IPA countries!

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre

38th IEC CONFERENCE REPORT

For 3 days in September, IPA Delegates and Observers gathered in Copenhagen for the 38th IEC conference. I would like to say a big thank you to our Danish colleagues in particular for facilitating the conference sessions, as everything ran like clockwork.

I am certain that all delegates have already reported back concerning the main topics of the conference, but I would now like to take the opportunity to provide you with a résumé and give you a taste of what was discussed and achieved.

1. ADMINISTRATION



For the first time in IPA history, the conference was interpreted into 5 languages, as we added **Russian as a conference language**. This proved to be a very positive move since it facilitated the communication with several countries enormously. A big thank you goes to Viviane, our head interpreter, for providing the services of two brilliant gentlemen for this task.

The **agenda was quite a challenge** since we aimed to cover close to 100 different items listed under 27 agenda points! I would like to thank all Delegates for their understanding as I had to extend the conference sessions on all 3 days in order to make sure we would finish the agenda.

And we did!

The **electronic voting system** was tested for the first time. Since it was necessary to pass two motions regarding this topic, we could only use the electronic voting system for demonstration purposes at this conference. But everyone noticed how easy, effective and fast it is and as the two motions were carried, the electronic voting system will be used at the next IEC conference.

2. REPORTS



My report was a **call for change**.

I started by presenting the situation of the IPA at an international level, as I see it after 9 years as IT followed by 1 year as IP. I came to the conclusion that while the foundations of the IPA house - its fundamentals - must stay and remain preserved as they are, the working tools and methods need to be seriously refreshed.

Nowadays a fast response time is important, and the structure of the IPA needs to be modernised in order to gain in efficiency and logic as far as the working methods are concerned.

I identified **4 areas** where we can bring about changes that will help to define a better vision and working strategy for the future, namely: the **structure** of the international bodies (PEB - IEC - Commissions), **communication**, **documents** and **working processes**. If we want to introduce some of these changes in a suitable time frame, we should be able to come to the next World Congress in 2015 with some decisions already taken. The only way to bring changes before the next elections will be to hold an extraordinary world congress where motions regarding the International Statute could be presented. I therefore asked all sections if they agreed to give the PEB the mandate to come up with some concrete proposals in Germany next year, to call for an extraordinary world congress that would take place sometime during the next IEC conference.

According to the Statute, this can be done if a written proposal to this effect is submitted to the PEB by at least half of all sections. A signature list was circulated among the delegates for that purpose, and 47 sections agreed that an **extraordinary world congress will be opened during the 2014 IEC conference**.

In the meantime, the PEB will work on concrete proposals. All sections will be kept informed of the progress regarding this project. I take this opportunity to address those of you who still are criticising this procedure by reminding everybody that any proposal will be submitted to the delegates for their final decision. Therefore I invite everyone to be positive and to wait for the information that will be circulated to all. Once again, the final word of any change will be placed in the hands of the supreme body, namely the delegates!

All of **my colleagues on the PEB gave excellent reports** about their activities and I seize this opportunity to thank them for their work and dedication to our association. The positions they have are not always easy, and working as a team is still a tough task, but the spirit is positive and all of the multiple projects are well looked after.

In addition to the commission chairmen's reports, we were able to listen to **many commission members who came on stage** in order to explain the projects they are working on. It would take too long to name and summarise all activities, but I would like to invite you to refer to the web pages of each commission in order to follow their work and learn more about what the commissions do. It can give you ideas, but you might also have a suggestion for the chairman on a certain topic or field. Your input is always welcome.

The **secretariat report** illustrated the great work done in co-operation with the IAC staff and the webmaster. It also gave a summary of the IPA's development in different areas of the world.

I am pleased to say that our **finances are healthy** and that both treasurers are working hard in order to keep our IPA house safe. I know that they will continue to do their best to assist all projects and sections, without increasing the levy, as decided during the IEC.

3. SECTIONS' PRESENTATIONS



Based on the idea of "best practice", all sections were invited to present a project, an idea that could be of use for other sections regarding the development of the association. Many delegates came on stage and gave inspiring presentations:

Austria gave an overview of the social activities of the section; **Croatia** presented professional brochures they produced; **France** introduced a PowerPoint presentation which can be used for communication and development; **Greece** spoke about the Athens classical marathon; **Ireland** presented an application they developed for iPhones; **Israel** showed everybody the movie they have produced about the World Congress 2012 and the Friendship Week.

Luxembourg explained the 'Cool and Safe' project; the **Netherlands** talked about a book on Cybercrime and Digitization and unique IPA stamps to celebrate their 60th anniversary as well as about the Dutch IPA webshop; **Pakistan** presented a project they are currently developing regarding a hospital for children and their intention to name one part of the hospital after Arthur Troop.

The **USA** presented three projects: the first of which was a professional recruitment movie, very well done. Following a PEB decision, it will now be translated into the four IPA languages with the help of Kevin Gordon and the production company, and will be available for all sections as a promotional tool for development and communication. This movie is already available in English. Further USA projects presented were promotional rack cards and a document on IPA's history, in .pdf format.

Regarding all these projects, rather than cover them in detail, I invite you to contact the relevant sections directly in order to obtain further information.

4. OTHER PRESENTATIONS



Our conference was also enriched by external presentations:

The first presentation had been proposed by the International Professional Commission and introduced the **CoPPra project**, covering community policing training, helping the police to cope with radicalisation and extremism. The main idea is to train the police working in the community so that they can identify specific behaviour or signs related to extremism. A seminar will be organised on this topic in Gimborn for next year or for 2015. For more information, please contact Kees Sal, chairman of the IPC.

Louise Meincke, advocacy director of the **Consortium for Street Children (CSC)**, gave the second presentation. She emphasised the role and perception of the police in a world where around 100 million children live in the streets.

CSC intends to establish an International Day for Street Children recognised by the UN in order to gain a better recognition by the authorities and facilitate concrete measures that would help to ease the situation. At the same time, the IPA could help CSC and become an official partner in some of their actions, especially by helping CSC in the different seats of the UN where the ERC is present, and also by updating a manual teaching policemen how to act and behave with street children. More information will be given concerning this project at a later stage.

5. MOTIONS



Both the PEB and sections presented a list of motions for the attention and the vote of the Delegates.

6 motions from the PEB were carried. They concerned the suspension of section Gabon, the adoption of the electronic voting system, an amendment to the Directive for the Foundation & Affiliation of National Sections to include the requirement for the Sponsor Section to send 6-monthly reports, to fix the international levy in Euros from 2014 and a few changes to the procedure of the Arthur Troop Scholarship. I take this opportunity to remind you all to make publicity for this programme which gives the chance to many candidates every year to attend a seminar of their choice with substantial financial support from the International Treasury. For further details, please contact the IPC Chairman, Kees Sal.

10 motions were presented by the sections, however two were withdrawn. One by section **Germany**, regarding the Protection of the emblems of IPA. It was withdrawn since the PEB is taking the necessary action in order to protect our emblems. More details will be given about this in a further newsletter. The other motion withdrawn originated from **Greece** who intended to promote the IPA by introducing an international symposium with the title of 'Olympic spirit and IPA in the city of ancient Olympia', starting in 2016. As not all details had been finalised, we agreed for Greece to represent this motion next year, when they will be able to provide us with full details.

Here are the remaining 8 motions:

- **Belgium** asking to support the European Police and Fire Games 2014: motion carried
- **Cyprus** asking for a reduction of the international levy: motion not carried
- **France** proposing an amendment to the Directive for International Commissions in order to reassign some areas of responsibility: motion not carried. The PEB will look into this for the next term.
- **Greece** asking for support for the 1st World Seminar for Women Police Officers, planned for next year and covering the conditions female police officers face in their police work: motion carried
- **Greece** proposing a resolution for World Peace to be adopted by the IPA: motion carried. The ERC will propose a final resolution to be agreed by the PEB before it will be adopted.
- **Israel** requesting that a limit of 800 Euros per participant in a double room is added to the advice document for hosting conferences: motion carried. Section Israel added that if this limit cannot be achieved, justification must be presented to the Delegates. For the 2 coming conferences in Germany and Cyprus, where prices have already been accepted and signed, this motion will not apply.
- **Poland** presented a request to organise the next Young Police Officers Seminar in 2015 and requested to be supported financially by the International Treasury: motion carried
- **Swaziland** proposed to organise an IPA cultural diversity festival in 2014 and asked for financial support: motion carried

6. AFFILIATION



Armenia was affiliated. I refer to my Introduction in the Newsletter about this, but thanks again to Armenia for their excellent work, and good luck for the future.

7. SUSPENSION

Unfortunately one section was suspended: **Gabon**. We have not heard from our friends for a long time now, despite our efforts to keep in contact with them.

In order to comply with the IPA Statute and Rules, we had no other choice. We now hope that Gabon will take the opportunity during the coming year to re-affirm their ties with the IPA, with the support of their sponsor section, so that we can lift the suspension.



8. GIMBORN



Peter Newels and Gabrielle Bischoff gave a presentation on Gimborn.

We are concerned about the decrease in participants and – together with the board of IBZ Gimborn – we must find ways to raise the awareness of Gimborn within the IPA world and increase participation numbers of IPA members. For further information, I invite you to circulate IBZ Gimborn's report which you received before the IEC conference.

9. FUTURE IEC CONFERENCES AND WORLD CONGRESSES



Everything looks good for the next two conferences in **Germany** in **2014** and **Cyprus** in **2015**. The delegates of both sections gave a short presentation, and we can only invite as many friends as possible to join these great IPA annual gatherings.

Many sections announced their interest in organising future IEC conferences and World Congresses. Motions were received and carried. A secret vote was taken for 2018 as we had two candidates, Turkey and the Netherlands. The Netherlands received the most votes. Thanks to our friends from Turkey for their fair-play, and I am sure that they will find many other great ideas and projects to propose us to instead :-)

Here is the list of future conferences:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
New Zealand	Bulgaria	Netherlands	Swaziland	Spain	USA

Thanks to all of the above sections for taking on this big task, and you can be assured of everybody's support.

10. SPECIAL EVENTS

Many events could be listed here (and I apologise for not being able to mention them all. I would like to mention the three events which received awards:



Young Police Officers Seminar

The Young Police Officers Seminar 2013 took place in Australia and was a huge success. Thanks to our friends from IPA Australia. Two countries are already in line for the next two seminars:

- **Poland** who was officially chosen for 2015 with a motion carried during the conference
- **Canada** presented a letter of intention for organising the YPOS in 2017.

This project is running well. I can only invite sections to send participants to attend the next YPOS. The seminars provide a great mixture of professional, social and cultural exchange for young police officers - in the true spirit of IPA.

World Police and Fire Games

The World Police and Fire Games 2013 took place in Northern Ireland. IPA was an official sponsor of the Games and a huge amount of work was done by sections UK and Ireland in order to promote the IPA at the Games. Our involvement is 'a first', since no police association has ever been an official sponsor of this great event. Many IPA members took part - not only to compete, but also to help as volunteers. A local committee of IPA members managed the bulk of the work. A **special thank you goes to Amanda and Mark** as well as **to Stephen and Dianne**, plus to all those that I cannot name personally but who did so much.

We need to carry on because sports and similar gatherings are for sure of interest to our sporty colleagues and a great opportunity to promote the IPA.

The delegates have accepted a motion that will help section Belgium who is organising the **European Police and Fire Games in Brussels** next year. An IPA challenge will take place during these Games with a good coverage for the IPA. Come and **participate in this event!**

In addition, Kevin Gordon, president of section USA, has accepted to act as liaison person between IPA and the organising committee of the next World Police and Fire Games in 2015 in Fairfax / Virginia. And we shall carry on afterwards with Canada and the Games 2017 in Montreal.

International Youth Gathering

Last but not least the International Youth Gathering 2013 took place in the summer in Switzerland. A great achievement for the Swiss section and especially for Monika Bader and her committee. More than 50 teenagers from all over the world discovered much of this small paradise and their feedback about the whole stay was very positive. **Thanks to our Swiss friends** and good luck to the next ones:

2014	2015	2016
France	Spain	USA

11. AWARDS



The sports trophy 2012 was awarded to **Lithuania**.

Hong Kong was the winner of the IPA video competition. Congratulations to all participants.

Website awards were given to many sections. It always is a pleasure to see the high quality of national websites: a very positive image for our association.

Congratulations to all!

12. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The conference also gave us the chance to award special recognitions. The first certificate was presented to **Michael Odysseos**. A moving moment to say thank you to such an IPA "monument", after so many years of dedication to the IPA including 12 years as International President and 1 as Advisor. We all know that Michael will always be around and be a valuable asset to the IPA.



Three national presidents who are stepping down from their positions received a special recognition: **Pilot Loots** from South Africa, **Eugène Thommes** from Luxembourg and **Arkadiusz Skrzypczak** from Poland. They all delivered a warm message to the audience which was very welcome, because we could all feel how strong the IPA was and will always be in their hearts.

Finally, we wanted to grant special recognition for long and outstanding dedication to the IPA to three members:

- **Charles Wright**: founder of section Canada and co-founder of section USA.
- **André Lanckriet**: a lifetime dedicated to IPA matters and still very active, from section Belgium.
- **David Moore**: well known in the whole IPA world for his dedication, his kindness and support. As David was present in Denmark, he was awarded his certificate during the gala dinner.

In addition, those sections who celebrated their **50th anniversaries** in 2013 were also awarded with a certificate, namely **Gibraltar**, **Iceland** and **Israel**.

Finally certificates were awarded to the **organising committee** of the IEC conference, consisting of: Michael Boolsen, Niels Henrik Bak, Svend Sandberg, Niels Erik Jensen, Jan Richter Henriksen and Finn Knudsen.

Conclusion



Chairing a conference is quite challenging, but I enjoyed it a lot. I would like to thank everyone for their great help and understanding. The debriefing we had with the PEB during and after the conference has shown us a few details that need to be corrected, in order to gain time and efficiency while still giving the floor to delegates wishing to speak.

As you will without doubt know, a lot more happened in Denmark apart from the actual conference: the conference is one thing, but it is everything surrounding the conference which makes this annual event such a great IPA gathering. I have tried to give you a review of the conference as complete as possible. If you need or wish to receive more details about any of the topics, please contact the IAC and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you to all. See you at the IEC 2014 in Potsdam next year!

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Pierre

AROUND THE WORLD

New ways of travelling with IPA Israel

After re-evaluating existing travel procedures, IPA Israel has developed a new strategy for travelling abroad in 2013. Travelling as part of a delegation is now open to all IPA Israel members and in this way, instead of 100 members per year, over 1300 friends in dozens of groups had the chance to venture abroad. Each IPA member was subsidised and received a gift card, allowing travel with a friend at a very low cost.

We chose 2 IPA sections as our main destinations for 2013: Malta and Romania. In each country, meetings with the local IPA sections and police were arranged, plus a reception with the President.

We sent a delegation of heads of departments from the Israeli police, 30 commanders, to Romania. They visited the police academy in Campina and the headquarters of the Braşov police. The Secretary General of IPA Romania escorted the delegation. More than 300 IPA Israel members were able to visit Romania with the help of this new programme.

In Malta, each delegation was welcomed by either the President or the Secretary General of the section, and the visits included a reception at the police headquarters in Valletta. Almost 500 IPA Israel members visited Malta this year.

Preliminary visits of NEC members from IPA Israel ensured the coordination of the receptions and accommodation for delegates.



Visit to Malta:

http://youtu.be/Cr1b_zenC2c



Visit to Romania:

<http://youtu.be/xQ-rN6OGqS0>

IPA Israel is also promoting a plan to build eight suites in a Tel Aviv policeman's house, which will enable individuals and groups accommodation at the standard of a luxury hotel in the heart of Tel Aviv. The project will be completed during the year and will upgrade the ability of section Israel to host individuals as well as groups.

We would like to thank our friends from IPA sections Romania and Malta for their hospitality and cooperation.

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel

IPA Israel national photo competition 2013

IPA Israel held a national photo competition in 2013. Photographers could enter in two categories: general photography and police photography. The winners were awarded in September.

Some of this year's winners had also received prizes in the last IPA international competition.



Photos from winners and runners-up from the national IPA Israel 2013 competition will be entered into the international IPA photo competition 2014.

Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel

International Internal Commission – Meeting in Edinburgh

During May 2013, the International Police Association's (IPA) International Secretary General George Katsaropoulos and his commission members travelled to Edinburgh from far and wide for their first meeting since the new commission was appointed at the World Congress at Eilat.



*International Internal Commission from left to right:
Denis Nadeau, Eugène Thommes, Georgios Katsaropoulos, Marjan
Prah-Podborski, Didier Martin and Humberto Garcia Gomez*

In providing his update on the Commission's work to the latest meeting of the International Executive Council at Copenhagen last month, George also congratulated his hosts for facilitating the meeting and providing the commission members and partners with a typically warm Scottish welcome.

"The weekend was a truly inclusive event involving all tiers of the IPA structure", reports Rod McNeil, Chair of the Lothian and Borders Branch who were responsible for making the arrangements including visits to Edinburgh Castle, a whisky distillery and to Roslin Chapel.

Rod added "While it took a bit of planning at relatively short notice, the local branch members pulled together to organise what I hope was a memorable weekend for everyone attending – the international commission members, local branch members, the chair of the Scottish region and the president and vice president of Section UK, and of course many partners.

As we say in Scotland, "Haste Ye Back".

Tom Crozier, President IPA UK

IPA Section UK President is Presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales



His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, jokes with Section UK National President Tom Crozier and Pauline Crozier after the 2013 National Police Memorial Day

Following the annual UK National Police Memorial Day service, which was held in St David's Hall, Cardiff, Wales, Tom Crozier, President of Section UK and his wife Pauline, met and chatted to HRH the Prince of Wales, eldest child and heir apparent to Queen Elizabeth II.

Tom was representing the IPA at the event, which honours police officers through the UK who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Recognising the place that the National Police Memorial Day has in the UK police calendar and wanting to mark the 10th anniversary of the

event in 2013, Section UK has helped raise the profile and raise funds to support the event. As a result, IPA was highlighted in a two page feature in the Order of Service and afforded the opportunity to make a presentation in front of an audience of bereaved families, invited guests, senior police officers and other dignitaries.

Section UK will be featuring a full article on the event in their magazine Police World, Edition 1, 2014.

Section UK commissioned a painting by Terry Flint for presentation to the event organiser. This will be reprinted and sold to raise funds for future Memorial Day Services.



Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager, IPA UK

IPA Austria at the IEC-Conference in Copenhagen



As 10 years had passed since the entire board of IPA Austria had attended the IEC conference in Norway, we were overjoyed at being able to bring all NEC members to the IEC conference 2013 in Copenhagen.

Arriving at the Hotel Belly Sky we were extremely impressed by the design of the building.

The opening ceremony took place in the congress centre and was accompanied by music from the Copenhagen police band. This was followed by the customary photo of all delegates and observers. The first conference session began after lunch.

Delegates from 60 countries attended. The keynote speech of the International President Pierre-Martin Moulin provided the main focus of the session when 'problematic areas' of the IPA were addressed in detail.

From my point of view it was crucial that these problems were not simply presented, but that the International President also indicated possible solutions, which culminated in a petition – signed in the end by 47 sections (!) – regarding an extraordinary congress during the IEC conference 2014 in Potsdam / Germany.

The city of Copenhagen had invited us for dinner and we were able to enjoy the well-known "Smørrebrød" as well as a delicious dessert in the town hall of Copenhagen.

The conference continued the next day. Visitors not involved in the conference session enjoyed a canal trip around the whole of Copenhagen lasting several hours. The mixture of modern and old residential as well as office buildings was especially memorable. Copenhagen really is an amazing city and well worth a visit.

After a delicious lunch we had spare time to explore Copenhagen by ourselves and decided to visit the city centre with its large and busy pedestrian area. We were especially interested in the watch retailers – to the detriment of our credit cards. The evening ended with a tasty dinner in our hotel – which by the way is the biggest in Scandinavia with 818 rooms!.

The conference continued the next day as many agenda points still had to be covered.

The visitors were able to enjoy Kronborg Castle in Helsingør – a guided tour provided us with more historical details of this interesting building.

We returned to our design hotel after a short excursion to the house of the Danish author Karen Blixen.

In the evening we were invited to the Headquarters of the Copenhagen Police and enjoyed hot dogs, beer and other drinks in the vast round inner courtyard. We were entertained by an all-female marching band performing show interludes and of course playing several pieces of music. A real treat for the eyes and ears of all IPA friends.

On Friday all agenda points had been covered, therefore on Saturday all participants of the conference were able to take part in a city tour of Copenhagen.

The day continued with a trip to the north of Copenhagen – we visited the IPA house „Arresødal” in Nordsjaelland and were treated to a variety of dishes and of course to excellent beer.

After the return to our hotel we had plenty of time to prepare for the gala evening in the congress centre. A speech by the president of the Danish section was followed by words of thanks and the presentation of certificates by the International President. Afterwards we all sat down to a delicious meal. We were then able to burn those calories dancing to the sound of music.



IPA Austria delegation at the IEC 2013 in Copenhagen

And so the IEC conference 2013 in Copenhagen ended and we flew back to Austria the next day.

We are left with many fabulous memories of an impressive country, the city of Copenhagen and numerous personal contacts with IPA friends from around the world. I hope it will not take another 10 years before I am able to take part in an IEC conference.

Servo per amikeco

Christof Egle, Treasurer IPA Austria

IPA Friendship Speeds up Recovery

Section UK thanks IPA friends from across the world who contacted IPA member Cliff Bryan after he suffered a stroke earlier in the year.



Cliff, a member of Section UK since 1987 suffered a stroke while holidaying in the US a number of months ago. After a few weeks in hospital in the US he was repatriated to England, but sadly suffered a further stroke after his return.

Cliff celebrated his 80th birthday on 17 September and following an email campaign, orchestrated by IPA USA President Kevin Gordon, he received well in excess of 50 cards from across the globe.

We are pleased to report that the kindness of members has lifted Cliff's spirits and his recovery is progressing.

Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK

IPA Macau receives a warm welcome at IAC

A party of 12 members from IPA Macau visited the UK after their attendance at the IEC in Copenhagen.

They were looked after in London by local IPA members including Sav Kyriakou, Steve Connor and Steve Gale and visited 10 Downing Street as well as the Houses of Parliament.

They then travelled to Nottingham to visit Arthur Troop House, where they were greeted by the staff and myself.



Gifts were exchanged with Anthony Ho Kam Tong Secretary General, in the presence of Marcus Au, Vice Secretary General and Claudino Cardoso das Neves, Public Relations Officer and the other visitors from Macau. The group toured the building and were given a short history talk. UK Secretary General Dave Taylor joined the group for a photo on the stairs.

Nottinghamshire IPA Branch chair, Gurmit Kaur looked after the group during their time in the city, which included visits to Nottingham Forest football club, Nottingham Castle, Police HQ and other places of interest. A fine dinner was attended by UK VP Mick Luke, other local IPA members, IAC staff members and myself.

The group from IPA Macau praised Gurmit, Sav and all the other IPA members who showed them friendship and kindness during their visit.

Stephen Crockard, Assistant International Secretary General

ON THE PEB TABLE

A proud moment – IPA Founding Meeting in Montenegro

It is always a joyous occasion when the IPA can assist aspiring sections in getting one step closer to becoming a fully affiliated IPA section. It was therefore a real pleasure for the International President, Pierre-Martin Moulin and myself to travel to Podgorica in Montenegro from 10-12 October 2013 in order to represent the PEB at the Founding Meeting in Montenegro.

Proceedings started with a meeting with the Minister of the Interior and the Chief of Police of Montenegro, during which the IP had the chance to promote the IPA. The Founding Meeting took place the same day and was attended by the president and members of the sponsor section Serbia as well as IPA Croatia, IPA Slovenia, Section in Foundation FYR Macedonia, representatives from the Albanian police forces, the Minister of the Interior and the Chief of Police of Montenegro plus the IP and ISG.

Following speeches and the dissemination of information about the IPA, Montenegro's national Statute and Rules were approved. This was followed by the election of the Founding Committee, which will be led by the President Vojislav Dragovic.



Section Serbia hands the IPA flag to the Montenegro Founding Committee



The newly elected President signs IPA documents

The Founding Meeting closed after the signing of the Declaration of Commitment to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well the Declaration of Conformity with the Directive for the Foundation and Affiliation of National sections. Both documents were signed by the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer of the elected Founding Committee.

As part of our visit to Montenegro, the new Founding Committee was advised on how to proceed from now on in order to become a fully affiliated IPA section.

Many thanks go to sponsor section Serbia for their continuous professional and friendly support leading up to this historic event. I am sure that with their assistance and advice, the Founding Committee of Montenegro will be able to promote further the IPA ideals throughout the country, and new regions will soon be established, leading to a significant increase in membership.

The Founding Meeting received wide media coverage, promoting the IPA in Montenegro.

Inspired by the event, the delegates from Albania expressed an interest in establishing an IPA section. The PEB representatives promised to support this initiative as it will boost our future IPA activities in the area.

Georgios Katsaropoulos, International Secretary General

LAST WORD

After such a long newsletter, we will keep the Last Word short – or ‘kurz und knapp’, as one of the PEB members would say.

For the majority of you, the IPA means first and foremost friendship.



An extraordinary act of friendship was shown this week: IPA Australia member Mel McMahon went into labour early, while in the UK. Without her husband Leigh at her side, she gave birth to a premature baby boy.

A couple of Facebook messages and emails later, IPA UK was at her side and lent a helping hand, advising Mel's husband on flights and accommodation. After visiting mother and son in hospital, IPA UK member David Moore was happy to report back to the IAC that everything is now well.

Congratulations from all of us to everyone involved!

Your IAC Team!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Section	Date	Event
Greece	10 Nov 2013	31 st Athens Classic Marathon
Monaco	23 Nov 2013	6 th Int'l Monte Carlo IPA Gala
USA	7-18 Dec 2013	Texas Friendship Cruise – Rome
USA	19-26 Jan 2014	Texas Friendship Cruise – New Orleans
USA	21-23 Jan 2014	1 st Annual Training Conference, Orlando
Austria	25 Jan – 1 Feb 2014	26 th IPA Ski-Week, Austria
New Zealand	9 Feb – 3 Mar 2014	IPA New Zealand Motorcycle Tour
USA	26-28 Feb 2014	1 st IPA Ann. Police 7's Soccer Ch., Florida
Germany	26 Feb – 4 Mar 2014	IPA Cologne Carnival Week
Poland	10-22 Mar 2014	"Gift of Youth" Sailing Ship Cruise
Canada	7-11 May 2014	25 th National AGM + FSW, Vancouver Island
Germany	29 May – 1 Jun 2014	IPA Coburg Branch 40 th Anniversary
Spain	12-15 Jun 2014	XII 7-a-side football tournament, Tarragona
Poland	26-29 Jun 2014	III Int'l Football Championships, Gdynia
Germany	4-13 Jul 2014	Friendship Week Selm-Bork
Sweden	23 Aug 2014	1 st IPA Int'l Cycle Tour
Germany	2-7 Sep 2014 7-13 Sep 2014	39 th IEC, Potsdam Friendship Week
USA	4-11 Oct 2014	Nat. Delegate Conference and IPA FSW
Malta	16-19 Oct 2014	Dynamic Ti-Gun Competition

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
11-15 Nov 2013	Islam und Islamismus – Geschichte und Kultur einer Weltreligion zwischen Alltag und Extremismus	G
25-29 Nov 2013	Vermisst! Das Phänomen von vermissten Personen in der heutigen europäischen Gesellschaft Missing! The phenomenon of missing people in modern European Society	G and E
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