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## Cheers to IPA Moldova!



Thank you to IPA Moldova  
for hosting the PEB Meeting in June 2014!

## WORD OF INTRODUCTION

I have had the honour and pleasure to make friends in all corners of the police world, since I joined the IPA in 1978. I have been involved at all levels of our Association and enjoyed looking after IPA visitors to my country and being looked after by IPA members in their countries. The last few weeks have been packed with such interactions. I was at the Section Ireland National Council Meeting and looked after by my long time friends in lovely Athlone. Last month, our friends in Mauritius took us into their hearts, including a visit to the home of the Secretary General, Poovan Yagambrun and his wife Vanida. We enjoyed a fine meal when joining the NEC and partners at a Pt Louis restaurant, and later we snorkelled in the Indian Ocean at an IPA family outing.



NEC member Ishak Mautbar took us to meet with Zim El Rey, a young officer who was left without the use of his legs following an on duty car crash, just two weeks after he finished his police training. His good humour and positive outlook on life was an inspiration. He stays fit playing wheelchair basketball.

Leaving Mauritius we moved to Swaziland, where we again feasted on the friendship of friends from six

IPA sections. Of course to take, you have to give and in 2 articles below, I relate the business side of our travels in the southern hemisphere. It may be a cliché, but it is true, the more you put into the IPA, the more you get from your membership of the greatest friendship association in the world.

**Stephen Crockard, AISG**

## AROUND THE WORLD

### “NEW” NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

**IPA Austria**



Dear Mr President Pierre-Martin Moulin, dear IPA Friends,

On 23 May 2014 I succeeded Werner Pail as president of IPA Austria. Werner led the section for the past 12 years in exemplary fashion, and it was his wish not to run for office again. It is a great honour, but also a big commitment and responsibility for me to head the Austrian section. I have been a police officer since 1981 and work at

the Landespolizeidirektion Tirol as assistant commandant of the city police and traffic officer in the city police of Innsbruck. In 2005 I became chairman of IPA Tirol and have been a member of the national board ever since. The IPA experience I have gained has shown me the importance of reinforcing the core idea and aim of “Servo per amikeco” amongst our members. For some, the idea of IPA only exists in a car sticker and a membership card – in my opinion, this is not enough.



I am looking forward to the tasks ahead on a national level, as well as to an active and constructive co-operation with the PEB.

Servo per amikeco

***Reinhard Moser, President IPA Austria***

**IPA Sri Lanka**



I am honoured to be re-elected as the President of the International Police Association Sri Lanka Section by the National Council of IPA Sri Lanka for the third year in succession.

IPA Sri Lanka was formed on 14th January 1974 and was officially recognized as a self-governing national section on 3rd September 1974 at the World Congress held in Graz, Austria. We have reached an important milestone of 40 years since formation and recognition of our section. We have organised the following events to celebrate this important event:



- An essay competition among the school children of police officers to promote IPA
- 6-a-side soft ball cricket tournament in 11 police ranges - IPA teams vs. police teams with a view to encourage police officers to join the IPA.
- Publish articles about the IPA in the newspapers to educate the public.
- International Friendship Tour in Sri Lanka from 6-15 November 2014 to coincide with the Dance of the Police Legends 2014 organized by the RSPOA on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, to foster better relationships with the IPA members of other countries and for them to enjoy our hospitality.

I am pleased that our section under my presidency had once again been successful in conducting activities of the IPA during the past year. I am thankful to the National Executive Committee and the National Secretary General for the untiring efforts taken by them in achieving the goals of the IPA.

The Sri Lankan section of the IPA has been represented at IEC and WC meetings since 1991, except in 2009. This no doubt continues to place Sri Lanka IPA on the world map.

I wish the International President and the members of the Permanent Executive Bureau the strength and courage to take the IPA world body to greater heights during their tenure of office.

"YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP"

***N.K. Illangakoon, President IPA Sri Lanka***

**IPA United Kingdom**



It is a great honour to be elected as President of Section UK.

For me, embracing change is right and difficult to ignore. At Section UK's National Council Meeting, delegates were asked to consider the next steps for our recruitment and retention strategy; this topic remains constantly high on the Section's agenda.



As President, my primary objectives are:

1. To achieve a balanced budget utilising finances for member activities.
2. Merge branches where needed in order to maintain identity and aim to have a foothold in each police area.
3. Recruit more members from the wider police family, increasing the overall member numbers ensuring we maximise retention.
4. Increase events and establish iconic events under the social, cultural and professional portfolios each year.
5. Identify a new KEY benefit for members each year.
6. Income generation – maximise the opportunities available.
7. Support our staff at Section UK's Administrative Centre on all matters to deliver what our members request of them.
8. Internationally, to maintain our strong links, sharing best practice and to be visible.

For the next three years I look forward to engaging with as many of you as I can.

***Mick Luke, President IPA United Kingdom***



## IPA Mauritius gives a warm welcome to AISG



In line with the PEB policy of offering closer support to sections, I visited IPA Mauritius on my way to Swaziland in May 2014. The Commissioner of Police kindly provided a police car and a driver, NEC member Ishak Mautbar, for our use during our visit. Ishak is an enthusiastic IPA member and was keen to show us the beauty of Mauritius.

I joined the Mauritius NEC at Police HQ for a full and useful exchange of views and information. There followed a meeting with the Commissioner of Police, Mr DI Rampersad and former IPA President, Mr Bruneau, Commissioner of Prisons. The Commissioner had been concerned about the IPA in the past, but noted it had been revived by Mr Bruneau and current President, Mr Outam Guiness. He welcomed the visit by a PEB member as an indication of the renewed status of the section.

I was then invited to make a presentation to senior and middle ranking officers at HQ. This was followed by a press conference, where local media inquired about the local and worldwide IPA. I presented the section with a pair of IPA flags.

I was delighted to be asked to present the ladies' prizes at the National Police Badminton Competition. NEC member Sharmila Goorye collected 2 golds.

Outam Guiness and his team took us to the races for a pleasant day and we met the senior officers running the policing operation.

We did of course enjoy the social side of our visit to Mauritius, and I shall post pictures of this aspect on the IAC Facebook page.



I can honestly say that IPA Mauritius is in safe hands and is growing in strength. I encourage IPA members to visit the island to make contact with the section, as they will be superb hosts. I wish to thank Outam Guiness and his team for all their hard work and their friendship. I especially thank Poovan Yagambrun and his wife Vanida for inviting us to their lovely home for dinner and Ishak Mautbar, who was our guide for the week.

**Stephen Crockard, AISG**

## IPA Swaziland hosts African Sections' Cultural Event



Alfred Mthethwa, Secretary General of IPA Swaziland, was the main organiser for this well attended event in Matsapha, Swaziland. Two full buses of IPA members came in from Lesotho and Botswana, only outnumbered by the local Swazi members. There were also members from South Africa, Mozambique and from distant Kenya. Mauritius, unable to attend, sent contributions of tea, rum

and information material on their island.

A major part of the event was a Consortium for Street Children Presentation. Natalie Turgut joined us for a full-day event, commencing with an introduction to the work of the charity, followed by 'What we mean by child rights'.

We then moved to workshop activities, which saw enthusiastic engagement by the delegates. The ICC members and Dianne Crockard assisted Natalie to facilitate the groups. Natalie declared herself pleased with the day's success and new contacts established for the consortium.



The local media were in attendance and I gave an interview for TV news.

Everyone enjoyed the ethnic food recipes produced by the six sections. There were delightful fish and meat dishes, stews, pulses and vegetables. For me the most interesting and indeed delicious items were the Mopane worms from Botswana.

The Cultural Event concluded with a gala night of music and dance from the six sections. Student officers, male and female and other IPA members provided a rich variety of excellent performances.

Alfred and his team from Swaziland as well as Tessa from South Africa are to be congratulated for a job well done.

***Stephen Crockard, AISG***

## UNCRC to develop General Comment on Children in Street Situations!



The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is delighted to share the good news with the International Police Association that the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will develop a General Comment on Children in Street Situations.

This is a monumental development at the highest level that will influence policy and practice at international, national and local levels to help bring about positive change in the lives of street-connected children. This comes two decades after the UN General Assembly first called for a General Comment on street children, and follows a pivotal meeting in Geneva on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

CSC brought a small delegation to Geneva for this meeting and was fortunate to be given the opportunity to share our stories with Mr Pierre Moulin, as President of your Association, the evening before the meeting. On behalf of the IPA, Mr Moulin ensured that the Association added its support to a cross-sector joint letter to the UN Committee setting out clearly why a General Comment on Children in Street Situations is necessary.

### What is a General Comment?

A General Comment is issued by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child – an independent body of 18 experts with a mandate to protect and uphold children's rights worldwide, by holding Governments to account for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. General Comments provide an authoritative interpretation of the rights contained in the articles and provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). They are based on the Committee's experience of monitoring reports from State parties and the systematic violations, misunderstood provisions or emerging issues relevant to the treaties. This includes the vital relationship between street children and the police, who are often the first and main point of contact for any child connected to the street. In essence, the General Comment will provide the guidance that States need to scale up appropriate rights-based approaches within this sector, enabling partnerships with non-Government actors to be more agile and more responsive. It carries the potential for better policies, better interventions and better results for children in street situations as well as for children at risk of moving on to the streets.

### Why is it important?

In the 1990s there was a surge of international interest in street children following the Candelária Massacre in Brazil where street children were shot dead by police whilst sleeping on the steps of a church. However, during the last two decades the issue of street children has been marginalised in international development debates and national plans of action. Street-connected children suffer multiple, repeated, violations of their rights. They are both an urgent and a complex issue for policy makers to deal with. Police forces and individual officers come under pressure to enforce public security, sometimes at the expense of human rights.

Street children have been both sidelined from public agendas and cleared from central public spaces. But children continue to move on to the streets of towns and cities across the globe. This is why CSC launched the International Day for Street Children in 2011, which the International Police Association has supported since its inception. As the Committee moves forward on development of the General Comment (a process of up to 2 years), we believe it is vital that the Association and its members form part of the consultations, to share your stories and good practices from policing that enable the Committee to take account of the realities of police work, and to write a General Comment that supports rights-based policing on the ground. Together we need to break down barriers and build trusting relations between police, children in street situations and the NGOs supporting them.



*Thumbs up from Louise for CSC and IPA!*

CSC is proud to be at the heart of launching this global initiative. We are grateful to all our supporters who have supported and contributed to this journey so far, and look forward to working in partnership with the Association and its members to ensure street children's rights are realised – we are louder together!

For more information on the UNCRC Committee and General Comments, please visit: <http://www.childrightsconnect.org/index.php/connect-with-the-un-2>

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**Louise Meincke, CSC**





## IPA Poland organises Young Police Officers Seminar 2015

It is an honour for the Polish Section to organise the next Young Police Officers Seminar in the town of Legionowo, near Warsaw. The event will take place from 19-26 July 2015 in the Police Training Centre and will be co-supported by the Polish National Police.

We would like all national sections to support us in this project and ask all sections to advertise the seminar within their national magazines and within the IPA community. We would also appreciate it if you could assist in selecting the participant(s) from your section.



The seminar is primarily aimed at young IPA members up to the age of 35 years and the seminar targets first response, non-supervisor level police officers with a general duties background. The Seminar topics may require participants to undertake physical activities such as tactical scenarios involving arrest situations. Participants will share accommodation in a double room.

Participants will only have to pay for their travel to and from Poland. All other costs i.e. transport from and to the airport, meals, accommodation, course attendance and activities, will be covered by the awarded financial support from the IEC and by IPA section Poland.

We all are aware of the importance and necessity to create opportunities for young officers to enhance professional skills by meeting and exchanging information based on different working methods and best practice. The seminar will be held under the idea of “Multicultures within Police Forces and diversity”.

We ask national sections to submit their applicants to the Polish IPA section before 20 August 2014 at [askrzyp@onet.pl](mailto:askrzyp@onet.pl) and [ipapolska@ipapolska.pl](mailto:ipapolska@ipapolska.pl). Applications should include name, date of birth, email and phone details. Further details regarding the seminar will be available during the IEC in Potsdam.

We look forward to seeing you all in Germany and send you our greetings from Poland!

**Arkadiusz Skrzypczak, Secretary General IPA Poland**

## IPA Canada: Tragedy in New Brunswick

On Wednesday 4 June a 24-year-old disturbed man shot and killed three RCMP officers in the city of Moncton, New Brunswick. Two further officers were injured in the incident and required hospital treatment. One of the officers originated from France. The suspect was apprehended within 30 hours.

For further details, please visit the tribute page of the Vancouver RCMP Vets:



<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/killed-on-duty-three-moncton-rcmp-members/>

We would like to send our condolences to the families of the victims as well as to the RCMP.

**Denis Nadeau, President IPA Canada**

## A magnificent achievement:

### IPA Brazil and AMPOL facilitate improved retirement conditions for female police officers in Brazil



*House of Representatives, Chamber of Deputies in pink following a request of AMPOL and IPA Brazil 27.*

police officers to 25 years, provided that they have worked at least 15 years strictly as police officers.

The efforts made by IPA Brazil region 27's president, Dr Joel Z. Mazo and parliament member Dra. Creusa Camilier, both in the civil cabinet and in the president's office, succeeded in convincing the Brazilian President Dilma Rouseff of the importance regarding the retirement provisions for Brazilian policewomen.

Therefore the complementary law 144/2014 passed with a landslide majority in the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian National Congress, benefitting the entire Brazilian police force. Breaking with usual protocol rules, female police officers were allowed to be present in parliament when the result of the vote was announced.

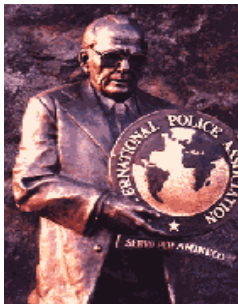


The IPA is doing its job in Brazil !

***IPA Brazil region 27***

## ON THE TABLE OF THE PEB

### Deadline for Arthur Troop Scholarship Applications



Please note that the closing date for applications for the Arthur Troop Scholarship is **31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**. We advise applicants to send in their forms before this date to the IAC at [isg@ipa-iac.org](mailto:isg@ipa-iac.org).

The procedure and application form are available on our website: <http://www.ipa-iac.org/content.php?pagelid=43>.

Forms need to be completed in full, including an estimate of the expected costs (an indication of costs, travel and accommodation expenses), according to the Directive for Travel and Accommodation Expenses. Details can be found at: <http://www.ipa-iac.org/content.php?pagelid=31>

We look forward to your applications!

***Kees Sal, Chairman International Professional Commission***

### Try our New-Look IPA Information Guide!

This month sees the first edition of our new-look IPA Information Guide, which we will send to all sections each month.

Soon after I began working for the IPA in April this year, I was tasked with re-designing this guide. As it is no longer printed and posted to sections around the world, we had much more freedom in designing it in terms of layout and colour, and I hope that you will find it easy to navigate.





There are now links to take you straight to whatever page in the guide you wish to view, and we have tried to set out each section's information as clearly and uniformly as possible. Clicking on any web link will take you straight to that page, and selecting any email address will generate a new email directly.

**Kerry Gil, IAC Administrator**

## LAST WORD



*Thank your for a fantastic meal!*

If someone had told me a few years ago that I would be travelling to a place like Moldova:

spending an evening discussing in French with a couple of ex-soldiers what life was like as a recruit in Crimea and socialist Dresden as well as discussing the Moldovan football league; meeting the interior minister and chief of police and daring to say a few words of Russian to them; listening to a joke (I think) about a politician in Russian by a folklore artist in a monastery;

learning and discussing in a mixture of English and French about orphaned and handicapped children in Moldova; stopping for an escaped cow in front of our car on a motorway; listening to the most amazing museum guide I have ever met and enjoying learning about black earth soil;

eating an enormous carp and watching someone pick the fish's eye out to eat it; enjoying a world cup football match with a German, Swiss and Dutch...

Well, if anyone had told me a few years ago I would have the chance to take part in all that in 3 1/2 mad days (plus lots of work), I would never have believed it. Something like this is only possible in the IPA!

And although I was tired after the PEB meeting – maybe not a surprise after putting in 26 1/2 hours over 3 days and parts of the night - I feel that my batteries have been recharged, and I feel more positive about work.

I absolutely hate good-byes...I just wanted to say thank you for all the fun we had in addition to all the work: So here is a big THANK YOU to Vasile, Mihai, Igor, Ion, Mariana, Violeta and Alina and everyone else who made the PEB meeting in Moldova unforgettable 😊

*Elke*



*Vasile and his delicious carp*



## 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:

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Date</b>                   | <b>Event</b>  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Germany        | 4-13 Jul 2014                 | Friendship Week Selm-Bork                                 |
| Belgium        | 12-20 Jul 2014                | European Police and Fire Games, Brussels                  |
| France         | 19 Jul – 2 Aug 2014           | International Youth Gathering                             |
| Poland         | 26 Jul 2014                   | Polish Police Foundation 95 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee, Warsaw |
| Germany        | 11-16 Aug 2014                | Charity Bike Ride, Bavaria                                |
| Germany        | Aug / Sep 2014                | 3 Motorbike Tours, starting from Black Forest             |
| Germany        | 22-24 Aug 2014                | Biker Meeting, Speyer                                     |
| Sweden         | 23 Aug 2014                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> IPA Int'l Cycle Tour                      |
| Italy          | 1-7 Sep 2014                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> European Football Cup, Padova             |
| Germany        | 2-7 Sep 2014<br>7-13 Sep 2014 | 39 <sup>th</sup> IEC, Potsdam<br>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 <sup>nd</sup> World Police Indoor Soccer Tournament    |
| Malta          | 16-19 Oct 2014                | Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition                               |
| Australia      | 23-26 Oct 2014                | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, AGM and 3-day cruise        |
| Sri Lanka      | 6-15 Nov 2014                 | Int'l Friendship Week + 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary      |
| Italy          | 9-16 Nov 2014                 | Region 7 Tuscany 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary             |
| Monaco         | 18-22 Nov 2014                | 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations                 |
| Belgium        | 24-28 Nov 2014                | 20 <sup>th</sup> World Police Futsal Tournament           |
| Spain          | 29 Nov 2014                   | International Police Trader Show, Barcelona               |
| 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                   |
| Cyprus         | 16-19 Apr 2015                | ISC Liaison Officers Seminar                              |
| Germany        | 14-17 Jun 2015                | 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Berlin                   |
| 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](http://www.ibz-gimborn.de)



| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Seminar</b>  | <b>Language</b> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 18-22 Aug 2014    | Cybercrime – Kriminalität in den elektronischen Medien<br>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<br>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               |
| 6-10 Oct 2014     | Kommunikationskompetenz erwerben – Präsentieren und Moderieren  | G               |
| 20-24 Oct 2014    | Umgang mit Opfern von Kriminalität und Verkehrsunfällen<br>Engaging with Victims of Crime and Traffic Accidents   | E and G         |
| 27-31 Oct 2014    | Gewaltenteilung, Polizei und Politik  | G               |
| 31 Oct-2 Nov 2014 | Die Schreibwerkstatt für Polizisten   | G               |