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### 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Police



### IPA friends from 36 countries parade in Warsaw

## WORD OF INTRODUCTION



Several conflicts around the world, some of them involving IPA member countries, are currently dominating the news. I have been questioned about this recently, as some people wonder if it is legitimate to keep these sections within the IPA. This is a complex debate which has always been of concern to the IPA, throughout recent history and its dark sides.

There are rarely any governments nowadays that are not involved in any scandals and make us doubt their integrity. Let's not be hypocritical! And I am afraid that the same can be said on occasion about some of the police methods used which warrant discussion and questioning.

It is true that the affiliation process to join the IPA as a section is also based on international considerations of a political nature. But we must not forget that before anything else and above all, a new IPA section is the culmination of the work of police colleagues who adhere to and strongly believe in the values and motto of our Association 'Servo per Amikeco'.

I believe that if we had to exclude all IPA sections where some of the government methods used are questionable and contravene human rights, we would find it hard to define the criteria and it would create a never-ending debate.

So no, I want to believe in the integrity of the members of our association and of those who are willing to join us - without being naïve. The guarantors of the IPA are its police officers who on a daily basis commit themselves to public order and security as well as the respect and the application of the law. I want to believe that the values we defend since having taken the oath or promising loyalty when joining the police act as a protective shield against any reprehensible deviation. And if there were some troublemakers within our association acting with sinister motives, I also want to believe that the relevant national section would then have the courage to identify and exclude them.

While writing these lines, we are only a week away from our yearly international IPA conference, taking place in Potsdam, Germany. 63 of the 64 affiliated sections should be present, and we will also hopefully welcome 3 new sections into our IPA family. Therefore may this week reinforce our motto so that we, at our modest level, can together issue a message of peace and hope in these troubled times.

The IPA can make a difference. Let us be the actors!

Servo per Amikeco

***Pierre-Martin Moulin, International President***

## AROUND THE WORLD

### IPA Poland celebrates 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Police



As in previous years IPA Poland co-organised the Police Day in Poland. This year the event had a special meaning as it also coincided with the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Polish Police. IPA representatives from 35 sections as well as Albania attended the event.

The programme for our guests had been prepared by the organising committee headed by the IPA Poland President Fryderyk Orepuk. IPA members had the opportunity to sample the history and culture of Poland during their stay. This included visits to Wilanow Palace - a wonderful baroque royal residence, Warsaw old town and the royal castle.

Our guests also spent a day in the town of Plonsk where they attended an award ceremony. The mayor of Plonsk had arranged a wide variety of events such as a performance from a music school, a parade of historic military vehicles and a demonstration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment of Napoleon. In addition, all guests had the opportunity to observe a traffic control exercise with a police helicopter which had been recorded and was broadcast on a screen.

The main event of the Police Day anniversary started at the University of Warsaw where the representatives of the Chancellery of the President, the Ministry of the Interior and the Chief Commander of Polish Police awarded police officers with state and police medals. Amongst the awardees was Polish IPA member Mrs. Ewa Debowska, co-organiser of the IPA event. Uniformed IPA guests marched along the Royal Square to the central celebrations where IPA representatives had the honour to participate alongside the Polish prime minister Mr. Donald Tusk. The representatives of foreign IPA delegations were treated to a police parade and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

IPA Poland had prepared an information stand as well as an exhibition by the members of the Polish Police Collectors Club, under the auspices of the Polish IPA.

On behalf of IPA Poland we would like to thank all national IPA sections which sent their representatives to the celebration of the Polish Police Day. They were great ambassadors for the IPA and their national sections.

***Arkadiusz Skrzypczak, Secretary General IPA Poland (Photo: Tomasz Zybert)***



# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

## IPA France from 19 July – 2 August 2014



**This is what Jean Pierre Sepieter, coordinator for cultural activities and interpreter wrote just after the IYG:**

**What an extraordinary challenge!** Imagine hosting a party of 64 youths from 28 different nations for a hectic two-week period exploring our French heritage. They came from Europe, Asia and Latin America with Carol from Lima meeting Emerson from Toronto, Alexis from Albi and Or from Israel. A new community was born. Different nationalities, a diversity of cultures, a mosaic of styles and talents were grouped together for 2 weeks of discovery. What an exciting challenge!

I am a volunteer serving IPA France and a former member of an NGO at UNESCO. Because of my experience I was invited to become the official interpreter translating into English for all our guests' official visits and explaining all IPA announcements to them. I was also responsible for providing evening entertainment for the young people.

This whole experience has been a deeply moving one for me.

There are two main factors which underpin the success of this amazing international experience; firstly, the high competency and remarkable capacity of the French hosts and secondly, the extraordinary quality of the young participants.

I must emphasise the incredible devotion of all the staff from the IPA national team. A special mention to the President of the Organisation Committee Pierre Suszek and his wife Nadine.

Nothing was too much trouble for them and the volunteers from Paris and Franche Comte who gave up their time to help with our programme. They rallied around and supported our young guests so that we became a cherished and well-loved family. Our group became a wonderful example of fraternity, a milieu of true friendships with strong links between boys and girls, old and young. This was quite remarkable considering the exceptionally wide range of cultural differences within the group.

Together we enjoyed a very substantial programme, immersing our guests in our French culture and dipping into our national heritage. Our 64 visitors witnessed the very places which emphasised our history. They visited the Tuileries, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame de Paris, Sacré Coeur de Montmartre, the National Assembly and the Louvre in Paris. We took them outside our capital city to show them a different perspective. They visited the Château de Ganélon, the Citadelle de

Besançon, Fort de Joux, and Salins, a cruise on the river Doubs and a chair lift up to the top of the Jura mountains. We gave them a chance to practice the luge and visited a 70-metre deep cave in Poudrey.



Back in Paris we visited the City of Science, the H.M.X. Cinema, the Peugeot car factories and the museum at Sochaux. Our guests enjoyed the Marais District, the Gustave Courbet museum in Ornans and a range of evening activities organised by nationally known police officers from Paris and Besançon. Jean Jourdan, a famous Paris detective, Pascal Dimanche and Claude Pensier from Besançon organised an astonishing set of activities for our group. I complimented this with an evening contest to find out how much our guests had remembered and enjoyed during their visits and discussions. This became an enjoyable game with everyone trying to outdo the others to claim the prize I gave to the

youth with the most vivid memories of our activities. The last and final prize was won by Jan from Germany.

We tried to involve our young people in a wider range of activities alongside our programme of visits and evening quizzes and discussions. We were welcomed in the Gendarmerie dining halls and at the Police Academy in Montbéliard. Monsieur le Préfet du Doubs organised a welcome cocktail reception to honour us in his 1<sup>st</sup> Empire establishment. We were invited to the police Headquarters at the very heart of Paris only a few yards away from Notre Dame itself. The police showed us all the modern tools at their disposal to fight crime in our country. Our Minister of the Interior (Home Affairs) allowed us to picnic on his back lawn behind his ministerial residence, Beauvau. We saw all the reception halls and were even able to see the cells and the bunker used by the Gestapo during the Second World War.

Our group was thoroughly immersed in a programme that became even more amazing day by day.

We divided the party up into 6 groups each with a group leader, an expert in DNA, cybercrime or security forces/riot squads. All took on a new expertise. They became experts in coaching young people through tenderness and affection.





Thanks to you all, Kate, Paul, Nikita, Cecile, Gianpietro, Kiriaki and Olly! You were the architects of our group success. As Monsieur le Préfet said in his speech to you, the children of police officers throughout the world, this was an opportunity to meet and challenge different cultural concepts and ideas. He congratulated you on your willingness to share your ideas without prejudice, your harmonious relationships, your friendships, your dignity. You never quarrelled, you never had serious disagreements, you shared your national pride with each other without acrimony. We thanked you for your beautiful presentations to us introducing your countries and families and even Monsieur le Préfet praised your parents and felt that they should be very proud of you. Like all our volunteers, he felt proud himself to have shared your friendship in the universal spirit of brotherly love and co-operation.



Finally we cannot forget the momentous and official ceremony to light the flame under the Arc de Triomphe to honour all the dead from all our conflicts. You all wore your IPA caps, your blue t-shirt and white trousers. You proudly waved your flags. You were photographed and praised so many times. You were planet IPA among the anthems and pageantry and I could not help shedding a tear.

**Thanks to Jean Pierre for being so devoted and for writing these lines.**

***Pierre Suszek, IPA France***

## 'Paroles et confidences de flic' Book by IPA Belgium member Constant Kox

### The book

Retired investigative police officer Constant Kox takes the time to think about, free himself from and attempt to explain a dangerous and misunderstood job. This is police life from the inside: the author dissects his experience in a narrative which is very affecting, in particular when he recounts the events at Heysel Stadium or smashing a paedophile ring before the sinister and notorious Dutroux case.

A cop in Brussels, a cop's everyday life, focusing on his cases,  
his interrogations,  
his fears,  
his ambitions,  
his laughter but also his tears,  
his doubts but also his achievements,  
his challenges but also his wanderings,  
his regrets but also his victories

A non-stop roller-coaster!

Please note that 'Paroles et confidences de flic' is only available in French.

### About the author

Constant Kox was never meant to join the police. A great sportsman, athlete and footballer, he signed up for national service in the airborne forces, seeing action during the Katanga rescue operations. At the end of his military service, this young hothead re-enlisted in the elite Belgian army unit and then the police, where he ended his career as an instructor, passing on all his skills.

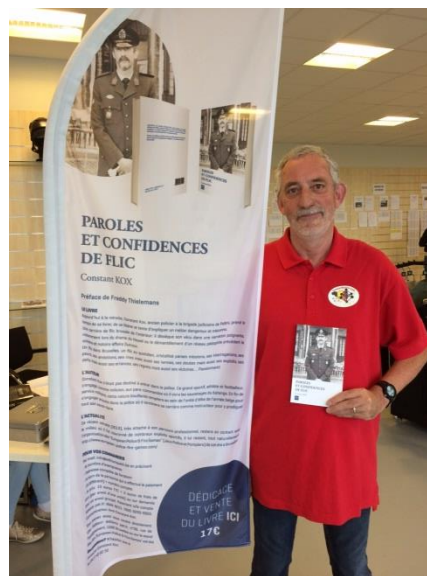
### Today

His career is very important to him, and since his recent retirement (in 2013), Constant Kox has remained in touch with the milieu in which he won countless sporting successes, which has led quite naturally to the creation of the European Police and Fire Games which were held this summer in Brussels.

### How to order

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- the number of copies
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- Payment is to be made to the account of éditions pat.H: IBAN BE21 7805 9293 0903. Reference: Constant Kox book.

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Questions? Please feel free to contact Constant Kox on +32 477 43 92 32

**Patricia Henron, éditionspat.H**

## Arthur Troop Whisky starts to travel



Visitors to IPA HQ – Section UK during August were Sheena and Euan Forbes from Region 1, Scotland.

Euan and Sheena called in to collect supplies of the Arthur Troop Centenary Whisky - not for personal consumption! The couple were 'touring' England to make deliveries to IPA members who ordered bottles of the specially commissioned 10 or 25 year malt.

It was nice meeting Sheena and Euan - the minds behind the Whisky Project. It was also good to know staff at IPA HQ and in the IAC had been trusted sufficiently to safeguard the whisky whilst awaiting their visit. All bottles counted in / counted out!

Owing to customs restrictions, Euan was unable to dispatch the whisky overseas. However, some guests attending the Arthur Troop Centenary Weekend have placed orders and will collect them when they visit Nottingham in December – so the whisky will travel the world.

**Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK**



## Change of director at IBZ Gimborn A message from Gabriele Bischoff

Dear members, friends and guests of IBZ Schloss Gimborn!

It is time to inform you that there will be a change in the IBZ management. Director Gabriele Bischoff is leaving ... and René Kauffmann is coming!



*Gabriele Bischoff*



*René Kauffmann*

I have been the IBZ director for two years and have really enjoyed my work here. It was a positive challenge, I was privileged to meet many interesting and cherished people during this intensive time and I had the pleasure to deal with a variety of exciting topics. The cooperation with the board, the members, the many IPA sections and the PEB were marked by trust, solidarity and creativity.

Nevertheless, I decided to leave the IBZ in order to accept a new exciting challenge in a large social organisation in the Rhein-Main area. It was not an easy decision to leave the IBZ and I am sure that I will often think back to beautiful Gimborn castle and the wonderful atmosphere in the IBZ. And I will miss all the familiar people and the long walks through Gimborn's forests with my dog Mira.

The new IBZ director, however, is already getting ready for action. René Kauffmann, 34 years old and from the Oberberg region, will be appointed as of 1 October 2014 and is full of enthusiasm.

I wish Mr. Kauffmann, the team and the IBZ board all the best, continued success in the future and the necessary support to maintain this unique and fantastic conference and seminar centre!

Kind regards and all the best to you all!

***Gabriele Bischoff***

## ON THE TABLE OF THE PEB

### IPA (IPC) and IAWP meet at IAC in Nottingham



*Mick Luke, Pres. IPA UK; Kees Sal, IPC Chairman;  
Jane Townsley, Pres. IAWP and Stephen Crockard, AISG*

A meeting took place between the IPA (IPC) and Jane Townsley, the President of the International Association of Women Police: IAWP <http://www.iawp.org/>. This informal meeting was held to survey and establish the opportunity for a permanent liaison between the IPA and the IAWP.

Mutual interests and objectives were discussed, such as the Arthur Troop Scholarship, which is dealt with by Marie Daly, the international Police

Exchange Program survey from Arkadiusz Skrzypzak, participation in IPA professional promotion activities by May-Britt Rinaldo, a survey of professional training facilities and education organisations in the USA by Kevin Gordon and the work of Paul Kelly towards an Asian-Pacific forum. IBZ Gimborn was also presented as an education centre where our members gather for seminars and courses.

Jane Townsley expressed and highlighted the IAWP's professional activities, such as campaigns to stop human trafficking, violence against women and the raising of awareness of the challenges women police officers face.

Sharing our knowledge and expertise on a long-term basis as well as supporting our Associations is the next step forward. Establishing a permanent liaison connection between IPA and IAWP will be discussed at the PEB level.

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

### CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL LECTURERS

Within the IPA and IPC in particular we are sometimes asked for a lecturer to participate and speak at an International seminar, course or workshop.

Following these requests, the IPC is asking sections and IPA members to send in the names, CVs and email addresses of interested qualified lecturers and detailing



their specific topics. The IPC will build up a list of potential lecturers.

Any section asking for a specific topic/subject or lecturer can apply for details at the IPC chair at [cjas@kpnmail.nl](mailto:cjas@kpnmail.nl)

We look forward to hearing from you!

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

## LAST WORD

IAC parcels for Germany: sent off; Laptop: ready to be uploaded with all documents; Certificates: printed off; Flight tickets and passport: sorted; Suitcase: down from the loft; Clothes: washed. Looks like I am pretty much all prepared for the conference!

But of course life is never so simple... leaving home for an entire week sometimes feels like planning a military operation: School: my kids go back to school half-way through the week and need all their clothes and stationery sorted; Sports: the kids' training programmes and how they get to their sporting venues need to be well planned; Husband? I think he might look forward to spending a week without his wife and all her IPA stories 😊

I am really looking forward to seeing many of you next week!

*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:

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Date</b>                   | <b>Event</b>  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 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                          |
| UK             | 5 Sep 2014                    | Charity Ball, Solihull                                  |
| 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  |
| Bulgaria       | 9-12 Oct 2014                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Black Sea Regional Conference, Rojen R. |
| Malta          | 16-19 Oct 2014                | Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition                             |
| Australia      | 23-26 Oct 2014                | 50 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary    |
| Italy          | 9-16 Nov 2014                 | Region 7 Tuscany 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary           |
| Greece         | 9 Nov 2014                    | Athens Classic Marathon                                 |
| Monaco         | 21 Nov 2014                   | 7 <sup>th</sup> IPA Monaco Gala                         |
| 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                           |
| Belgium        | 15-22 Jun 2015                | 40 <sup>th</sup> 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                   |

## 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> |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1-5 Sep 2014   | Die Ware Mensch in der int. organisierten Kriminalität; moderne Formen des Sklavenhandels   | G               |
| 8-12 Sep 2014  | Erfolgreich führen und motivieren – best practice   | 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               |
| 20-24 Oct 2014 | Umgang mit Opfern von Kriminalität und Verkehrsunfällen<br>Engaging with Victims of Crime and Traffic Accidents   | E and G         |
| 3-7 Nov 2014   | Kommunikationskompetenz für Frauen  | G               |
| 10-14 Nov 2014 | Bandenkriminalität  | G               |
| 24-28 Nov 2014 | Community and problem-oriented policing<br>Bürgernahe und problemorient. Polizeiarbeit  | 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               |