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## IPA Newsletter

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### The Police well supported to face the winter!



A beautiful entry from our 2014 ICC photo competition:  
Seppo Auvinen of IPA Section Finland



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## **INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

January 2015

### **Friendship has to be...**

*"Friendship has to be, otherwise there will be no future for Mankind"*

The words of our founder Arthur Troop take a very important meaning, while witnessing what happened these last days in France and elsewhere in the world.

We, members of the International Police Association, the world's largest police association with 420'000 members in more than 100 countries, are committed to the fundamental principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Without distinction as to rank/position, sex, race, colour, language or religion, we seek to foster mutual help and understanding, to contribute, within the limits of our possibilities, to peaceful co-existence between people and to the preservation of world peace.

We all are therefore especially saddened by the brutality of the acts perpetrated in Paris which violated to such an extreme degree the constitutional rights and the democratic values of freedom.

The State is the guarantor of the freedom of individuals, in accordance with the standards that enable peaceful co-existence. As police officers, we serve and represent such a State by protecting this freedom.

Any person pointing his gun and killing a policeman undermines the State and the basic social values that we guarantee by our daily work.

On behalf of all members of the IPA, we appeal to our authorities and all citizens, so that recent events do not cause an increase of hatred and xenophobia but reinforce the defence of constitutional rights and democratic values. Let us come together and use the cement of friendship to put all our bricks together in order to build an inspiring tower of hope.

Today, grief affects us all because every life of a policeman taken in the line of duty represents as many values and rights violated.

On behalf of the International Police Association, under the flag of friendship and our motto "Servo per Amikeco", we offer our deepest condolences primarily to families torn apart by these events, but also to all our fellow officers worldwide.

Pierre-Martin Moulin  
International President  
International Police Association  
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## 'NEW' NATIONAL PRESIDENT

### IPA San Marino



My name is Mirko Tomassoni, I am 46 years old and a citizen of San Marino where I still live with my family. I am married and have a daughter who is 9 years old.

I have been an IPA member since 1994 when I started to work within the Corpo Polizia Civile.

In 1998 I had an accident with a motorbike, suffering a spinal cord injury and am now confined to a wheelchair. Despite this, I tried to go on with my life, continuing with administrative jobs in the Police Headquarters.

In 2004 I founded an Association called Attiva-Mente which has the main aim of raising the awareness of disability in my country, and I still preside over it.

From 2006 until last year I was a member of Parliament, and from 1st October 2007 until 1st April 2008, I had the honour to serve as Captain Regent (Head of State) of my country.

I accepted the proposal by my colleagues to preside over the San Marino Section of the IPA with pleasure and enthusiasm, and I really hope to satisfy their belief and the confidence of all IPA members of San Marino. I'm quite new in this field and have to learn almost everything, but for sure I'll do my best.

Regarding the aims of our Section, it is really important for us to restore and modernise our IPA building, to make it suitable for hosting foreign colleagues by providing some bedrooms, but this project needs funds and some more years.

We would like to involve young members in our activities as much as possible, without losing the precious experiences of our older members.

Furthermore we would like to promote the principles and activities of IPA to all our Institutions in order to spread IPA's values within our small country and to obtain cooperation and more support at all levels.

In conclusion, we are pleased to confirm our commitment and our contribution to the IPA family: our experience, our knowledge and above all our friendship are at your disposal.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.

Warmest Regards

Servo per Amikeco

**Mirko Tomassoni**



## AROUND THE WORLD



### Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations Section UK



*Michael Boolsen,  
President IPA Denmark,  
looking at Arthur Troop  
memorabilia*

The Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations organised by Section UK, held over the weekend of 12 – 14 December 2014, were defined by the number of international guests and the casual, friendly nature of the gathering.

The door to IPA HQ – Section UK and the International Administration Centre was opened to visitors on the Friday afternoon and it wasn't long before all areas of the building were buzzing with the sound of the different accents. Eighty guests from sixteen countries had booked for the event, and with an additional visitor – Past President of Section New Zealand John Coomber 'popping in' there was a record breaking number of international guests attending the building at the same time.

The office always has memorabilia on display – making it a fascinating place to visit – and on this occasion additional materials relating to Arthur Troop's life were on display, thanks to his son Kevin who had loaned them for the day.

Guests, along with local IPA members, gathered on the Friday evening at a Nottingham restaurant for a buffet. Guest of Honour, Kevin Troop, was received with much affection and guests gave a toast "Happy Birthday Arthur" in honour of his Dad.

Everyone got their first taste of Lincoln city – literally - when they were handed a chocolate Lincoln Imp (see <http://lincolncathedral.com/2011/12/a-history-of-the-lincoln-imp/> for more information), as they embarked on the bus taking them from Nottingham to Lincoln. Once in the city, which was chosen as a venue for guests because it is the birthplace of Arthur Troop, there was an opportunity for shopping or sightseeing, with Lincolnshire members acting as guides.

Late afternoon saw guests taking tea and sandwiches, courtesy of the International Executive Board, at Lincoln Cathedral House. The friendly and informal nature of the weekend continued as dignitaries from Lincolnshire

were welcomed, mingled with guests and made brief and kind speeches. Past President of Section UK, David Read, travelled from Somerset especially for the occasion. Lincolnshire branch marked the occasion by presenting guests with a certificate as a memory of their taking part in the weekend event.



*Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant  
of Lincolnshire, Mr Tony  
Worth and his wife Jenny  
with Section UK President,  
Mick Luke*

Revd Nikki Bates from Stamford, Arthur's home town, dedicated the plaque commemorating the centenary celebrations. This will be housed permanently at IPA HQ.

As darkness fell, guests feasted on the beauty of Lincoln Cathedral's interior. They had time for 'Lincoln Imp spotting' before being seated for the special Choral Evenson in St Hugh's Choir. The Dean of Lincoln extended a welcome to members of the IPA and referred to Arthur's time as Chanter at the Cathedral. There were readings from Alan Carter, former International Secretary General; Mick Luke, President Section UK and Georgios Katsaropolous, International Secretary General.

The weekend concluded with a 'Birthday Party' at Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, to which Santa popped in with gifts.

It was an event made memorable by the occasion and programme, and most of all, the guests from so many countries who got so involved. To really experience IPA at its best – you have to take part!

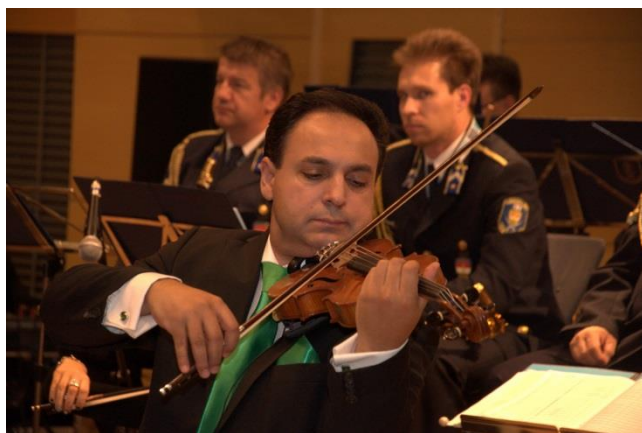
For more photos of the event, and a transcript of Pierre-Martin Moulin's speech, visit:

<http://www.ipa-uk.org/Gallery-2014/AT-Centenary-Weekend>

**Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK**



## Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations Section Hungary



*The world-renowned violinist Zoltán Mága*

At the beginning of 2014, the Hungarian Section decided to organise a commemoration and wreath-laying event for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Arthur Troop, founder of the big international IPA family in Hungary.

This decision was supported by the fact that the only life-size statue of Arthur Troop, which was inaugurated in the presence of our founder in 1998, is situated in the Hungarian village of Jászszentandrás.

Our section organised the event with great enthusiasm and endeavour, resulting in a very successful outcome!

Besides the representatives of the Hungarian Section, 75 guests from 15 IPA countries took part in the commemoration, including IPA friends from Austria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Ireland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Poland, Germany, Russia, Romania, Switzerland, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia. In addition, the celebrations were attended by two members of the IEB, Gal Sharon, 1<sup>st</sup> International Vice President and Wolfgang Gabrutsch, Assistant International Treasurer.

Our guests were accommodated in the famous city centre of the Hungarian capital. The celebrations started with a festive opening event during which the Hungarian Minister of the Interior and founder of the Hungarian IPA Section, Dr. Sándor Pintér, expressed the hope that Arthur Troop's beautiful vision will continue to grow stronger and that policewomen and policemen everywhere will be able to establish close and heartfelt friendly connections which will be strengthened by the presence of the IPA all over the world.

Gal Sharon appreciated the ideas and work of Arthur Troop. She reminded everyone of his ideas and explained how our fantastic organisation developed on the basis of these, and how it became an important forum for setting up and maintaining international police connections.

The president of the Hungarian Section, Dr. Tamás Simon, illustrated in his welcome speech that Arthur Troop not only dreamed but also ensured that his dreams became a reality. The president of IPA Hungary concluded by reciting the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: „The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams!”

All 200 participants were then treated to a 25-minute-long documentary film about Arthur Troop's dreams for the IPA as well as about the history of the Arthur Troop statue in Hungary. As part of the film, the International President of the IPA, Pierre-Martin Moulin, welcomed all participants in a Skype message.

This was followed by a performance of the internationally renowned orchestra of the Hungarian Riot Police, who played a selection of classical and light music pieces.

A further highlight was the concert of the world famous Hungarian violinist Zoltán Mága, who received a special thank-you from the organisers as he performed almost immediately after a 24-hour flight.

The following morning, all guests were transported to Jászszentandrás for the wreath laying at the Arthur Troop statue. The Hungarian pálinka and mulled wine offered to our guests helped counteract the cold weather. Before the main event, everyone had the opportunity to visit the Museum for the History of the Hungarian Police where historical police uniforms were on display.



*IEB representatives at the wreath laying*

We had lunch in the town of Gyöngyös and afterwards visited the Hungarian Parliament. During the one-hour tour, our guests were shown the 140-year-old building as well as the symbols of the Hungarian coronation, i.e. the crown, the sceptre and the coronation mantle exhibited in the Parliament building.

After a short rest, a special Hungarian Gala Dinner was given for our guests. The evening started with a visit to a 5-km-long cellar labyrinth of a champagne producing Hungarian company, followed by a dinner showcasing Hungarian gastronomy, accompanied by a folklore programme. A few guests – among them our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gal Sharon – had the opportunity to help prepare food for the guests with the chef of the restaurant.

The entire event was characterised by a fantastic atmosphere and enabled the strengthening of friendships, providing a worthy frame to the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Arthur Troop.

We hope that all guests travelled home with the wish of returning back to our hospitable country and Hungarian IPA friends!

SERVO PER AMIKECO!

*Tamás Simon, President IPA Hungary*

## IPA Mauritius members offer help in Kolkata, India



*IPA Mauritius members  
at the Mother Teresa Centre*

I have the honour and privilege to share with you a glimpse of the social activities conducted by IPA Mauritius members with the support of the Mauritius Offshore Patrol Vessel (MOPV) crew 'BARRACUDA' presently in Kolkata, India. Both the President and the Assistant Treasurer of IPA Mauritius presently form part of the commissioning crew of the MOPV. We are pleased to state that the following social activities were carried out during the month of January, thus displaying our association on an international platform while on official duty.

### **Benevolent Action at Mother Teresa Centre of Missionaries of Charity:**

On 2 Jan 2015, IPA members, with the guidance of the Commanding Officer of the Barracuda and with the support of the crew, generously contributed towards the distribution of food to the Nirmala Sishu Bhawan which is an active and recognised branch of the Mother Teresa Centre. The home gives shelter to around 100 children aged 0-12 years, who are well taken care of by the sisters therein and by benevolent visitors (local & foreign). All those present have indeed shown compassion in bringing smiles and joy, and it was disheartening to leave all of them after a few hours filled with memorable moments. We realise that our presence has contributed only in a very humble way, and no-one can replace the sisters in the heart of these innocent children who have been abandoned by their own parents.



*Accepting a token of appreciation*

### **Financial Support to Mr Marcelin Magasin (Mauritian Citizen) in Chennai, India:**

The support was initiated following an article published in Le Defi Media dated 7 Jan 2015 to the effect that Mr Marcelin Magasin appealed for financial support in relation to payment of hospital charges amounting to INR 42,000 for his 5-year-old daughter who had undergone surgical intervention at the KKR ENT hospital and Research Institute, Kilpauk Chennai, India.

The full amount of INR 42,000 was taken care of by the entire ship crew of MOPV Barracuda, which includes IPA members. In view of the complexity of money transactions in India, the Commanding Officer of CGS Barracuda promptly intervened for the bank transfer so that the money reached the hospital in time. I wish to mention that Mr Magasin and his daughter have already reached Mauritius and he has conveyed to us his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the whole team of MOPV Barracuda and to IPA members.

***O K Guiness, President, and H K Nothoo, Assistant Treasurer, IPA Mauritius***

### **IPA South Africa supports the training of SAPS members**



*Brig Charlotte Kotzè, Brig. M P Joseph (1<sup>st</sup> Recipient of the Trophy) & H (Vossie) Vos, IPA President*

IPA South Africa is continuously looking for ways to support the South African Police Service (SAPS) and its members and to encourage members to enhance their skills and to perform well.

During recent conversations between IPA SA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jakkie Van Litsenborgh and the Commander of the SAPS Training facility in Paarl, Brig. Charlotte Kotzè, the need to encourage learners to perform well was identified.

IPA South Africa decided to support the SAPS with the sponsoring of a trophy for the best learner in the Station Management Learning Program (SMLP).

The Station Management Learning Program is presented 3 times a year and is attended by Station Commanders and members of station management from all over South Africa. It is a 12 week course and is presented in 3 phases.

SMLP 3/2014 course was attended by 21 members from all over South Africa.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2014, IPA SA President, Vossie Vos and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jakkie Van Litsenborgh attended the graduation ceremony and handed over a certificate and the trophy to the best learner, Brigadier M P Joseph from Moroka SAPS, Soweto – who is himself an IPA member.

***H. (Vossie) Vos, President IPA South Africa***



## IPA Austria helps children affected by the floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In May 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina was hit by the most severe floods for a century, claiming more than 30 deaths and making more than 95 000 families homeless, including many police officers and IPA members. International relief campaigns were launched and our large IPA-family also helped afflicted colleagues spontaneously and promptly with a substantial donation.

Despite all these efforts to help the affected families, IPA Austria recognised that for many children, there would be no joyful Christmas.

Therefore the Austrian national board decided to donate money for children's clothes and toys to the ten families of IPA members with the most children in Section Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Following excellent preparatory work between both sections, a substantial sum of money was transferred, and we would like to thank the president of IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina, Miro Sučić for looking after the funds and distributing it quickly before Christmas.

Cooperation and aid in its best form!

Shiny children's eyes under the Christmas tree – we achieved our aim!

**Otto König, Secretary General IPA Austria**



*IPA Christmas aid*

## IPA South Africa West Coast Region News

Christmas day, a day we like to spend with our family and friends, celebrating the birth of Christ. Unfortunately not everybody is this lucky and some have to work to keep us and our communities safe.

The West Coast Region of IPA South Africa decided to honour our members on duty and give them a small token of our appreciation.

On Christmas Day, members of IPA visited 17 Police Stations and 3 Units - from Cape Town and up the coast as far as Redelinghuys and Eendekuil.

The West Coast Region is the youngest Region of IPA South Africa. During 2015, we will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We cover a vast area from Cape Town up to the West Coast of South Africa and currently have over 300 members in our Region.

We are very active and are constantly striving to improve and meet the objectives of IPA and have been winner of the 'IPA South Africa Region of the Year Award' 5 times.

We would like to thank our sponsors – Checkers Vredenburg, the VDM Group and Ahmen & Hamman Attorneys. Also thank-you to the members who helped with the packing and distribution of the goody bags. Together we make a great team.

Service through Friendship



***Elbie Gore, Editor IPA South Africa***

## 20<sup>th</sup> World Police Football Tournament held in Belgium

Marc Joos, member of IPA Belgium and 'Polician' has been involved in organising the 20th Anniversary edition of the World Police Futsal Tournament which took place from 24-28 November 2014. Each year, this indoor soccer or futsal event features 80-100 teams with 850-1500 people.

70% of the participants are registered IPA teams, and countries ranging from Algeria to the United States saw "the world play in Belgium".



*IPA Brazil and IPA Slovenia teams*

Right from the start the event took an independent course and works without any support of governments, police or sponsors. Quite a job! To coordinate many different nations, ideas, keep away from politics and handle finances without sponsors .... You can figure it out.

The moral support from the IPA made everything a bit easier.

The tournament follows exactly the same rules as the ones of the IPA and provides the perfect platform for IPA members as well as future members: to create friendships for life, which also adds positive aspects to work relationships between police forces.



*IPA and Polician flag*

After a grand Opening Ceremony night, the teams enjoyed three days of sport, friendship and holiday in the Holiday Resort Center Parcs. In the evening everyone could enjoy a beer at the bar and group songs.

The 4 categories WPFT (open to all ages), SILVER for 35+ players, GOLD for 45+ players and the CHEETAH CUP for the ladies' teams, all

excelled at Fair Play!

Russia, Croatia, Portugal, Poland, Morocco, Bulgaria and Belgium won the best 'Cups' for this jubilee event.

But as mentioned above, Fair Play, the ambiance, the sport - all was good, so EVERYONE won!

For photos of the event, click on: [XX World Police Futsal 2014](#)

The organisers are looking forward to their next project (COPA DEL MAR), a 5-a-side outdoor soccer spring event in the green Algarve from 19-23 May 2015. For more information, please see [www.copadelmar.com](http://www.copadelmar.com) or request a brochure at [copadelmar@telenet.be](mailto:copadelmar@telenet.be). Hope to see you there!

Servo per Amikeco!

**Marc Joos, IPA Belgium**

## Section UK's Annual Charity Ball

Once again, the International Police Association, Section UK is holding a Charity Ball to raise funds for its National Police Memorial Day. Therefore, if members of other Sections happen to be in the UK during July 2015, they might like to join in.

In summary:

Date: 18 July 2015

Venue: Nottingham, England

Menu: potato and leek soup, roast chicken breast with a mustard and thyme crust served with vegetables and



*Danielle Walters*

homemade profiteroles served with chocolate sauce.

Entertainment: The singer Danielle Walters will be performing a variety of songs during the evening. Danielle reached the Boot Camp stage of the X Factor TV show. There will also be a disco.

Ticket price: £35 sterling, per person (bank charges must be paid by the payer).

Please email [michele.rai@ipa-org.uk](mailto:michele.rai@ipa-org.uk) for more information, along with a copy of your current IPA membership card. The venue and bank account details will be disclosed on receipt of proof of membership.

**Elizabeth Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK**

## OBITUARY HANS JANSEN AND HEINZ SCHELLING

IPA Section Germany mourns two of its outstanding members, without whose dedicated commitment IPA Germany would not be where it is today.



**Heinz Schelling** joined the IPA as a Foreign Associate Member of Section France before the founding of IPA Germany, and helped significantly in establishing the German section 60 years ago. He not only helped with the IPA development within his home state of Baden-Württemberg, but also turned into a sought-after partner and adviser on a national and international level. As the head of IPA Baden-Württemberg, he was also a member of the German national board. In addition, he represented Section Germany as a

Delegate at several World Congresses and IEC conferences, acted as auditor and a commission member for 'International Rules'. Thanks to his initiative and good relationship with Greece, IPA Section Greece was founded and welcomed into the IPA world family.



**Hans Jansen** joined IPA Germany in 1958, only 3 years after its founding. Due to his commitment and reliability he became an IPA official after only one year. He immediately concentrated on groundwork and, starting from 1959, organised an international IPA camp close to IBZ Schloss Gimborn for over 10 years. This way, until 1968, around 1100 IPA friends from all over the world had the opportunity to spend a camping holiday with him. Hans Jansen also built up a good

reputation as secretary for IPA North Rhine-Westphalia and was known everywhere as a valuable adviser. He carried out pioneering work for the first IPA House in Germany, the 'UHU-Haus', and as a co-founder of IBZ Gimborn he drafted the first statute of the IPA further education facility Schloss Gimborn in 1969. Within IPA Germany, he is known as the 'father of the IBZ and the German IPA Houses'.

For their life-time contributions, both Heinz Schelling and Hans Jansen were awarded with the friendship prize and honorary membership of IPA Germany.

**Horst W. Bichl, President IPA Germany**

# ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

## IEB Meeting in Nottingham December 2014

After attending the celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Arthur Troop, which took place simultaneously in both the UK and Hungary, the whole IEB gathered in Nottingham and held its last meeting for 2014 on 15 and 16 December at the IAC.



*The IEB gathered at the IAC*

It is always special to hold a meeting at the IAC, and we always feel at home at the centre of the IPA world. Two good working days had been planned with a full agenda. I

do not want to cover everything we did, but I would like to share a few topics and concerns which were discussed during our IEB meeting.

### **Debrief of the IEC conference / EWC held in Potsdam**

We took the chance to examine what can be improved for an even smoother and more efficient organisation of future IPA congresses. We also talked about the decisions already made and which actions we will have to take between now and the next congress, in order to present the second part of the motions regarding the project "IPA Tomorrow" to the delegates. The biggest task will be to rewrite all documents, with the aim of creating a more logical, practical and less administrative tool for the benefit of all of us. This means a huge amount of work and is far from completion at the moment, but hopefully, with the good will of all, the project will be ready for the World Congress in Cyprus.

### **Work of the commissions and feedback on projects**

The commission chairmen gave their feedback regarding the projects they are working on. It is vital to prepare well for the end of the current term, and to ensure all necessary actions are taken in order to be able to hand over the commission work to the new International Executive Board in October for an efficient transition.

### **Job descriptions**

As all new IEB members will be elected to a specific position, detailed job descriptions for each of these positions have been written so that potential candidates are able to find out what exactly is expected for each role, thus enabling everyone to apply for the position which suits their abilities best. We will circulate an application form in due course to all sections, so that candidates will have the opportunity and time to apply officially.

## Affiliation process

Many countries are interested in joining the IPA. Although the overall affiliation process in itself is clear, the individual steps to be taken and the follow-up required by not only the new prospective section but also of the sponsor section and the IEB, need a thorough examination and a degree of simplification.

## Update on sections

As you are aware, each IEB member has a certain number of IPA sections to liaise with. These close working relationships enable us to discover individual developments within the sections, highlight good practice which can be proposed to other sections etc. But they also give us the chance to spot things that are not working properly. It is not my intention to name individual sections in this Newsletter, but we feel that a closer follow-up must be initiated with regard to certain sections. In some cases, we are in total lack of information about their activities, statutes, or their internal functioning. Neither do we know if elections are run according to their national statutes, directives are followed, or if they simply 'exist'. We had quite a long discussion about this issue, as we feel that not only do the rules of how to join the IPA family as a section have to be clearly followed, but also that the IPA must keep an eye on the development within a section after their affiliation. Let me reassure you that we are not talking about supervising sections, but we would like to guarantee that the IPA keeps growing and that our values are spread further.

We have sections where almost 100% of the police force are IPA members, we have growing sections, and we have sections which are very active.... But we also have sections with such a low percentage of IPA members within the police force, that they have started accepting many "outsiders" as IPA members, sections where we don't see any activity or are not aware of it... If we don't keep the IPA spirit and make sure we develop it and gather members with motivation, IPA will cease to exist in some parts of the world, and we simply cannot allow this to happen.



*Enjoying a fabulous evening with Wendy and Maurice*

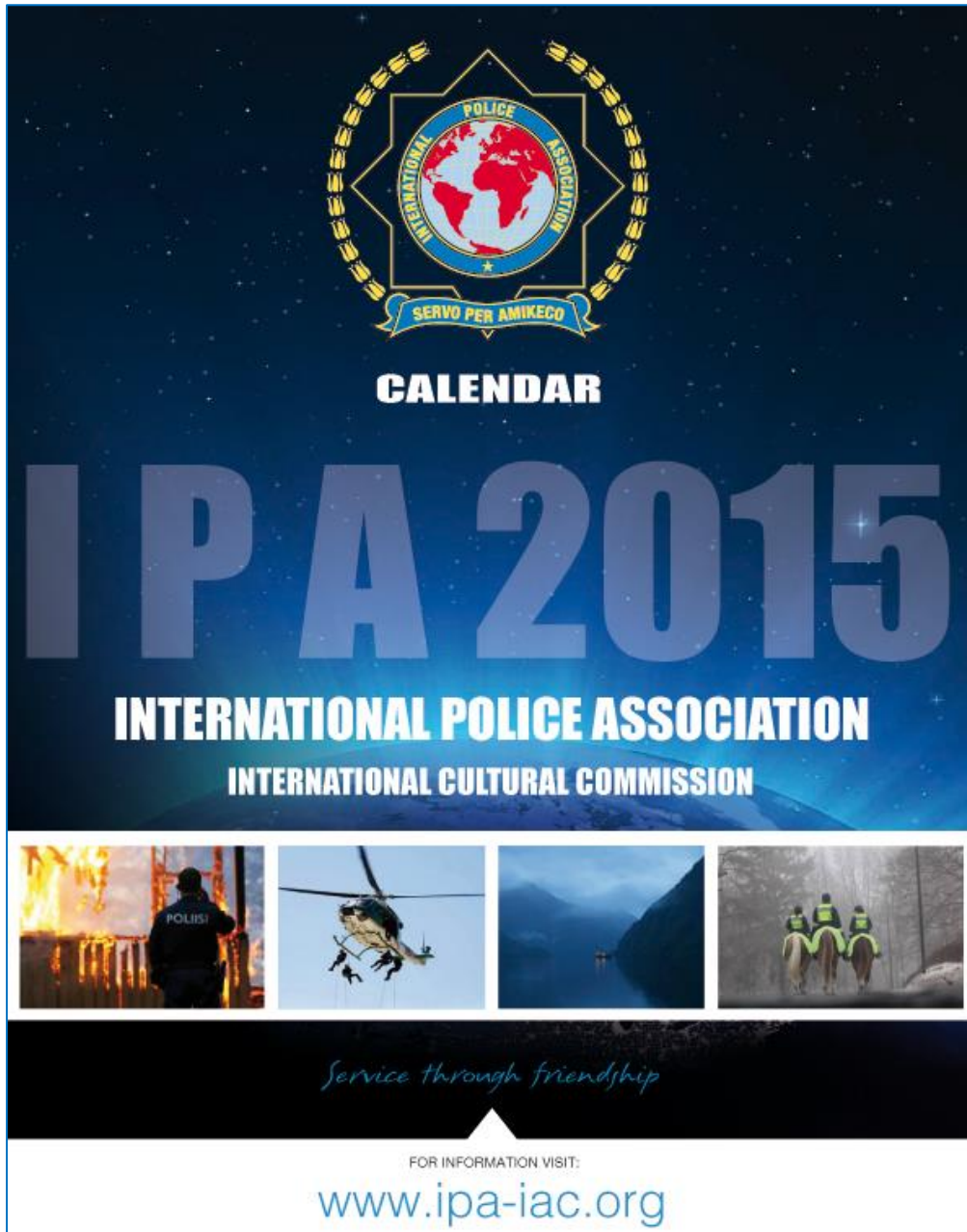
This IEB meeting gave us the chance to spend precious time together and to strengthen our friendship. We had the great pleasure to be hosted by Wendy and Maurice one evening. What a welcome and great dinner they had for us! Thank you so much to both of them.

I am glad to say that each IEB meeting makes us believe stronger in the good of the IPA, and makes us realise that any development takes positive energy and time.

Dear friends, fights will take us nowhere, unfounded criticism will not lead to new ideas. Let's all do our best, with the time that we have for the cause of the IPA, and let's make it work for the good of our motto "Servo per Amikeco".

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

Download our free ICC Calendar 2015!



I am pleased to announce that the 2015 ICC calendar is now available on the IAC website for immediate free download, as a PDF file in both high and low resolution versions.

To obtain your copy, just click on the following link: [IPA ICC 2015 Calendar](#)

The calendar features photos, chosen from the winning entries in the International Cultural Commission's photo competition from last year, as announced at the IEC conference in Potsdam.

I am grateful to our webmaster, Andy Quattrini, who formatted the calendar for us.

***Stephen Crockard, Chairman International Cultural Commission***

## LAST WORD



Friday morning, end of January. Looking out of the window first thing, I was excited to see a covering of snow which had appeared overnight. I am a winter person, a snow and ice person, and I hope it stays till the weekend, so I can enjoy it properly!

Driving to work was another story altogether, though: clearing the ice off the car meant a good work-out – and somehow England never copes well with even the smallest amount of snow: the roads resembled more like an ice rink, and I found out what it means if the brakes just don't work...

I got to the IPA safe and sound and now have the Arthur Troop House all to myself for a peaceful day at work. I can honestly say that I feel fortunate to be able to work in such a beautiful building, to have such lovely colleagues and to enjoy a varied, interesting and challenging job.

So, keep me company today and every other day, by email, phone and Skype, or by simply turning up on the doorstep of our lovely IPA Arthur Troop House!

*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>
Poland	12-13 Feb 2015	6 <sup>th</sup> Int'l Indoor Football Champ., Warsaw
USA	25-27 Feb 2015	Football Tournament for Police, Orlando
Spain	28 Feb 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> Collectors' Meeting, Madrid
Ireland	12-19 April 2015	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Week
Cyprus	16-19 Apr 2015	ISC Liaison Officers Seminar
Switzerland	17-18 Apr 2015	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
Malta	23-28 April 2015	Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition
Austria	8-10 May 2015	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Villach
Greece	11-17 May 2015	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Week, Chalkidiki
Germany	14-17 May 2015	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Berlin
Spain	28-31 May 2015	IPA Motorcycle Tour, Pyrenees
Spain	28-31 May 2015	5-a-side International Football Torun., Salou
Poland	28-31 May 2015	XVI Int'l Football Tournament, Poznan
Canada	28 May-6 Jun 2015	Friendship Week Niagara Falls
Italy	11-14 Jun 2015	5 <sup>th</sup> Motorcycle Rally, Dolomites
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 26 Jul-2 Aug 2015	Young Police Officers Seminar, Legionowo Friendship Week for YPOS participants
France	27 Jul-2 Aug 2015	Friendship Meeting Rhône-Alpes
Luxembourg	30-31 Jul 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> European Golf Tourn. for police officers
Spain	1-15 Aug 2015	International Youth Gathering
UK	8-15 Aug 2015	Friendship Week – A Taste of Scotland
Poland	23-31 Aug 2015	XV World Ind. Soccer Police Ass. T., Krakow
Italy	17-20 Sep 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> Riviera delle Palma Trophy, Grottammare
Austria	17-20 Sept 2015	Biker Meeting, Steiermark
Austria	18-20 Sept 2015	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Leibnitz
Cyprus	12-18 Oct 2015 18-25 Oct 2015	XXI World Congress, Limassol Friendship Week

## 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:

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Language</b>
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