



**INTERNATIONAL  
POLICE ASSOCIATION**

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

# Procedure for International Commissions

## **Art. 1 Basis**

The Procedure for International Commissions is based on articles 25 and 29 of the International Statutes as well as the Procedure for IEB and Internal Auditor Job Descriptions.

## **Art. 2 Standing International Commissions**

In accordance with article 25 of the International Statutes there shall be three standing International Commissions:

- External Relations Commission (ERC)
- Professional Commission (PC)
- Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC)

Each commission shall have a member of the IEB as its chairperson.

## **Art. 3 Purpose of the International Commissions**

The international commissions are supporting bodies of the IEB. Within their working areas they shall develop projects based on the strategic plan of the IEB.

They are not decision-making bodies and any recommendations require the approval of the IEB.

## **Art. 4 Selection of Commission Members**

IPA members willing to help with the work of the international commissions by offering their expertise in a specific field will have the opportunity to apply before an elective IPA World Congress.

Candidates shall be notified to the IEB at least 90 days before an elective IPA World Congress.

Candidates may not be nominated and selected without their consent and the support of their own national section.

Once elected, the commission chairpersons will select commission members according to the projects defined by the IEB. These members shall not necessarily be permanent. The number and final appointment of commission members is placed under the responsibility of the IEB. Once the selection has been completed, all applicants shall be informed by the IEB of the outcome.

Should a commission member not be able to fulfil their task anymore or should a new project require the appointment of a new commission member, the relevant chairperson may propose a replacement or an additional commission member to the IEB, preferably selected from the remaining applicants.

Regarding the ERC, the representatives of the Association should be residents of the location of the international bodies as stated in article 1 of the International Statutes. Nevertheless, other candidates are welcome to apply, as the ERC might develop further projects in other locations where specific tasks might be assigned.

As the working language of the commissions is English, language skills shall also be considered for the workability of the commissions.

## **Art. 5 Allocation of Tasks**

The following list displays the main tasks of the commissions and is subject to changes depending on decisions taken either by the IEB or the IEC.

### **Commission for External Relations (ERC)**

The main task of the ERC is to promote the IPA through establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations approved by the IEB or the IEC by:

- attending conferences of other international organisations when appropriate,
- attending at the centres of other international organisations when appropriate,
- collating relevant information for submission to other international organisations,
- collating relevant information for IPA publications.

### **Professional Commission (PC)**

Tasks of the Professional Commission are:

- developing matters relating to police development, structure and history,
- comparing surveys regarding police work within IPA sections,
- promoting and representing the IPA at international education centres,
- administering the applications of IPA scholarships,
- monitoring, advertising and promoting international criminology events,
- promoting, developing and strengthening the IPA Police Exchange Programme,
- supporting and working with IBZ Gimborn on professional and educational issues,
- liaising, supporting and providing advice to sections and members with regards to requests concerning the police profession,
- coordinating and supporting the Young Police Officers' Seminar,
- maintaining the PC Facebook page,
- liaising with sections' PC liaison officers.

### **Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC)**

Tasks of the Socio-Cultural Commission are:

- promoting and co-ordinating social and cultural activities ,
- dealing with matters regarding IPA houses and other accommodation,
- co-ordinating international sports events and championships,
- dealing with matters regarding travel,
- advising International Youth Gatherings ,
- organising international educational events other than policing matters,
- organising competitions,
- co-ordinating matters regarding hobbies,
- managing the SCC Facebook page.

The IEB shall decide which commission shall undertake a specific task, which is not already clearly defined in "Allocation of Tasks" above.

## **Art. 6 Working Methods**

The work of the commissions and the number of commission members shall be determined by the projects proposed by the commission chairpersons and approved by the IEB.

The primary working method shall be by correspondence between the commission chairpersons and the commission members. Potential meetings are subject to IEB approval.

The commission chairpersons shall submit working plans for each intended project detailing clearly the goals, main steps, financial implications and deadlines, to the IEB for approval.

## **Art. 7 Reporting**

The chairperson of each commission shall inform the IEB about their work by submitting reports at IEB meetings as well as copies of agendas and minutes if appropriate.

The commissions shall provide any necessary reports for the information of organisations in which the IPA is represented.

The chairpersons of the commissions shall provide the IEC with a written report of their activities in accordance with article 15 of the International Rules.

## **Art. 8 Liaison Officers**

National sections may appoint liaison officers to the international commissions. Although these shall not be members of the commissions, they may be encouraged to participate in commission work, in particular when their national section is involved.

**This Procedure for International Commissions was adopted by the IEC during the IPA World Congress in Cyprus and entered into force on 16 October 2015. It replaces any previous directives or decisions on international commissions.**

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