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## IPA Newsletter

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## IPA World Congress 2015 – Family photo



*Thank you Section Cyprus  
for your warm welcome!*

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## Reflections

While at the World Congress in Cyprus and watching the daily news, I was reminded of the ongoing and numerous conflicts in the world. News commentators and statesmen often comment how much turmoil there is in the world today and while this may be the case, it is nothing new. The world has always been a tumultuous place. Sometimes less, sometimes more, but there is always turmoil somewhere. Apparently it is part of the nature of man to be in constant dispute.

It is easy to overlook that it was due to one such conflict, WW2, and the resulting mistrust of nations and individuals, that indirectly (or possibly directly depending on your view) led our founder Arthur Troop to see the need for such an organization as the IPA. Troop said 'distrust and hostility had led the world to the brink of extinction' and added 'Friendship and trust had to take their place, otherwise there would be virtually no future for Mankind'.

There have been many discussions lately of what is the role of the IPA in today's world. What is the niche of the IPA? In the past travel was a big reason to belong. That was before the Internet and all the online travel opportunities. Much has changed since. Which brings us back to the main question: what purpose does the IPA serve? Is there a need anymore for the IPA? The answer is unequivocally yes. The primary purpose of our beloved IPA goes back to the friendship that is so basic to our foundation. That is the purpose of the IPA. Association-provided training and scholarships and benefits are just secondary benefits.

This friendship can be seen first-hand at every IPA gathering and especially at the World Congress. Hundreds gather from scores of different countries and several of those countries are in active conflict of one stage or another with other participating countries. Those conflicts are left at the door, because friendship overshadows all.

Every 'IPAer' can provide many examples of friendship around the world. I met and became friends with IPA Armenia President Grigor Sargsyan in Copenhagen when Armenia was recognized as an IPA section. We are friends who only see each other once a year. We shake hands, share the IPA hug, and often toast each other AND just as importantly, toast each other's country. Not bad for two people who can't talk to each other as neither speaks the other's language, who know little of each other's policing background and less of each other's culture. But we share the unexplainable cop relationship, the bond of doing the same job in different places, in different ways, but dealing with much of the same in a profession that knows no borders.

Jürgen Klös, of the German Section, served as IPA International President from 1982 to 1988 and once asked, 'What in this still strife-torn world, can be valued higher than friendship?' When Klös told Dr. Burg the former Israeli Interior Minister, 'Where there is Friendship, there is Peace', Dr. Burg replied, 'Friendship is peace'.

As all IPA members know, Arthur Troop established our organization's motto as 'Service through friendship'. Maybe an additional fitting motto would be 'friendship is peace', and when potential new members ask the standard 'Why should I join, what is in it for me?' question that they all ask, we should simply reply 'friendship and peace'. If that isn't enough for them, they very well may never understand anyway.

***Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA***

## Welcome to the new IPA International Executive Board!

Dear all,

The IPA World Congress took place in Cyprus from 14-16 October 2015. 63 national delegations were present. IPA Cyprus were fantastic hosts and I would like to thank Section Cyprus, and in particular the National President, Michael Odysseos as well as the Organising Committee under the leadership of Kyriakos Perikleous, Chairperson of the Limassol Region.

We will publish a summary of the working sessions in our December edition of the Newsletter.

For now, I would like to present you the newly elected International Executive Board and the two Internal Auditors of the IPA!



*From left to right:*

Stephen Crockard, United Kingdom, Head of Administration  
Wolfgang Gabrutsch, Austria, Treasurer Social Affairs  
Romain Miny, Luxembourg, Treasurer Finances  
Georgios Katsaropoulos, Greece, Secretary General  
Pierre-Martin Moulin, Switzerland, President  
Gal Sharon, Israel, Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission and Vice-President  
Alexey Gankin, Russia, Chairperson External Relations Commission  
May-Britt Rinaldo, Sweden, Chairperson Professional Commission



*And from left to right:*

Our two Internal Auditors, who, as you can see, will make sure our accounts are "balanced" :-)

Michael Walsh, Ireland  
Demetris Demetriou, Cyprus

***Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President***



## First time impressions of an IPA World Congress!

From the moment I became an IPA member, I dreamed of attending an IPA World Congress. When I was informed I would participate in the 2015 World Congress, it seemed far away, but before I knew it, I was in Cyprus!

Taking part in the IPA World Congress makes you realise not only how big our association is, but how much each of us contribute to it. Representatives from 63 countries attended; it seemed like a trip around the world in three days!

But there is work, lots of work... However, this has been the most enjoyable work I have ever done.

Decisions are made which affect many police officers and shape the future of the IPA. Although it is a huge honour to be part of the decision making process, it is also big responsibility. I have enjoyed both.

I was honoured to be asked to produce a presentation about the 3rd World Seminar for Young Police Officers at the World Congress. My 10 minutes of fame ;).

I am used to presenting in public, but before the congress started, I felt a little nervous to stand in front of 63 presidents. But after having met all the delegates and having 'navigated' my way through the congress, I felt that I was part of a family. I realised that I was not standing in front of presidents, but friends - friends who were standing next to me and helping me.

This is the IPA, this is what we are and who we are!

It doesn't matter who you are, where you are from, what religion or skin colour you have – we are connected by being police officers, but more importantly by our passion to help people and each other. Taking part in an IPA World Congress, you get the feeling that you are part of something important - a part of IPA history, a part of police history and maybe even world history.

I would like to thank all of you for every kind word, every friendly smile and all your help that you have given to me whilst I was in Cyprus. You have empowered me to be the best I can be as an IPA member.

Servo Per Amikeco!

**Aneta Sobieraj, 2nd Vice President IPA Poland**



## XXI IPA World Congress on YouTube



Eran Israel, Secretary General of IPA Israel, has produced a video of the XXI IPA World Congress in Limassol, Cyprus.

If you would like to watch it, please click on the following link: [XXI IPA World Congress](#)

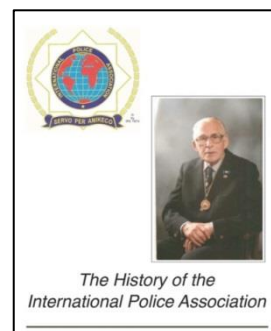
Thank you, Eran, for your tireless dedication to documenting IPA's history – year after year!

## International IPA History updated

Following the XXI World Congress in Cyprus, the IPA International History document has now been updated. Providing a wealth of information on IPA sections, conference locations and international board members over the years, it is available for downloading from the IPA USA website at:

<http://www.ipa-usa.IPAHistory>

**Kevin Gordon, President IPA USA**



## AROUND THE WORLD

### WISPA 2015 – co-organised by IPA Poland



The Polish town of Krynica Zdroj was the location for the XV Uniformed Services Football World Cup, where from 24-30 August, teams competed for the Cup of the Polish Police Commander in Chief of WISPA (World Indoor Soccer Association). The co-organisers of the tournament were IPA Poland, the Polish Police, WISPA and the mayor of Krynica Zdroj, and the event was supervised by the Secretary General of IPA Poland, Arkadiusz Skrzypczak. The main aim

of the championships – in addition to the sports competition - was to collect funds for the treatment of children with cancer.

The opening ceremony was held on the town promenade where teams marched with national flags, watched by local residents and the resort guests. Twenty-two teams from five continents competed in the tournament: from as far as Brazil, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Estonia, France, South Africa, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine! All matches were supported by enthusiastic fans who gathered in the sports hall.

All participants had the chance to get to know the beautiful Polish mountain region: they saw Krynica Zdroj, travelled by cable car to the Jaworzyna summit, visited Krakow and the famous Wieliczka salt mine. A few also participated in the conference at the Regional Police HQ in Krakow, where Brazilian representatives gave speeches. In addition, all participants received a certificate of participation from the Chief of the regional police, General Mariusz Dabka.

However, the most emotional aspect of the entire event was the visit to the Krakow University Oncology Hospital. During this visit a cheque amounting to the sum of 2,000 Euros was handed over to the director of the hospital. The young patients also received the police mascots offered especially to them by all regional police headquarters in Poland. This gesture caused the biggest smile on the children's' faces.



After five days of competition, the finals were played right in the main square of Krynica Zdroj. The winners in the senior category were the players from Bosnia and Herzegovina who beat the Russian team 4:0. In the junior category, the Jordanian team won for the second year and beat the team of the Polish prison service 2:1. Trophies were also awarded to the best players. In addition, the Fair Play Trophy in the senior category was presented to the team from Barbados, in the junior category to the team from China.

We believe that all the aims of the WISPA tournament: the integration of the uniformed services community, the collection of charity for children with cancer, the exchange of professional experiences and getting to know the culture of the host country were achieved.

***Elzbieta Gargula, IPA Poland***

## Austria: 'IPA Event 2015'



*Vineyards near Leibnitz*

IPA Austria's annual 'IPA Event' has become a much-loved tradition since its inauguration in the year 2000. The national board of IPA Austria selects an IPA event from the numerous gatherings organised by the regions and branches, and gives it the name of 'IPA Event'. In this way, a recommendable regional event can be promoted efficiently both nationally and internationally.

This year, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of IPA Leibnitz in Styria was the chosen event, and they came up with a magnificent programme. The festivities also included the fourth biker meeting of southern Styria with more than 100 bikers taking part.

The wonderful countryside surrounding the wine villages of Leibnitz and Gamlitz enchanted all 140 national and international guests, who were able to experience the beauty of the landscape and the hospitality of the area during a tour of the wine route of southern Styria.

The mayor of Gamlitz, Karl Wratschko, entertained all guests with music and a wine tasting session.

The highlight of the event was the gala evening in the cultural hall of Leibnitz which was attended by high-ranking politicians and police, the entire national board as well as guests from the 6 IPA sections of Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and the USA. Our IPA friend Thomas Ciurlik from Milwaukee in the USA had travelled the furthest to attend the event, and Luc Reiners from Denmark had travelled the furthest on his motorbike.



*Wine tasting!*

Part of the evening was spent honouring deserving IPA members, above all awarding the Ring of Honour of IPA Section Austria to the treasurer, Christof Egle, the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Willibald Elian, press officer Klaus Herbert and the IEC delegate, Alois Kalcher.

Social activities were also on the agenda, and the treasurer of the IPA Leibnitz branch, Guido Kohlhauser, was able to report that 3300 € had been donated to a young disabled man, enabling him to purchase a special bed.



*the gorgeous pastry buffet*

The evening was rounded off with the well-known 'Mehlspeisen-Buffer' (pastry buffet), prepared by IPA Leibnitz members. It is hard to imagine an IPA event in Leibnitz without these delicacies – they always provide the culinary highlight of any local festivity! You can order the pastry cookbook of IPA Leibnitz by clicking on the following link: [www.leibnitz.stmk.ipa.at](http://www.leibnitz.stmk.ipa.at).

A special thank-you to our IPA friend Anton Barbic who documented the entire event and provided all photos.

We had a fantastic time – Servo per Amikeco

**Otto König, Secretary General IPA Austria**



## IPA Croatia organises 1<sup>st</sup> Balkan-Adriatic Conference

IPA Croatia hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> IPA Balkan-Adriatic Conference from 25-27 September 2015 in Slano, inviting 14 countries from the area. Delegations from Montenegro, Greece, FYRO Macedonia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and the initiative committee of IPA Albania attended; and although the IPA Sections of Austria, Hungary and Serbia could not take part due to obligations related to the refugee crisis, they were able to give their support.



The conference contained professional as well as cultural aspects and was preceded by a well-attended press conference.



The formal part of the conference started with the President of IPA Croatia, Miljenko Vidak addressing the audience, pointing out the reasons and objectives of the conference: to try and enrich the current activities of the member sections and start new projects, as well as to exchange their experiences with existing traditional conferences. He explained that the conference was necessary because over the past 15 years, many sections had been established and matured in this region. It was therefore not a negation of the Conference of the Mediterranean sections or the Conference of Central and Eastern European sections. On the contrary, sections would continue to participate in these conferences and in their work.

IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin welcomed the conference in a letter of support, delivered to the President of IPA Croatia Miljenko Vidak. The IPA President expressed that he supported the contents of the declaration and the platform on which the new conference in the Balkans and the Adriatic is based. He was unfortunately unable to attend the conference due to his involvement in the celebrations for the cantonal police in Switzerland.

Secretary General Georgios Katsaropoulos attended the press conference during the formal session. He stressed the importance of the conference and the modalities of cooperation among the participants and expressed his gratitude to its initiators, organisers and participants. IPA Croatia President Miljenko Vidak presented him as well as all representatives in their role of co-founders of the conference with a commemorative plaque.

### Professional topics

The professional part of the conference was highly interesting and involved the speakers Janez Žabkar - representative of the Slovenian police, Zinaida Gantcheva - President of IPA Section Bulgaria, and Davor Corak - representative of IPA Croatia Section, and his associate Mariana Witovsky.



The first two speakers connected their presentation entitled 'Structure of the safety phenomenon after entering countries to the European Union with the current migration processes towards Europe' very well. The experiences were different of course. The representative of IPA Croatia Davor Corak with his associate Mariana Witovski gave a lecture on the topic of the effects of these phenomena on the younger population.

### **Cultural and entertainment programme**

All participants had the opportunity to visit Ston with its famous defensive walls and its saltworks, and enjoy the rich history and gastronomy from the 'upper villages' of the Municipality of Dubrovačko Primorje. The city of Dubrovnik was an irresistible bait for those who had not had the opportunity to visit this city before. The traditional dance Lindo was danced by many of the participants. The 1st Balkan-Adriatic Conference of IPA sections will remain in the memories of all participants, founders and for many future generations of IPA as a model for friendship among the police of the world.



### **FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE**



The conference adopted a declaration which shall act as a platform with the possibility of amendments, for future sessions of the Conference.

It was decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Balkan-Adriatic Conference will be held in FYRO Macedonia in 2016, the third in Greece in 2017, and the fourth in Bulgaria in 2018, all organised by the IPA sections of these countries. To start a new conference provides promising perspectives. We wish this conference a long life and above all cooperation from all participants, regions and national sections.

Servo per Amikeco

***Miljenko Vidak, President IPA Croatia***

## Are you up for running an IPA half-marathon in 2016?



*The winning team from IPA Latvia*

In September 2015 IPA Poland organised a half-marathon competition for the Cup of the Chief Commander of the Polish Police. This event formed part of the 25<sup>th</sup> international half-marathon 'Philips' in Pila, the town where the Polish police school for crime-investigation officers is located. More than 3000 runners participated, amongst them 152 police officers

and Polish police employees.

The IPA branch of the Pila Police School invited a team of five police officers from the Latvian National Police - Latvijas Valsts Policija.

On the twenty-one km route, Irina Stula Pankoka from Latvia was the fastest woman, and Lukasz Wrobel from Poznan finished as fastest man. The best team proved to be the Latvian police officers.

All winners were awarded by the deputy head of the Police School and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Polish Section.

IPA Poland would like to invite police officers to participate in the 2016 edition of the half-marathon!

***Witold Drzazdynski, IPA Poland***

## YPOS 2015: Watch the action!

IPA Poland invites you to watch a 7-minute long film about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Young Police Officers' Seminar, which was held from 19-26 July in the Police Training Centre in Legionowo.

Follow the link below and enjoy!

[YPOS 2015 Poland - the film](#)

***Jacek Michałkowski, IPA Poland liaison officer***



## IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina organises 2<sup>nd</sup> International Shooting Competition



On the occasion of the Police Day, IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina organised the second International IPA Tournament of Precision Shooting for men and women on 26 September in the IPA region of West Herzegovina.

The competition was held at the shooting range rifle club 'Alpha' in Siroki Brijeg, and was attended by about 60 participants from IPA regions and police units in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro.

After the tournament, numerous guests and athletes continued to socialise at the hotel 'Island' in Grude. Participants of the competition were awarded commemorative cups, medals and certificates. In the evening, all attendees were addressed with speeches by numerous honoured guests. In addition, the parish priest of Grude blessed everyone present.

The winner of the tournament won a hand gun HS Produkt XDM-9, which was donated by the firm SHOT Ltd. Zenica.

Sponsors of this second international tournament in rifle shooting were the West Herzegovina County Government and the Interior Ministry of West Herzegovina County.

***Miro Sučić, President IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina***

## IPA Germany's Christa Hock has retired

Only a few more days, and Christa Hock would have completed 16 years of loyal service with IPA Germany. Christa, as she is lovingly known by many IPA friends both in Germany and around the world, started her role with the German Section in November 1999, following the election of a new national board and the ensuing move of the German head office from Goslar/Lower Saxony to Bexbach/Saarland.



Christa was responsible for the organisation of the office and she also acted as secretary. Working alongside Werner Busch, former Secretary General of IPA Germany and 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President, she contributed significantly to the development of the German head office. I would like to highlight in particular Christa Hock's first-class, reliable and thorough approach to her work with which she created for herself a good name not only with the members of the national board and local and regional offices, but also amongst the many IPA sections worldwide. Her high standard of work contributed to IPA Germany gaining an excellent reputation in the IPA family around the world.



With her professional expertise, skills, diligence, ambition and her high level of responsibility, she was able to assist a large number of trainees in finding a suitable internship, and in numerous instances, she managed to provide the preparatory work required to obtain scholarships for them.

It is a pity that Mrs Hock has now retired and that we have therefore lost her as one of IPA's experts. At her farewell gathering President Horst W. Bichl thanked Christa Hock for her superb commitment in the true sense of Arthur Troop and wished the IPA member all the best for the future.

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

## IPA IV International Meeting 2015 held in Bosnia and Herzegovina



The 'IPA IV International Meeting 2015' was held in Bosnia from 11-13 September 2015, as part of the celebrations for the fifth anniversary of the establishment of region IPA Doboj.

Around 150 participants attended from the following European countries, as well as from almost all of the IPA regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely: Slovenia (Nova Gorica), Croatia (Zagreb), Hungary (Pecs) , Norway (Oslo), Poland (Kalwaria), Bulgaria (Vidin), FYRO Macedonia (Prilep), Montenegro (Herceg Novi), Serbia (Subotica, IPA Kosovo Morava, Smederevo, Valjevo, Braničevo, Zajecar, Zrenjanin, Belgrade, Sombor) and from Bosnia and Herzegovina (Doboj, Bijeljina, Brcko, Sarajevo, Grude, Busovaca, Orasje, Livno).

In addition, senior officials from the police, security and similar agencies from home and abroad took part in the meeting.

The highlight of the IPA IV International Meeting was the signing of the Memorandum of cooperation between the IPA sections of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia. The memorandum was signed by Alexander Rajnović, vice president of IPA Section Serbia and Nedo Savic, vice president of IPA Section Bosnia and Herzegovina.



*Signing of the Memorandum  
of Cooperation*

***Miro Sučić, President IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina***

# ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

## New contact details for the International Executive Board

I announced the new email of the International Administration Centre (IAC) as [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org) in my written report for the World Congress and advised delegates in my presentation that I would announce aliases for the new IEB members in due course. I am now able to publish these new details to you all.

These email addresses should be used for all IPA-related communications with the board members.

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***Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration***

## Annual Assembly 2015 of IBZ Gimborn



The Annual Assembly of IBZ Gimborn was held in October in the recently refurbished Schloss Hotel now under the management of Baron Franz-Egon von Fürstenberg. Participants, comprising representatives of IPA sections, regions and branches, together with police chiefs and personal members were welcomed by the Chairman of the board, Peter Newels. I represented the IEB, as May-Britt Rinaldo, the new Chair of the IPC was committed to a meeting in Sweden.

In his address Peter Newels reported on the joint meeting held in June in Gimborn with the IEB. He remarked positively on the confirmation of the IEB to support Gimborn over the full 4 year term, which has just started. This received warm applause from the assembled participants. He noted that an increasing number of

sections and branches were holding meetings in the IBZ and indeed the IEB are committed to meeting there once a year.

Mr Newels reported that the new director, René Kauffmann had enjoyed a successful first year. He advised that Dr Peter Leßmann-Faust had decided to reduce his working hours and Ms Ulrike Neuhoff had now joined the team to share pedagogical responsibilities. Treasurer Martin Mönnighoff in his report referred to expenditure on refurbishment throughout the complex and in particular, the newly opened fitness suite and sauna, plus the severance payment to the former director Mrs Bischoff. He hoped that the financial situation would move from the 'red' to the 'black' by next year. Michiel Holtackers gave a report on the academic activities of the IBZ, noting the high quality of the seminars and the speakers available to participants.

The board was due for election in this meeting. IPA Luxembourg was replaced by IPA Netherlands. Eugène Thommes was then elected as one of the Deputy Chairpersons, replacing Michiel Holtackers. Mark Liederkerken was elected as representative of IPA Netherlands. The remaining board members were re-elected. I was re-elected as the members' representative on the Board of Trustees. At the close of the meeting, gifts were presented to Mrs Monika Schellberg, who was retiring from the staff of the IBZ after 38 years, and to Michiel Holtackers.

***Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration***

## Awardees of the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2016!

We would like to congratulate the following awardees of the 2016 Arthur Troop Scholarship:

| <u>Awardee:</u>          | <u>Section:</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Jason Doyle              | Australia       |
| Aikaterini Shoinoplokaki | Greece          |
| Teboho Ramontsi          | Lesotho         |
| Rimvydas Eidietis        | Lithuania       |
| Abdullah Ahmed           | Pakistan        |
| Mitja Vidmar             | Slovenia        |
| M. van Eck               | South Africa    |
| W. Dayawansa             | Sri Lanka       |
| Sando Johnson            | Swaziland       |
| Liz Berglund             | Sweden          |
| Fiona Geisbühler         | Switzerland     |
| Robert Stenhouse         | United Kingdom  |





During the World Conference in Limassol, Cyprus, I again expressed the International Professional Commission's surprise and disappointment regarding the lack of interest from our members to apply for an Arthur Troop Scholarship. Receiving only 28 applications from 420 000 members and from a total of 66 sections has, like in 2015, led to the question whether the scholarship is effective in its current format.

Therefore within the IEB and IPC, the future funding will be looked at in order to find a better way of making more effective use of the available budget for the benefit of more members. A decision to this extent has already been made. The new IPC chair will look at this topic and initiate further changes.

Correspondence regarding the Arthur Troop Scholarship and questions can be put to the chair of the IPC, May-Britt Rinaldo at [cicp@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:cicp@ieb-ipa.org)

**Kees Sal, IPC Chairman 2012-2015**

## LAST WORD

Any job involves routine. And, after nearly 4 years, I guess there are certain aspects of the IPA that I take for granted.

Sometimes it is only when meeting people unfamiliar with the Association, that the true uniqueness of the IPA becomes obvious to me again.

Recently I was sitting in an ice rink at a competition in Turin, watching my son speedskate, when I got talking to another Dad. After the usual questions about the sport, he asked me about my work.

Now in the past, in my life before IPA, this could pretty much be an instant conversation killer: 'I am responsible for double-row angular contact ball bearings' was only of interest to die-hard engineers...

Not so with the IPA...

Eric, who as it turned out works for the EU in Luxembourg, could not hear enough of this wild and wonderful idea that a policeman had in the 1950s, of his dream of creating bonds of friendship which today unites more than 400 000 police officers from all over the world.

His enthusiasm reminded me how special the IPA is, and how much interest it can create also for people who are not in the police.

In fact Eric was so enthusiastic about the IPA, that I had to remind him that his son had just appeared on the ice, and he would miss watching his race if he did not stop asking me about the Association ☺

*Elke*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Date</b>        | <b>Event</b>  |
|----------------|--------------------|---|
| USA            | 1-6 Nov 2015       | National Delegate Conference, San Antonio                 |
| Germany        | 7-8 Nov 2015       | IPA Radio Amateurs Contest                                |
| Greece         | 8 Nov 2015         | Athens Classic Marathon                                   |
| France         | 17-20 Nov 2015     | Milipol Exhibition, Paris                                 |
| Spain          | 28 Nov 2015        | XV Int'l Trader Show, Barcelona                           |
| Austria        | 4-6 Dec 2015       | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oberkärnten + Krampuskr.     |
| Austria        | 23-31 Jan 2016     | IPA Ski-Week 2016, Hermagor                               |
| Germany        | 3-9 Feb 2016       | Cologne Carnival  |
| France         | 27 Feb 2016        | International Gala Evening, Paris                         |
| UK             | 3-6 Mar 2016       | House Managers' Meeting, St. Andrews                      |
| USA            | 3-10 Apr 2016      | Pacific & North-West California Tour                      |
| USA            | 10-17 Apr 2016     | Trains, Wineries & Treasures of California T.             |
| Croatia        | 30 Apr-14 May 2016 | IPA Croatia Tour  |
| France         | 13-15 May 2015     | Int'l Motorcycle Rallye, Mid-Pyrenees                     |
| Canada         | 20-31 May 2016     | Friendship Week, Montérégie region                        |
| Italy          | 23-29 May 2016     | 40th Anniversary IPA Tuscany                              |
| Austria        | 9-12 Jun 2016      | 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Wörgl-Kufstein Kitzbühel |
| Spain          | 11-16 Jun 2016     | European Police and Fire Games, Huelva                    |
| France         | 29-30 Jun 2016     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Int'l Open Golf Tournament, Dijon         |
| USA            | 16-30 Jul 2016     | International Youth Gathering, Los Angeles                |
| Spain          | 1-4 Sep 2016       | 7-a-side int'l football tournament, Salou                 |
| Hungary        | 5-10 Sep 2016      | 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship event, Budapest   |

## 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)



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|--------------------|--|---------|
| 02-06 Nov 2015     | Mafiöse Organisationen in Deutschland und Europa   | G       |
| 06-08 Nov 2015     | Die Schreibwerkstatt für Polizisten  | G       |
| 23-27 Nov 2015     | The ultimate violence in society -homicide in the EU<br>-comparing cases, investigations and jurisdictions                                     | E       |
| 30 Nov-04 Dec 2015 | Migration und Kriminalität   | G       |
| 04-06 Dec 2015     | Ab in die Mitte-werden rechte Themen bürgerfähig?  | G       |
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