

IPA Newsletter February 2021

Winter Romance



A stunning entry to our IPA Photo Competition 2020 by Josef Franc from the Czech Republic

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear IPA friends,

The year 2021, which we were all awaiting impatiently, arrived bringing with it a message of optimism for humanity.

Admittedly, the past year 2020 turned out to be one of the most difficult imaginable for all of us. But we were happy to leave it behind, and look into the new year positively due to the development of the coronavirus vaccines, making us all smile with relief.



The global community has mobilised rapidly, and millions of vaccine doses have already travelled across the world, increasing our hopes that this year, we will finally begin to return to our much-coveted normality.

Together with my fellow International Executive Board members, I look forward to meeting you all again in beautiful Spain for the World Congress 2021, but hopefully also at various other sports, cultural and regional meetings. We are already getting ready for the 2nd IPA Games and many other events.

Until we are able to meet again in person, we continue to communicate in an interactive way with the help of technology, and personally, I am extremely happy to witness that many sections are

making a huge effort to stay in touch with their members by organising both virtual and physical events – the latter of course within a permissible framework!

I am pleased to mention a pioneering new event, the first IPA Virtual Race Week, which will take place from 14-21 February 2021. It is open to every single IPA member and their close ones around the world, and I call on everyone to support this event.

After all, our historic association has proved numerous times in its 70-year history that it can endure! Friendship endures all and wins all! And the IPA is above all FRIENDSHIP!

I would like to close this Word of Introduction with an optimistic wish:

A SPEEDY RETURN TO MEETING EACH OTHER IN PERSON! Servo per Amikeco,

Kyriakos Karkalis, Vice President & Chair of the Socio-Cultural Commission

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Mauritius facilitate a Bowling Day for local Children

IPA Mauritius and Strike City held a joint benevolent activity on 5 January 2021 at the bowling outlet in Bagatelle Moka.

32 children of a shelter in Upper Plaines Wilhems were brought in for half a day of entertainment followed by lunch. Carers and IPA members assisted the kids.

I hope you enjoy the photos and a short videoclip of a great day for all of us:

https://youtu.be/IPA Mauritius Bowling Event at Strike City



We heartily thank Strike City for having so generously sponsored the event. We were all very happy to see a smile on the face of these less fortunate children.

God Bless them all 🙏 🙏 🙏

The event was made possible with the unflinching support of the Commissioner of Police. A special mention to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, ASP Kokil, for the coordination of the activities along with National Executive members.









Outam Kumar Guness, President IPA Mauritius

First-ever Police Day in China



10 January 2021, under a resolution of China's government, was set as the first Chinese people's Police Day for the appreciation and recognition of the efforts on public safety and well-being of all police force members.

This resolution undoubtedly reflects the great importance and attention of the government towards the national police force. It is of great significance to enhance the sense of belonging and pride of the officers to their force.

To celebrate this big occasion, Gui Zhang, who is an active Chinese police officer and a foreign associate of IPA Section Macau, contributed two carvings to the force, having used a carving knife as a pen to inscribe this impressive calligraphy on a stone tablet.

The printed works express his enthusiasm and gratitude as a police officer!





Marco Lei, IPA Macau

IPA Perú participa en Mesa de Trabajo para la Modernización y Fortalecimiento de la Policía Nacional del Perú

La International Police Association - Sección Peruana fue convocada por el Ministerio del Interior del Perú, para participar en una mesa de trabajo online, los días 11, 12 y 14 de enero de 2020, con el fin de aportar ideas, para elaborar una propuesta y estrategia en el marco del Plan de Fortalecimiento y Modernización de la Policía Nacional del Perú, dispuesta por el Presidente de la República del Perú, Francisco Sagasti Hochhausler.

El evento contó con la participación del Ministro del Interior José Elice Navarro, el Viceministro de Seguridad Pública Nicolás Zevallos Trigoso y el Viceministro de Crimen Organizado, Carlos León Romero.



El Ministerio del Interior convocó a 40 organizaciones civiles involucradas en temas policiales, de seguridad ciudadana, de derechos humanos, de personas con vulnerabilidades, de prevención del consumo de drogas, organizaciones sociales y



voluntariados, entre otros. recoger en el marco del debate, el enfoque institucional de las diversas organizaciones participantes, torno a diversos temas, tales como, la formación del personal policial, la actual infraestructura policial, equipamiento de la policía, el uso de las nuevas tecnologías en la policía, el mejoramiento de la imagen institucional, la integridad policial, los derechos humanos y finalmente la interactuación de la policía con organizaciones en civiles el cumplimiento de su misión.

El informe final será expuesto por el Ministro del Interior José Elice al Presidente de la República y al Consejo de Ministros, IPA Sección Peruana (IPA SP) estuvo representada por Alejandro Ismodes Mezzano, Presidente de IPA SP, Carlos Velásquez Salazar, ex presidente IPA SP y Javier Gamero Kinosita, actual coordinador de IPA SP en Europa con residencia en Suiza.

Javier Gamero Kinosita, IPA Peru

IPA South Africa's Timour Hall Villa on the way to becoming a Shining Star again

On 1 February 2021 South Africa, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will enter its 310th day of national lockdown.

As experienced across the globe, IPA activities and the operations at our IPA Houses have been severely impacted. During this period, Timour Hall Villa saw the end of the term of Christine and Deon Huysamen, who had served the IPA and its members as the house management for over 15 years.



During the initial lockdown period, we had to address the question whether IPA South Africa should retain Timour Hall Villa, or whether its lease with the Provincial Government should be cancelled. In the end, a decision was taken to retain the house and await the re-opening of hotels, guest houses and other similar facilities, and then determine the feasibility of continuing Timour Hall Villa as an IPA House.



Sabine & Reece dressed up for a function

Reece and Sabine Harvey were appointed as new caretakers at Timour Hall – and what a wise decision to the benefit of the IPA and its members it would prove to be!!

Their aim and vision, when they agreed to become caretakers, was primarily to uplift and restore the villa to its former glory, and to improve the image of the IPA.

The end of January has marked the milestone of their first six months, a period during which Sabine and Reece had not just sat back. They have a personal drive and aim to take Timour Hall Villa to even higher standards, and for the property to become the flagship of IPA Houses once again.

In the words of Reece: "Sabine has been fantastic, focusing energy and ideas to make the most difference

within the shortest timeframes with limited budgets and resources. One battles to keep up with her passion and drive".

Highlighted below are the key activities and initiatives the couple has embarked upon, with their aim being to focus on areas that would attract guests back to Timour Hall Villa and generate income, with a first focus on:

- House and Office
- · Bar and Dining Hall
- Accommodation
- Grounds / Estate

The front of the house took first priority, with painting and a general uplift of appearance – The Wow Factor!

The outside rooms have been uplifted and brightened.

Showers have been scrubbed, cleaned and tiles received new grouting.

Painting continues as and when the budget allows.

New bedding and towels have been procured, every month a new set, as and when the budget allows.

Outside rooms are equipped with a mini bar fridge for our guests' comfort and convenience.

New curtains have been put up.

The rooms have a new crisp, neat, clean and upmarket look with a vibrant feel and appearance, with one guest stating that "the house has a new breath of fresh air "

The bar nights were extended to Wednesdays and Fridays, and the local community and public have latched onto the opportunity to join in the IPA experience. Every Wednesday evening, we have one of our neighbours play the bag pipes, which has become a feature with the local community and patrons.

The bar, sherry room and dining hall have been repainted. Numerous IPA memorabilia found packed away, have been set out on display in the bar and sherry room.



Having heard that our local community have largely been unaware of the IPA, the team has embarked on community awareness with numerous events now being supported by the community. Listed below are a few of the events already held at Timour:

PotjieKos Competition; Monthly Markets; Halloween Market; Christmas Market; Opulent Gardens Market; Braais; Camping; Engagements; Weddings; Baby Showers; Church Groups; Memorial Services; Picnics; Meetings; Training; Team Building Events; Kids Parties; Birthday Parties; Christmas Functions, Year-end Events.

Throughout the lockdown period, IPA South Africa have been able to successfully retain past supporting groups, such as the British South African Police (BSAP), Die Bond and Crank Handle Club, and they utilise the venue regularly for their respective events.

Training and Conference Centre: Midweek Training has proved very successful.

With fibre throughout the main house and dining hall, there is now uncapped Wi-Fi with a speed of 100mb/s that is freely accessible to all guests and trainees, thanks to our sponsorships from SEACOM.



By moving table and chairs, the dining hall now also serves as a conference / training room, doubling our training capacity.

Gardening is forever ongoing. There is a great team of volunteers from the Western Cape Region with the Regional Chairperson Keith Chandler and his

team, as well as from the West Coast Region with Jakkie van Litsenborgh's team, who assisted on numerous occasions.

We have secured sponsorship from a local nursery, whose owner used to reside at Timour Hall Villa, to nurture various areas around the house – to implement in early 2021. They are also in the process of setting up small agricultural areas to harvest fresh vegetables, herbs and flowers – with full access for villa guests.



As IPA, we are very grateful to have received the following ongoing sponsorships, especially given the country's current economic state. Their assistance is greatly appreciated and recognised on the Estate:

Star Alarms

Royal Cape Security
BH Security
Glassman
SeaCom
Sareece
Jack Paints
house alarm
agte motor
armed response for free for fife
all glass & windows (~20 windows & pictures so far)
insurance
paint

Jean Louie wood chipping
BSAP 40 ltr paint
Vroom Family 40 ltr paint



Without a doubt, our caretaking couple has taken enormous strides to the revival of Timour Hall Villa, and it cannot be highlighted enough that the vast majority of work has been done by Sabine and Reece themselves, and out of their own pocket. With energy comes great initiatives!

Please visit the Timour Hall Facebook page where so much is available to view:

https://www.facebook.com/timourhallvillaestate/

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We would love to see you soon at the 'Grand Old Lady' of Cape Town – Timour Hall!

Hendrik (Vossie) Vos, President IPA South Africa

IPA Kenya Members Honoured

The 12th of December 2020 is a date that will go down in the memory of IPA Kenya for very good reasons: On this day, five members of Section Kenya made it to the coveted list of Presidential Honours and Awards nominees, among other Kenyans who had exhibited outstanding and excellent performance in various specialties. Apparently, the many charitable activities that IPA members were involved in, especially during the difficult period of the Covid pandemic, had caught the attention of not only the beneficiaries, but also the general public, who viewed the acts of charity as deserving of Honours and Awards.

During the Jamhuri (Independence) Day celebrations, the relevant IPA members were pleasantly surprised to have made it to the final list following a thorough selection process, and were subsequently conferred with the various awards: Order of the Elder of the Burning Spear (E.B.S), Head of State's Commendation (H.S.C) and the Certificate of Recognition of County Heroes and Heroines Award. The conferment was done by H.E Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander in Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces. This was in recognition of exceptional performance in their individual capacities which contributed positively towards the welfare of the Kenyan society. The awards were a consequence of the individuals' dedicated and selfless services to the country during the difficult period occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The photos display a selection of IPA Kenya's initiatives, clockwise from top left: IPA Kenya President presenting donations to the DCI Mr George Kinoti; food distribution exercise in Meru Country; the Inspector General, Mr. Hilary N. Muyambai, joins in the IPA tree planting initiative; and food distribution in a school / girls' rescue centre.









Mr. Malkit Singh Main was recognised for his remarkable fundraising ability. Mr. Malkit, who is the IPA Kenya Resource Mobilizer, has over the years developed an excellent relationship with many corporations, and through his efforts, Section Kenya has successfully undertaken huge projects through partnerships with other stakeholders.

Mr. Vinod Ramji is the IPA Kenya philanthropist. Through his company, Mafuko Industries, Vinod has made material donations to every activity where IPA Kenya is participating. His efforts have particularly been visible in Meru Region where he, and a team of IPA members from the Region, have organised a weekly feeding programme for vulnerable persons living within the locality.





Mr. Behlul was recognised for mobilising resources for security forces maintaining law and order along Kenya's Coastal Region. Through his efforts, officers on duty were supplied with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), ready meals and other essentials. He has also been instrumental in providing the locals with food and toiletries.

Mr. Dhiraj Dodhia was recognised for his commitment to support the feeding programme in children's homes. He has dedicated himself to ensuring that they had adequate food supplies during the pandemic.





Mr. Jared Ojuok was recognised for exceptional leadership skills, through which IPA Kenya has grown in leaps and bounds, gaining visibility both at a national and international level. During this period, IPA Kenya has engaged in various activities that have helped to develop and sustain a better relationship between the police and the public, wider acceptance and improved legitimacy ratings.

Previously, IPA Kenya's President, Mr.

Alfred Osur, was conferred with the Award of the Order of the Moran of the Burning Spear (M.B.S) for brilliant leadership skills in the country, which saw him rise to the level of Director of Operations in the then Kenya Police Force. In addition, the former IPA National Treasurer of Section Kenya, Mr. John Mwinzi, was conferred with the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya, for his excellent service to the nation as Commandant to the K-9 Unit (OGW).

Among the notable activities which are readily recognisable are included: food donations to 25,000 families distributed over a period of 9 months, donation of stationery and personal hygiene items to two schools valued at USD 7,000, donations of equipment, food and clothing items valued at USD 10,000 to four children's homes, and donations of PPE to frontline workers, including to the National Police Service valued at USD 200,000.

The funding of these projects was a joint venture between IPA Kenyan members, private persons and privately owned corporations. The items donated included

exercise books, equipment (four electric sewing machines), food items, schoolbooks, pens, sanitary towels, face masks, toiletries, hand sanitisers and sanitiser booths for offices and institutions.

The IPA Kenya environmental protection programmes were also highly recommended by all stakeholders. So far, Section Kenya has successfully organised and realised the planting of 3,500,000 seedlings nationwide in partnership with the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), County Governments, Corporations and individual citizens. The project 'My Tree, My Peace, My Future' is now a household name among many Kenyans.

Those awarded:

The Order of the Elder of the Burning Spear (E.B.S)

Mr. Malkit Singh Main

The Head of State's Commendation (H.S.C)

- Mr. Jared Onyango Ojuok
- Mr. Behlul Fazalai Ali Januwalla
- Mr. Dhiraj Dodhia

The Certificate of Recognition – County Heroes and Heroines Award

Mr. Vinod Lalji Ramji

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Section UK's 70th Anniversary Zoom Meeting

The members of the IEB were delighted to be invited by Section UK President Clive Wood to take part in a Zoom celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Section and indeed of the Association.

We joined the NEC, Past Presidents of the Section, recipients of awards from around the regions, Section UK staff, Gimborn director René Kaufmann and Internal Auditor Nicole Kikcio.

The guest of honour was Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, who is the patron of Section UK, and who had met Arthur Troop at the World Congress in Bournemouth in 2000.

The Princess had clearly studied her briefing notes, as she displayed knowledge of us all as she chatted with



each of us in turn, and showed a genuine interest in the Association. The atmosphere was relaxed and positive and commented upon most favourably by all taking part.

Brian Kennedy of IPA Northern Ireland had produced a video history of the IPA, with commentary by UK Vice President Sean Hannigan, which was shared at the meeting.

Our thanks go to the organisers, Clive Wood, Sean Hannigan, Steve Bretherton, Andy Gregory and Brian Kennedy for a superbly run event.

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Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

IEB Covid-19 Survey

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused untold pain and suffering across the world. As frontline workers, the police have stepped up to meet many challenges and keep people safe. Covid-19 also has had a significant impact on our association's life.



In an attempt to measure the effects of Covid-19 on the IPA globally, the IAC, in November 2020 at the request of Secretary May-Britt Ronnebro, circulated an electronic survey, created by the Treasurer Finances, Mick Walsh, to all 68 IPA sections. 37 sections were able to respond.

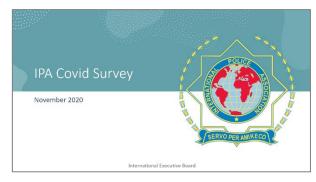
A PowerPoint presentation was sent to the sections in December, giving a synopsis of the responses to each question, in many cases with full results in the slide notes.

The most common problems faced by IPA sections were:

- Finding new ways to replace usual activities and continue recruitment
- No physical meetings, lack of travel, and cancellation of planned events
- Ensuring value to members and maintaining local interest
- Members' health and economic problems
- Sustaining IPA Houses with no income

IPA sections demonstrated resilience, by taking many positive steps over the course of 2020 in an effort to function as efficiently as possible in an unprecedented year.

Many used media tools, such as WhatsApp and Zoom, to maintain contact, and indeed run local and national IPA meetings online.



Socio-cultural activities, when restrictions permitted, were catered for by outdoor sports, biking, hiking, fishing, and photography.

Zoom quizzes and talks on various topics were very popular, and Gimborn began online seminars to replace the physical ones. Coffee, wine and whiskey meetings, already being run, also took on a greater importance in this period.

Some sections greatly assisted persons in need with travel and delivery services during lockdown, handing out face masks, food and medical supplies, and thus demonstrated the value of the IPA to society and the police.

The IEB intend to send out a follow-up survey in March with updated questions relevant for 2021.

A big thank you to all sections who took part in this valuable survey.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

LAST WORD

The February edition of the IPA Newsletter beautifully highlights the international aspect of the IPA: an atmospheric front photo from the Czech Republic, news articles stretching from Peru, Kenya, South Africa and Mauritius all the way to Macau, and contributions from IPA International Executive Board members from Greece and the United Kingdom.

Friendship, one of the core values of the IPA, is best kept alive by joined activities. Not an easy task, especially on an international level, while we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.



But where there is a will, there is a way, and I take this opportunity to come back to a wonderful event already mentioned by Kyriakos Karkalis in his introduction to this Newsletter: an IPA Virtual Race Week that every single IPA member can take part in, all over the world.

From what I saw last, participants have now registered from 25 countries on 5 continents. A truly international event.

The racing week takes place from 14-21

February, and there is still time for you to register. All necessary information can be found at: https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/virtual-race-week.

Really, there is nothing to stop you ... so go on and enjoy international friendship during the IPA Virtual Race Week!

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