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Alpha Sierra One



An action shot from the IPA Photo Competition
by IPA Ireland member John Cahalin

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear IPA Friends,

Since I retired from the police, one thing I have appreciated, is not needing to dress formally in a suit and tie, except for special occasions, including IPA dinners and dances. Since the 2019 World Congress in Croatia, I have worn my suit only once, namely in March 2020 in Gimborn, to have my photo taken.

How easily I have become accustomed to this new reality, in the same way that I have had to adapt to not being able to visit the IAC office since January 2020. Admittedly the majority of my interactions with the IAC staff members has always been by email or telephone from my home office. The difference now is that they are also working from their homes, except when circumstances dictate a quick visit to Fox Road to collect post, or to print off documents.

This is the new reality for so many people across the world, and when the UK government gives the all-clear for people to return to their offices, the very strong likelihood is that we are looking at a hybrid form of work for the IAC. Personal interaction is important for many tasks and for clarifying uncertainties, so I foresee a part-time return to the physical office for Elke and Daniel, but in a gradual and flexible manner.



Perspex screens for the desks have been purchased to maintain appropriate safeguards for our staff, along with hand sanitisers and signage. Sensible rules for moving around the house and its facilities have been agreed with the Section UK executive and staff members. The IAC office is currently undergoing repairs to the outer wall and ceiling. If this work should still be ongoing when the staff are permitted to return, then it may be that our hosts will be able to give us the use of an alternative office in the short term.

I look forward to paying a visit to the office, to see the results of all this hard work and innovations and who knows? Perhaps, if there is an important visitor to greet, I may even be persuaded to wear my suit and tie. If they still fit, that is!

Kind regards,

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Romania hold highly successful Cooking Competition: 'Best Chef IPA'

In an attempt to create something new and escape the pattern of ordinary activities, IPA Romania organised a contest on culinary topics entitled 'Best Chef IPA' from 7-8 May 2021.

Every effort was made to maintain a high standard in this event, which is why Bilancia Romania, Telekom Romania, Cumpana and the Alexandrion Group were important partners for our section.

The competition jury consisted of professional chefs – Antonio Passarelli, Ștefan Oprea and Daniel Van Der Veken – and therefore it was not surprising that the emotions of the competitors ran even higher. Teams from all over the country showed up at their cooking stations. Our IPA members were able to spend quality time with people who share their passion for cooking, while also having the opportunity to demonstrate their skills by working in a professional kitchen.



Congratulations to the project manager, Cătălin Dascălu, and IPA Region 1 Ilfov, for organising the contest, and thank you to the jury and partners for their support.



Whilst the competition winners came from IPA Region 1 Covasna - Kovacs Gabor Aron and Banciu Valentin, and IPA Region 5 Bacău - Ferica Vasile and Zamfir Ionuț, we can say that all participants are winners through the experience they have gained.

The praise from the professional chefs, who were amazed by the level of training and skills of our IPA

members, is a solid reason for members to further develop their passion.

Our next steps are the organisation of courses under the auspices of the Escofier Association and, for next year, a competition that could become international.

Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu, President IPA Romania

XX. Nationaler Kongress und 60 Jahre IPA Österreich

Die IPA Österreichische Sektion wurde am 1. Juli 1959 gegründet. Die offizielle Gründungsurkunde wurde am 26. April 1960 in London ausgestellt. 1961 wurde die IPA Österreichische Sektion beim Weltkongress in Paris international anerkannt.

Die Jubiläumsfeier anlässlich des 60-jährigen Bestandes der IPA Österreichische Sektion sollte beim XX. Nationalen Kongress vom 14. bis 17. Mai 2020 in Seefeld stattfinden. Doch die IPA Österreichische Sektion denkt – und Covid-19 lenkt. Aufgrund der aktuellen COVID-19-Situation und der damit verbundenen Warnungen vor Reisen und der Durchführung von Veranstaltungen jeglicher Art musste der Nationale Kongress mit der Jubiläumsfeier vorerst auf 2021 verschoben werden.



Der neue Vorstand der IPA Österreich (im Uhrzeigersinn von oben):

Präsident Martin Hoffmann, Schatzmeisterin Kerstin Hinterecker, IPA-Akademie Peter Schweiger, EDV und Mitgliederverwaltung Gerald Hatzl, Öffentlichkeitsarbeit Thomas Erhard, Schriftführer Fabian Payr und Generalsekretär Robert Neumann.

Bedauerlicherweise hat sich die Situation in der Zwischenzeit nicht wesentlich verändert. Somit konnte der XX. Nationale Kongress der Österreichischen Sektion nicht, wie ursprünglich geplant, in der Zeit vom 12. bis 15. Mai 2021 als Präsenzveranstaltung in Seefeld/Tirol durchgeführt werden. Da jedoch wichtige Entscheidungen anstanden, wie die Neuwahl des geschäftsführenden Vorstandes oder Statutenänderungen, beschloss der Bundesvorstand die Durchführung einer Delegiertenversammlung mittels Videokonferenz.

Zu diesem Zweck nahmen der Bundesvorstand und die Delegierten aller neun Landesgruppen der Delegiertenversammlung am 13. Mai 2021 an einer Videokonferenz teil. Die Funktionäre des Bundesvorstandes erstatteten ihren Rechenschaftsbericht über ihre Tätigkeiten in den vergangenen vier Jahren; die Rechnungsprüfer berichteten über die Finanzsituation und der geschäftsführende Vorstand wurde von den Delegierten entlastet. Zahlreiche Funktionäre der IPA Österreichische Sektion wurden für ihre Verdienste geehrt.

Einige Änderungen der Statuten, sowie die Ehrenmitgliedschaft für Christof Egle, Mag. Alois Kalcher, Konrad Luckenberger und Otto Steindl wurden beschlossen.

Die Delegierten wählten den neuen geschäftsführenden Bundesvorstand und die Rechnungsprüfer:

Präsident	Martin Hoffmann
Generalsekretär	Robert Neumann
Schatzmeister	Kerstin Hinterecker
Schriftführer	Fabian Payr
Verantwortlicher für MVO und EDV	Gerald Hatzl
Referent für Öffentlichkeitsarbeit	Thomas Erhard
Bildungsreferent	Peter Schweiger
Kontrollorgan	Mag. Markus Ferschli (Steiermark)
Kontrollorgan	Thomas Schachner (Salzburg)
Kontrollorgan	Kurt Pavitsits (Burgenland)

Bei der anschließenden konstituierenden Sitzung wurden die Vizepräsidenten sowie die Vertreter des geschäftsführenden Bundesvorstandes gewählt:

1. Vizepräsident	Wolfgang Gabrutsch (Berufskommission)
2. Vizepräsident	Kurt Walker (Sozialkommission)
3. Vizepräsident	Michael Güttner (Kulturkommission)

Besonderer Dank gebührt der Landesgruppe Tirol, die sich um die Ausrichtung des XX. Nationalen Kongresses mit der Jubiläumsfeier der IPA Österreichische Sektion in Seefeld angesichts der schwierigen Situation außerordentlich bemüht hat. Es wäre schön gewesen, alle IPA-Freunde wieder zu sehen.

Robert Neumann, Generalsekretär IPA Österreich

IPA Section UK Members launch Cycling Club for Emergency Service Workers

In support of the wellbeing of those who give so much to protect others, May 4th, 2021 saw the launch of the Bluelight Cycling Club – the UK's first cycling club for emergency service workers.

The launch, held at New Scotland Yard, included representatives from a variety of businesses, organisations and agencies, with officers and staff from across a broad spectrum of emergency service providers.



*Major Mark Winstanley (British Army), Craig Burne (HM Coastguard), former England rugby player Andy Goode, Chief Superintendent Roy Smith (Met Police), Allan Woodhouse (London Ambulance Service) and Commander Paul McClenaghan (London Fire Brigade) at the launch.
(Photo courtesy of: Metropolitan Police)*

IPA Section UK member, Metropolitan Police (Met) intelligence officer and Honorary President of the Club, Colin Nye, said: "The work undertaken by the emergency services and partners like the armed forces is unlike other vocations and sometimes sees our colleagues subjected to repeated trauma. Having a community built around a shared interest like cycling is an excellent way for emergency workers to decompress in a safe space. I am delighted to be able to support this initiative in a small way and wish all those involved the very best of luck".

The idea for the club started when three Met officers – Colin Nye, Neil Turner and Dan Bryant – planned a London–Paris cycle ride to raise funds for police charities following the death of a colleague in Westminster in 2019.

Word of the planned ride spread quickly on social media, with the number of people wanting to take part soon exceeding the capabilities of the organisers. The ride was sadly cancelled due to Covid, but that was not the end. With interest in cycling among emergency services personnel growing on social media, a group from different

agencies met virtually on a Zoom call in March 2021. It was there that the vision for the Bluelight Cycling Club began to take shape.

IPA Section UK member, Retired Flying Squad Detective Sergeant and co-founder, Neil Turner, said: "The enthusiasm of the co-founders, the original committee and our business partners has led to something truly amazing being created. Dealing with traumatic events and the wellbeing of others while juggling concerns for our families and our own personal safety has been a delicate balancing act. Our aim, going forward, is for the club to actively support wellbeing for those who work in the emergency service arena."

The cycling club, which is affiliated to British Cycling, is open to riders from the police, the NHS, fire and rescue services, HM Coastguard, the RNLI, HM Prison Service, the armed forces, the National Crime Agency and search and rescue organisations.

The club is a non-profit community interest company and funds raised through membership and sponsorship assist five nominated charities dear to the blue light community: COPS (Care of Police Survivors), Help for Heroes, NHS Charities Together, the Firefighters Charity and the Coastguard Association. The club aims to provide a safe place for emergency workers to come together and enjoy cycling, to promote their wellness and good health, and to give something back to those who risk their own personal safety and wellbeing as first responders in emergency and critical situations across the UK on a daily basis.

Ambassadors for the club who will be joining in on some of the rides throughout the year include Sharron Davies MBE, Eurosport commentator Tom Gaymor, Commonwealth Games sprinter Chris Pritchard and former England rugby player Andy Goode.



Met Police Chief Superintendent Roy Smith said: "I am absolutely delighted to support the Bluelight Cycling Club. We know that across all of the emergency services colleagues are significantly more likely to be exposed to trauma over the course of their careers – responding to the most dangerous, serious and traumatic incidents that many people would run away from. This undoubtedly takes its toll, and we know that there are strong links between physical exercise and mental health – both of which are key

for your overall wellbeing. Getting together with like-minded people in a safe space to exercise is a brilliant way of managing some of that stress. Anything that can be done to keep our blue light heroes healthier and happier has my vote."

The Blue Light Cycling Club is currently open to UK members, but will extend internationally once they get going. IPA Sections UK and France are working with Colin and Neil to support their inaugural London to Paris event now scheduled for 2022, Covid permitting!

More information can be found at - <https://www.bluelightcc.co.uk/>

Martin Turner, Vice President IPA United Kingdom

IPA Argentina News: Creación Centro de Capacitación

En medio de esta pandemia mundial que nos afecta a todos, logramos crear el Centro de Capacitación en Resolución de Conflictos, Institución formadora N° 30 habilitada por la Subsecretaría de Acceso a la Justicia de la Provincia de Santa Fe, República Argentina, con el objetivo de brindar capacitaciones sobre resolución de conflictos, mediación y negociación en términos de paz.

CENTRO DE CAPACITACION EN RESOLUCION DE CONFLICTOS

CURSO BASICO DE FORMACION DE MEDIADORES

Institución formadora N° 30 habilitada por la SubSecretaría de Justicia de Santa Fe

INTRODUCTORIO
Carga horaria: 30 horas

ENTRENAMIENTO
Carga horaria: 90 horas

PASANTIAS
Carga horaria: 30 horas

MODALIDAD VIRTUAL

DÍAS Y HORARIOS:
Martes 18 a 21 hs y
Sábados 09 a 12 hs
Comienzo: 18 de mayo

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INSTITUCION FORMADORA N° 30

CENTRO DE CAPACITACION EN RESOLUCION DE CONFLICTOS

Comenzamos el primer Curso básico de Formación de Mediadores de forma virtual, convocando a docentes con diferentes profesiones y puntos de vista, para dar conocimiento de todos los enfoques y modelos del procedimiento de mediación, abordando la temática socialmente.

MODELOS DE MEDIACION

- HARVARD (Ury y Fisher)
- TRANSFORMATIVA (Bush y Folger)
- CIRCULAR NARRATIVA (Cobak)
- ESTRATEGICA (Calcaterra)

José Luis Giacometti, Presidente IPA Argentina

Roberto Donatiello, Secretario General IPA Argentina

Change of Guard at IPA Kenya's National Administration Centre

The IPA Kenya President, Mr. Alfred Osur, officiated the farewell ceremony in honour of the long-serving Office Administrator Ms. Lorna Wawuda, on 29th April 2021. The short ceremony took place at the National Police Service Headquarters, Jogoo House 'A' in Nairobi, and was attended by representatives of the National Executive Board and IPA Kenya Section members.

Mr Jared Ojuok, Secretary General, Ms. Pauline Munyi, 3rd Vice President, Mr Mutiso Lelli and Mr Francis Sunda, both members from the Nairobi IPA Region, were also present. Other members, unable to attend due to the current Covid-19 protocols, sent messages of good will, and wished Lorna well in her future endeavours.



Lorna (l) and Catherine (r)

In his address, the President thanked Lorna for her steadfast and honest services rendered to IPA Kenya over the six years period. He also described Lorna's leadership as that of great humility and respect for all members. The President noted that Lorna had demonstrated deep insight and knowledge in her work, and as a result, the Kenyan Section had grown exponentially during her tenure.



The Secretary General presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Lorna (left); President Osur handing out an IPA membership card to Lorna in the presence of her son (right)

President Osur also took the time to welcome Ms. Catherine Mashame, the incoming Office Administrator to the IPA Kenya Management team, and promised her his utmost cooperation and guidance as she assumes her new duties. Ms. Mashame was selected following a competitive interview and assessment of applicants for the position. She holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Rongo University and comes with five years of experience from the corporate world, as well as proven communication skills. During her 1-month induction, she has proven to be a team player and an outgoing person with good interpersonal relations. We are confident that she will deliver the mandate.

Members expressed their gratitude towards Lorna by showering her with gifts of every kind: cash and other household items. Ms. Wawuda, who was accompanied by close family members, could not hide her joy. She thanked the members profusely, and pledged to support IPA Kenya's activities in the future.

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

IPA Deutschland – 103 – Das älteste IPA-Mitglied der Welt

Deutschland wird noch von einem Kaiser regiert, der 1. Weltkrieg ist in der Endphase, als Johannes Hölscher am 17. April 1918 in Essen in einer Krupp-Arbeiterfamilie auf die Welt kam. Er feiert jetzt seinen 103. Geburtstag und ist somit das älteste IPA-Mitglied in Deutschland, vielleicht sogar weltweit.

Nach der Weimarer Republik und der Nazi-Herrschaft mit dem 2. Weltkrieg, tritt der gelernte Maler und Anstreicher 1946 in den Polizeidienst ein. Er wird zunächst Kriminalassistent in seiner Heimatstadt und arbeitet bis zu seiner Pensionierung in drei Kommissariaten. Er ermittelt gegen Einbrecher, Sexualstraftäter und Mörder. „Ich habe immer auf das Geständnis der Täter hingearbeitet. Denn das ist die Krone der Ermittlungsarbeit“, so seine Motivation und sein Fazit über seine langjährige Polizeiarbeit.

Ein Fall bleibt für ihn und seine Kollegen allerdings bis heute ungelöst. Der Dreifachmord an drei Mitgliedern einer Konditorfamilie in Essen-Rüttenscheid. Der Mordfall „Litt“ ging in die Essener Kriminalgeschichte ein. Auch 103-jährig erinnert sich der Senior an viele Geschichten aus seiner aufregenden Zeit als Kripo-Beamter. 1978 geht Johannes Hölscher in Pension. Auch danach führt sein Weg fast jeden Tag ins Polizeipräsidium in die Polizeikantine zum Mittagstisch.



Nach dem Tod seiner Frau lebt der Pensionär noch viele Jahre alleine in seiner Wohnung, bevor er fast 100-jährig ins Altenheim umzieht. Der Geburtstag musste coronabedingt leider im kleinen Kreis und vor der Tür des Seniorenzentrums gefeiert werden. Ein paar seiner Ex-Kollegen aus dem Polizeichor bringen ein Ständchen und einen Blumenstrauß. Glückwünsche vom Oberbürgermeister Thomas Kufen, vom Polizeipräsident Frank Richter und vom Präsidenten der IPA, Horst W. Bichl, erfreuen den Jubilar besonders, ist er doch einer der Gründungsmitglieder der weltweit größten Berufsorganisation.

Uwe Klein, member IPA Germany

IPA and WAD: A Partnership of Friendship

Dear IPA members,

Cooperation between the International Police Association and the World Association of Detectives (WAD) started formally on 13 September 2019, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Stockholm, between both associations.

In comparison to the IPA, the World Association of Detectives is a rather small organisation, but WAD can look back on a history of nearly a hundred years, having been founded in 1925 in Chicago USA, and it is now the biggest and most important representative in the private investigations and security services industry.

I started this project 3-4 years ago, and with the kind help and friendship of May-Britt Ronnebro, this project was taken to the IPA President, Pierre Martin Moulin. Many years of meetings, discussions, as well as interviews of IPA and WAD members, until finally the dream of cooperation became true in Stockholm. Thank you, Pierre and May-Britt. I am sure our cooperation will be a great tool for our members.

I joined the IPA in August 2007, and have ever since worked constantly to promote the IPA image around the world. I support all IPA members travelling to Romania, and I travel to other countries to celebrate members with a long history in our association.

Many of our members are former police officers who moved over into the private industry after retirement, or having taken the risk to quit a secure law enforcement job to face the challenges of the private security and investigation industry. In addition, we have members with no law enforcement background coming from all kinds of professions. Our members are based in nearly every free country around the World. They may be from different fields of activity, but many of them are closely related to the police field, which is how the idea of cooperation started.

The IPA and WAD have much in common, while there are of course some differences. Private investigation and security services will never be, and never intend to supplement, law enforcement services. There is no competition, and we clearly understand the priority of police work in law enforcement.

WAD members mostly work in general security, defending civil rights such as trademark and patents rights, civil claims support and other areas where law enforcement has no tasks at all, or just comes into the game in a later stage, when the infringements of law became obvious.

However, nowadays the challenges we all are facing are the same. Offenders are using international networks, and modern techniques are instantly picked up by criminals. Our case load is dramatically increasing, and we sometimes feel we are fighting like Don Quijote against the windmills.



*Stockholm September 2019:
Signing of the MoU, and May-Britt
Ronnebro receives the WAD wallet*

Working in mostly small and medium-sized companies, our members can make decisions fast, and are not so stuck with regulations. On the other hand we do not have the rights and official networks law enforcement have.



*IPA friendship around the World:
Austria, Denmark, Italy, as well as the
Guinness Forum friendship 😊*

In certain fields, our members are working in the early stages of the same cases as law enforcement does. In insurance fraud, for example, where private investigators are often hired by the insurance industry to investigate suspicious claims. If it turns out that there is a clear matter of fraud, the police take over. In such situations, there are interfaces between our members and law enforcement, which is why we feel that there is a need of mutual understanding. If our members understand police work and the police understand the work of our members, this will certainly be beneficial for both sides, and it will help us to reach our goals.

The main objectives of WAD are not that different to those of the IPA: We want to give our members the chance to establish

international networks, we intend to promote education and know-how among our members, we want our members to learn about different cultures, and last but not least, we aim to give them the chance of making friendships all over the World. We all know that the more friendship and mutual understanding and know-how we have, the more peace, safety, and freedom we will get.

One of the main purposes stated in the MoU of our associations, is to establish a partnership between the World Association of Detectives and the International Police Association's Professional Commission in the field of sharing professional knowledge and training.

We are extremely pleased about the cooperation with the IPA, the biggest Police association in the world. We are looking forward to an exchange of experience, to learn from each other, and to make friends with each other. We would love to see IPA members as guests at our WAD meetings, and know that many of our members, some who are already IPA members, would love to join IPA meetings.

The joint Memorandum of Understanding between the IPA and WAD encourages WAD members to contact their national IPA section and IPA members, and find ways to collaborate on all levels, from cultural, sports and training to friendly chats, while from the active law enforcement side, IPA members are invited to join WAD when they have retired and enter another global family of investigators.

I am looking forward to having the chance of meeting many IPA members in the future.

Dan Rusu, President of the World Association of Detectives, and IPA member

IPA Section UK – ‘Crossing Borders’ to France

‘Spotlight Series shining a light on policing from around the world’

Visiting France last week (12th May 2021) was a breath of fresh air. Many of us have missed travelling this past year. Making connections with IPA members across the globe is what membership is about.

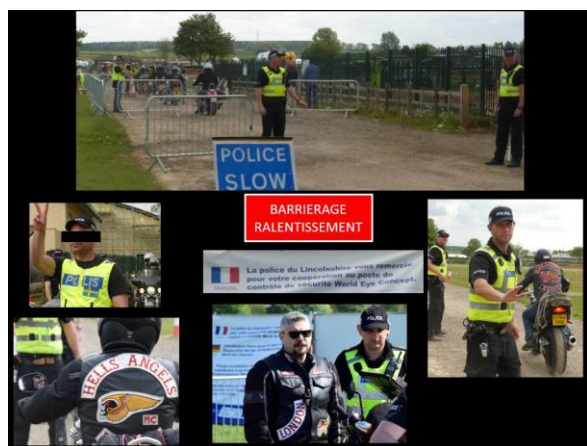
So, in the absence of lofty long-haul flights and short sorties to the continent, I instead tuned in to the IPA's latest online event IPA Crossing Borders. I wasn't alone, but joined by more than 35 IPA members from eleven different countries (England, Wales, Scotland, Estonia, Greece, Romania, France, Ireland, Kuwait, USA and Malaysia). I couldn't imagine a more interesting Zoom call.

This was the first of three planned spotlight events for May, June and July 2021. Each Zoom event focuses on a different country. The format consists of short ‘mini presentations’ delivered in English and often supported with photographs & slides. The theme for our first spotlight event (12th May 2021) was Policing France. We were treated to four fascinating insights from practising French law enforcement officers.

First to speak was Nathalie who gave us an informative overview of the police structure in France. Nathalie described her recent postings from a senior leader's perspective overseeing prestigious events in public order, and shared photographs including some of the French equestrian division and riot police.



Second to present was François, a French investigator. François amazed us with revelations that the public prosecutor, or for some types of serious crimes an investigating judge, is mandated by law to be appointed at the start of every criminal investigation. A collaborative approach is adopted throughout the lifecycle of a criminal case right up to the point of court & sentencing.



Bruno gave us a gritty insight into immigration and serious organised crime. Having served with international partners in several postings including Bosnia previously, Bruno described some of the recent challenges and problems of policing cross-channel migrants and touched on the delicate political issues.

The last speaker shone the spotlight on Counter Terrorism and Outlaw Motorcycle gangs within judicial policing. Philippe emphasised the international cooperation

and intelligence gathering efforts of national and international agencies working together in partnership. Parallels drawn with the Italian Mafia and the hierarchy structure of the Hells Angels Gang described gave us a riveting finale to our first IPA Crossing Borders event.

Grateful thanks to our fabulous speakers and the IPA Section UK London North Branch secretary Alex Williams for organising & hosting the series. **Join us for our second event on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 6pm** when we shine a light on Policing Germany, details to be advertised shortly.

If you would like to be a part of a future IPA Section UK Crossing Borders series and help put together a short talk / presentation about your area of work, please get in touch with IPA Section UK – vpturner@ipa-uk.org.

Martin Turner, Vice President IPA United Kingdom

IPA Brazil hold Police Pride Day

The bureau of the International Police Association's Brazilian Section in the State of Rio de Janeiro - IPA Brazil / RJ, celebrated a "Police Pride Day" on 22 May 2021, in a solemn act at the IPA Brazil Headquarters in Rio of Janeiro.



The event was attended by several members of the IPA in the State of Rio de Janeiro and guests. In addition to the commemorative ceremony, a shooting competition was held in the grounds of the Headquarters.

The event took place to strengthen the feeling the pride of being a police officer, and in response to criticism that the police in Rio de Janeiro had received from several national media outlets,

following a police operation that took place on the hill of Jacarezinho (city of Rio de Janeiro) against drug trafficking. This confrontation had resulted in 28 fatalities, including the death of police officer André Frias.

Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil

LAST WORD

As this IPA Newsletter includes articles in several languages, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that there is a translation option in the top banner of the Flipbook version you all receive.

To make the most of our monthly newsletters, why not give this a go? 😊

Elke



