



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) NEWSLETTER

IPA ITALY HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



IPA Italy and Region Sicily host the International Executive Board during their national congress and 60th Anniversary of IPA Sicily events in Catania. Read more on page 3

GREEN IPA - PLANT A TREE

Green IPA new initiative plant a tree took place last week from 17—22 April 2024.

Read more on page 6, and on page 21 you can hear from IPA Kenya about their activities held to support this project.



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WORD OF INTRODUCTION

HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION - CLIVE WOOD



Following my appointment as Head of Administration at last year's wonderful World Congress in Athens, I have, I suppose, had a few months to settle into the role. It is a great pleasure to hold this important Office as part of the International Executive Board and I must sincerely thank my predecessor Stephen Crockard from Section UK for leaving things in such an excellent situation. He was of course, as am I, supported by the fabulous team of Hana and Lisa who do a great job in supporting all of us to make sure the IPA runs smoothly.

It would also be remiss of me, not to thank all Sections globally for the supportive and timely responses I receive to correspondence, and for the great flexibility and understanding shown by many sections which allows me to succeed as I strive to give you all a first-class service.

A little bit about me. I live in the UK about one hour from our headquarters in Nottingham so if you are visiting the UK, you would be very welcome to come and visit.

Currently as President of the UK Section, I must recognise there is a potential for a conflict of interest, but I remain steadfast when sharing a flexible approach to ensure we achieve the best in both roles.

Taking on the international position really does move things to another level, and I must thank my national executive for their support and forbearance, as I seek to manage both roles.

I was recently delighted to host the IEB for a weekend which culminated in the presentation of the global strategy which has recently been published and will guide us over the coming term.

Coming from that important document for me, is the development of a global App, and I would like to thank Jason Brewer, President of IPA Australia and all members of my team for the significant work involved in seeking to achieve that goal in a relatively short timescale - More at World Congress in North Macedonia.

I'm also delighted to have been selected to be the liaison between the IEB and the Americas group.

I'm really looking forward to developing relationships with those member sections, particularly during our upcoming visit to Brazil in May.

Looking slightly further ahead to our World Congress this year in North Macedonia. I can tell you that Hana and Lisa are already working extremely hard to ensure a successful event when our team of three look forward to meeting with many of you in person.

I have recently returned from a meeting of the IEB in Sicily where as well as developing our important work streams we were hosted by Section Italy and Region Sicily who were celebrating their 60th Anniversary. This was a real pleasure. A truly wonderful few days so thank you again to all involved in delivering such an amazing event.

Finally, if there is anything we can help with please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to help.

In friendship

Clive Wood
Head of Administration

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WORLD PRESIDENT MARTIN HOFFMANN: SPLENDID NATION FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW!

Sicily in recent days has been tinged with world colours thanks to the congress of the IPA International Executive Board. In fact, the National Congress of the International Police Association (I.P.A.) was held in Giardini Naxos. The Association established in 1949 by members of the various Police Forces, present throughout the world in 67 states and six continents. The Police Commissioner of Messina Annino Gargano opened the proceedings with his welcome by praising the work of the I.P.A and the spirit of the Association contained in the motto "I serve for Amikeco".

"I salute the I.P.A. because contact with security professionals allows us to achieve the objectives that we set ourselves for the common good. The new generations of security operators need you. Professional training cannot occur separately from one solid moral and personal component made largely by your experience gained over the years. There are many problems that still affect our offices today: from the fragility of certain employees who for certain reasons make extreme gestures to the fragility linked to personal relationships: we therefore need a network professional that solid friendly relationships between all the members of the I.P.A. and their supporters. The experiences of each of you are very important to ensure that the values of legality, respect for rules and respect for the person are increasingly firm and strong in society modern. I hope that today's work here in Italy and in the province of Messina which welcomed you with a beautiful sun and with the sun of colleagues from the Italian Police can be a further improvement towards the steps of the Association."

-these are the words of the Police Commissioner-

The International President of the I.P.A. Martin Hoffmann kicked off the congress by thanking those present with these words: "I love coming here to Italy. We have included many projects. Beyond the friendship that binds me to the National President Nicolangelo Pezone, I am happy with the work carried out by the Italian Committee. I cite, for example, that of Antonio Molinaro and Diego Trolese, extraordinary precursors of the international verb. In the near future it will be necessary to look at the professional aspects. The I.P.A. will provide an increasingly professional approach at an international level so that agents can use their global knowledge in their own country. I would like there to be more and more exchanges between the Police Forces at an international level and we will work for this. I wish you good continuation of your work."

The National President of the I.P.A. Italy Nicolangelo Pezone who presided over the work of the national congress. At his side the National Vice President of I.P.A. Italy Antonio Molinaro and all the different components of the Association with the representatives of the 21 Delegations. For the first time the International Executive Committee was present, within which it boasts the Italian presence.

Former national president Diego Trolese also took part in the conference proceedings as a member of the International Executive Board. Extraordinary thirty-year leader of an association brought by him to the top of world interest.

"I have worked my way up. My desire to join the I.P.A. because it is not sectorial, includes anyone who wears a uniform. In many years I have been President of Veneto, National President, General Secretary and National Vice President and at the last World Congress in Athens I had the honour (after 70 years of existence of the I.P.A) of being included in the International Committee. For a few months I have held the position of Chairperson of the International Professional Commission within which we deal training. Among other things, I am an effective member of the International Training Center of the I.P.A. in Gimborn, Germany. At an international level, we Italians are recognised by our colleagues as valid in the investigative field, especially in the fight against terrorism and mafias According to them, we have good legislation, so much so that it has given them various useful ideas for teaching the skills they have acquired. In short, Italy is truly excellent from this point of view too."

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The National President Nicolangelo Pezone, former Colonel and Commander of the Naples Police, drew widespread applause with his speech:

"I joined the I.P.A. 47 years ago. At the beginning, I didn't participate actively but I tried to make myself useful in social activities. Previously the I.P.A. was very closed then we opened up over time. As President of the National I.P.A. I was elected in The year 2020/21 in Chioggia. I immediately worked on the Statute and Regulations to improve it. The first objective was to have a representative in the world executive and this year we succeeded. Diego Trolese was elected in Greece and we have been lucky because they also accepted our applications regarding three other Italians. Each one joined a Commission. The first joined as Liaison Officer with the United Nations for the World I.P.A., the second joined as a member of the scholarship " Arthur Troop founder of the I.P.A and the third instead joined the Education Commission. Today, entering the Third Sector, we also need institutional figures and to send our lists to the prefectures. Make ourselves available not only for our Association but also in civil society.



For example, we can lend a hand in the event of natural disasters, also because we are used to being precise and intervening promptly, we have knowledge of the legislation. We try to bring legality to all social areas. The one held in the land of Sicily was an exceptional Congress. I never thought I would be here in the presence of the International Executive Committee and important institutions. I'm really satisfied. Then with the President of I.P.A. International, Martin Hoffmann we had an excellent harmony as you have seen. Now we need to hold more meetings in Italy but also make ourselves known to more police forces as well as civil society so as to be fully involved in all the initiatives aimed at the common good".

Credit for the excellent organisation of the event went to President I.P. A. of Sicily Salvatore Puglisi and all his collaborators.

"Tired but satisfied. We chose the ideal location to welcome friends from other parts of Italy and those who come from the International Board. They are demanding jobs but the satisfaction remains that it was a success.



A heartfelt thanks goes to all of Sicily and in particular to the IPA of Piazza Armerina.

The Editor Director of Italy IPA 's Magazine

Mauro Nardella



IPA MONTENEGRO - GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN IN THE POLICE



The International Police Association Section Montenegro, in cooperation with the Association of Women in the Montenegrin Police and the European Network of Women in the Police, organised the Global Conference of Women in the Police, in Budva, Montenegro, from March 25 to 28, 2024.



The importance of this event was recognised by the OSCE Mission in Montenegro (Organisation for European Security and Cooperation) and the Global Initiative (International Organisation for the Fight

against Transnational Organised Crime), which provided a significant contribution to the organisation of this event.

At the conference, representatives of 24 countries and 5 international organisations exchanged experiences in the subject area. The three best presentations, which contain measures that can be applied in all countries in order to improve the situation in the field of gender equality, were awarded.

After this event, the participants of the conference, with the support of the municipality, planted 29 seedlings in the yard of the elementary school in Budva, one for each delegation, in anticipation of Earth Day and the activities organised by IPA Green on this occasion in all IPA sections.

President of the IPA Section Montenegro
Biljana Dulovic



GREEN IPA-TREE PLANTING EVENT IN BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

In the frame of the Global Conference for Gender Equality in Police which took place from 25 - 28 March 2024 in Budva, Montenegro, a Tree Planting event was organised from IPA MONTENEGRO and its president Mrs. Biljana Dulovic who is also the GREEN IPA Project lead.

30 trees were planted in the yard of an elementary school in Budva from the participants.

Representing IEB, Mr. Christos Parginos planted the GREEN IPA tree together with Mrs. Biljana Dulovic."



GREEN IPA - PLANT A TREE EVENT



Sections in Europe, Africa, Asia, South America & Australasia took part, and here are just a few of the many photographs we have been sent.

Some sections still have activities planned in the next couple of weeks. Please send any images and articles regarding this event to iac@ieb-ipa.org.

From the 17-22 April 2024, many sections participated in the Socio-Cultural Commission Green IPA new global event- Plant a Tree.

Next month we will provide more information of this event along with a QR code to access the full photo gallery.

In celebration of April 22 Earth Day, over 19 sections participated in the event, planting trees in their local communities. The project supports the IPA's commitment to integrate sustainable practices into all our activities, aligning our operations with global efforts to protect the environment.

The project encouraged sections to partner with local communities, schools/colleges bringing our colleagues, their families, and friends together to participate in tree planting.



IPA GERMANY - CYBERCRIME EXPERTS FROM ALL OVER GERMANY MET IN BREMEN



100 experts from 13 federal states met in April in the Bremen Parliament for the 2nd IPA Expert Forum with a focus on

Ingo Peters (ZKI OL FK Cybercrime) vividly demonstrated the process and the constant ups and downs of practical investigative work.

In his presentation on EG FUMA III, Chief Superintendent Denny Speckhahn (LKA Brandenburg) described new ways of cross-border cooperation and the structural challenges that investigators have to face on a daily basis.

cybercrime. The unique networking and lecture event was held under the patronage of Senator of the Interior Ulrich Mäurer.

The question of whether the Code of Criminal Procedure (StPO) still does justice to the technical developments in

the field of cybercrime was examined by Senior Public Prosecutor Andreas May (Head of Public Prosecutor's Office).

After the opening by Oliver Hoffmann (President IPA Germany) and words of welcome from the patron, Holger Münch (President BKA) gave a keynote speech on the current developments and strategies of the BKA in the field of cybercrime. Münch particularly emphasised the networking of investigative authorities as an essential component in combating the phenomenon.



In the concluding panel discussion, moderated by Senior Criminal Counselor Florian König (Head of Department K1

LKA Bremen), Denny Speckhahn, Mirco Manske and Andreas May discussed the question **Quo vadis Cybercrime?**

Dr Daniel Heinke, Head of the Department of Public Security at the Senator for the Interior and Sport in Bremen, picked up on the topic with his presentation "Current developments in cyber security - references to the field of cybercrime" and called for resilience in digitalisation.

The 2nd IPA expert forum dealt with the current and future challenges in the fight against cybercrime. The presentations provided information on instruments for combating cybercrime and used two spectacular cases to demonstrate successful cross-border police cooperation in the fight against cybercrime.

In his presentation, Criminal Director Mirco Manske (BKA CC Division) impressively demonstrated current technical possibilities for police investigations in digital worlds.

"With the 2nd IPA Expert Forum, IPA Germany, in cooperation with the IPA Regional Group Bremen and the IBZ Schloss Gimborn, was able to realize a top-class event for trade visitors," Hoffmann summed up after the event.

Using the case study "Darkmarket" of the ZKI Oldenburg, which has its origins in the so-called bunker procedure, Chief Superintendent



The 3rd IPA Expert Forum is expected to take place in Baden-Württemberg in 2025.

#SHEISIPA - FROM POLICE OFFICER TO TV SERIES: THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF KIM ANNE HIORTH



It's a tale of grit, compassion, and resilience that's captured the hearts of many worldwide.

The extraordinary life of Kim Anne Hiorth, a retired police officer from Oslo, Norway, is

not just a narrative; it's now set to unfold on the screen, thanks to the vision of filmmaker Trond Kvernstrøm.

If you missed the webinar with Kim Anne Hiorth on April 17th, you can listen to it here:

[YouTube - Webinar with Kim Anne Hiorth](#)

Hiorth's journey to the limelight began with her being honored with the IPA World Class Policing Award in 2023. Following this recognition, her book "The Police Heart," released in January 2024, quickly garnered attention. However, it was the recent sale of TV rights to producer Trond Kvernstrøm that propelled her story into the realm of visual storytelling.

A retired police officer turned international figure, Kim Anne Hiorth has not only left an indelible mark on the policing world but also captured the hearts of those who have followed her journey. "#sheisipa" and Policing TV were among the first to shine a light on her achievements through an IPA Insight interview earlier this year. Her appearance as a speaker/lecturer at the webinar hosted by IBZ Gimborn on April 17th further solidified her status as a beacon of inspiration.

"The Police Heart" hasn't just been a literary success; it's become a sensation. Hiorth's appearances on notable platforms like Dagsrevyen, God morgen, Norge, and A-magasinet have only amplified the buzz surrounding her work. The enthusiastic reception from reviewers speaks volumes about the impact of her narrative. Now, with the imminent development of a TV series based on her book, Hiorth's story is poised to reach even greater heights.

Producer Trond Kvernstrøm, known for his work on acclaimed series such as "Hjem til jul" and "Purk," expressed unwavering confidence in the project.

He emphasised the compelling nature of Hiorth's stories, describing them as "strong" and "heartbreaking," with Hiorth herself embodying warmth and resilience.

For Hiorth, the prospect of her book being adapted into a TV series is met with genuine enthusiasm. Her message, encapsulated in "The Police Heart," transcends the boundaries of law enforcement. It's about empathy, resilience, and the power of reaching out to those in need. In her book, Hiorth recounts her three-decade-long journey in the police force, navigating through the complexities of human existence. From learning Arabic to aid vulnerable women to confronting the harsh realities of gang crime and domestic violence, her experiences offer profound insights into the human condition.

Throughout her career, Hiorth has witnessed firsthand the impact of adversity on individuals. She's encountered the marginalised, the oppressed, and the misunderstood. Yet, amidst the darkness, she's also found moments of light – connections forged through empathy and understanding. Her work with motorcycle gangs stands as a testament to her ability to bridge divides and foster trust, even in the most challenging environments. Despite the initial barriers, Hiorth's genuine compassion and dedication have earned her respect even among those traditionally wary of law enforcement.

Recognized globally for her contributions to policing and community outreach, Hiorth's journey continues to inspire. From pioneering work among Oslo's minority population to receiving international accolades like the IPA World Class Policing Award, her impact is undeniable.

As Kim Anne Hiorth's story prepares to unfold on the small screen, it serves as a reminder of the power of empathy, resilience, and the human spirit. Through her words and now, through the lens of filmmaking, she extends a hand of hope to a world in need of compassion and understanding. This article is based on the information given by Kim Hiorth and Norwegian media: <https://kommunikasjon.ntb.no/pressemelding/18061060/tv-rettighetene-til-politihjertet-solgt?publisherId=17848269&lang=no>

May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro

Member of the #sheisipa project

**International Friendship
JUDO 柔道 Week 17th -
24th November 2024
JUDO Practice & Tour of
Police Units**

IPA Section Japan is pleased to announce that the International Friendship Judo Week is to be held from 17th November to 24th November 2024. This event is held in cooperation with the Chiba Prefectural Police Headquarters.

This event is open to the IPA members who are serving as police officers who have black belt of Judo.

More information including the programme and costs can be found on our International Website:

[IPA - Upcoming Events \(ipa-international.org\)](http://ipa-international.org)



IPA UK - WELCOME VISITORS TO BALLATER



IPA Section USA member, Eric Morton, and his wife Zhanna, were visiting Ballater for 2 nights and had requested meeting up with local members.

I made contact with Eric and we arranged to meet at the Flying Stag Bar in the Fife Arms in Braemar for lunch.

On Wednesday, 27 March, David and I set off and as we approached Glenshee ski resort, there was some snow on the mountain tops but the roads were clear. As we began our descent, the snow was more prevalent with drifting in places with a fair covering in Braemar.

Shortly after our arrival at the hotel our visitors arrived. We enjoyed a nice long lunch where they sampled some local delicacies, scotch broth, haggis, black pudding and haddock & enjoyed them. We exchanged gifts and had a lovely time. After a few hours we remarked that the snow was quite heavy so we decided to head off in different directions.



As David and I reached the Perth & Kinross boundary at the top of 'The Slide' we caught up with a queue of traffic. Further investigation revealed a lorry travelling up the hill was stuck, a car was side on into the verge and the road was impassable. After about 40 minutes a snow plough appeared and after a few trips up and down the road a long line of traffic appeared. With the road now clear we set off and when we reached the Spittal, the road was clear and the sun came out. A very enjoyable day with new IPA Friends.

Yvonne McGregor
IPA UK



IPA NORTH MACEDONIA - TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT

We are pleased to inform you that with the aim of improving the knowledge of young kids from the second and third grades of primary schools, IPA N. Macedonia & IPA Region Skopje have started a new project to educate children on traffic safety.



The first group of students (around 25) were from Municipality Primary School, Gjorgji Pulevski from Skopje-Aerodrom from II 2nd grade on 03.04.2024, Wednesday, and on 04.04.2024, Thursday, the second group of students (also around 25), this time from Municipality Primary School Lazo Angelovski Skopje-Aerodrom from III-5 grade, visited the offices of IPA N. Macedonia and IPA Region Skopje.

During their visit, police officers from SIA Skopje, the Department for Prevention and Police Station for General Competences, Kisela Voda together with representatives of the "New Fox" Driving School presented an educational movie and conducted an interactive workshop aimed at expanding children's knowledge about traffic safety.



Their participation in the workshop is recorded and all of the children received a small gift from IPA. Also with the help of Ministry of Interior a real time communications on tetra system (police radio) is provided and several kids from each group get a chance to talk on police radio.

This project is initially implemented in the area of the City of Skopje in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior and the Sector for Interior Affairs, Skopje, Department for Prevention by the IPA members of the IPA Region Skopje and members of the Executive Board of IPA Skopje, Goran Milenkoski-Spencer and Orce Jovanovski as well as Silvana Petrov, Graduated Professor for grade school, licensed teacher for traffic safety, licensed B category instructor and traffic educator with 10 years of experience and Darko Petrov, licensed B category instructor, traffic educator with 15 years of work experience.

In the future, it is planned to implement this project on the territory of the entire country.

We use this opportunity to thank the support of the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Skopje and the educators from the "New Fox" Driving School.

In the past several days we have received more than 20 requests from the principals of Primary schools all over the city and also from several others cities in country. So far its planned all of the costs regarding this project will be covered by IPA N. Macedonia and IPA partners and friends.



IPA NETHERLANDS - LOW LANDS ON PATROL

In 2017, the Limburg-Noord district (Netherlands) organised an international exchange for the first time under the name Netherlands on Patrol. This exchange, during which foreign police officers were guests in the Netherlands for a week, was a huge success. The second edition was organised in 2022 under the name Netherlands on Patrol.

At the beginning of April 2024, the Limburg-Noord district organised the third edition of this exchange together with IPA Province of Antwerp (Belgium) under the name Low Lands On Patrol. A unique and international collaboration!

During a week, IPA members from Spain, England, Ireland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Estonia, Iceland, Scotland, Poland, Germany, France, Greece, Denmark, United States and Norway visited the Netherlands and Belgium.



The participating IPA members were offered a varied program. They visited the mounted police, police helicopter, Royal Military Police, Royal Netherlands Air Force and the police training center. They also spent two days in Antwerp, where the enormous and brand new headquarters in particular made a deep impression. The Antwerp police pulled out all the stops to let the guests see how they work. There was a demonstration with VR and the Rapid Response Team (SWAT) gave some spectacular displays.

Another highlight was a ride along with the Netherlands police. The participants were able to watch a large number of reports for the backseat of the policecar.

From a high speed cross border chase to arrests and from a fire to a football match. One of the participants was so looking forward to this shift, that it was only after this ride along that she confessed that she was pregnant. She was afraid that she would otherwise have missed this unique experience.

During the week, a group of police officers who had never met each other turned into a close group of friends. Knowledge and experiences were exchanged and there was a lot of laughter. This exchange also generated many reactions on social media and many police officers indicated that they also wanted to become members of our wonderful association.

The Dutch and Belgian organisations of Low Lands on Patrol look back on a very successful week!



IPA Netherlands

IPA SUPER TOUR TO INDIA AND THAILAND FEBRUARY 2024

Once again, my wanderlust was answered when Agustin Sierra Gonzalez from IPA Valles Occidental Barcelona sent the global invitation for their inclusive Super Tour in India February 12-19, 2024 with a secondary trip extension in Thailand afterwards. Agustin and I shared vivid memories of our fantastic IPA Friendship trip to Barcelona and Morocco in 2019 and assured me this trip



would be on par, which excited me to see my old friend after five years.

My pre-IPA excursion began in Mumbai aka Bombay where I met with my

colleagues from the World Association of Detectives. For those who are not familiar, the W.A.D. is the association that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the IPA since 2019 for networking and training, as well as cross organizational membership. This MOU was approved by then W.A.D.

President and IPA member from Romania, Dan Rusu, and former IPA-IEC president Pierre Martin-Moulin.



I stayed at the famous Bollywood Sun n Sand Hotel in Juhu Beach and travelled around sightseeing the area, including the Gateway of India in Colaba and the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel which was the site of the 2008 terrorist attack. During my stay in Mumbai, with connections from my W.A.D. colleagues Sujeet Menezes, Mukesh Bajaj, Nitul Shah and Suhail Buddha, I had the pleasure of meeting with the former Police Commissioner from 2009, D.Sivanandhan at his downtown office. We exchanged patches, pins, cards and coins and had a terrific chat regarding law enforcement policies, similarities and differences between India and the USA, particularly my New York Police Department where I was a Detective

within Organised Crime Bureau and Chief of Detectives Office before retirement in 2017.

I was sad to leave my W.A.D. colleagues but the time had come for me to depart for Delhi, two days before the IPA trip was scheduled to begin. Upon arriving at the WelcomHotel by ITC in Dwarka, a quiet suburb of New Delhi, I reunited with my friend Agustin and met up with some old friends, Carmen Alvelo and Karin Azadian from IPA USA Region 2 and met some new IPA members from around the world.

Some of the group members and I enjoyed a day excursion with a Delhi Temple tour which included the Birla Temple (Laxmi Narayan), Agrasen ki baoli protected site under the Archaeological Survey of India, and the Lodi Gardens with the god Hanuman Mandir Temple.

Our journey finally commenced the next day and we were off on our adventure in three thankfully air conditioned coach buses to safely guide our group of almost sixty members from all over the world throughout different destinations around India. Our trip would take us to numerous sacred temples and historical sites along the way eventually to Jaipur and eventually to Agra.

While in Delhi, we visited Jama Mosque, Parliament, the Rashtrapati Bhawan or former Viceroy Residence and now the President's house, and Qutub Minar, some of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Raj Ghat or Symbolic Tomb of Gandhi was another place on our pre-planned tour. Some of our tours we rode in rickshaws, two wheeled door-less carts powered by human peddling energy. We learned that during the late medieval period, Delhi was ruled by Ottoman Turks, Afghans, Sultans and Mughal dynasties. Along the way, we met with local police who, even though are not IPA members, wholeheartedly supported our organisation.



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I surprisingly reconnected with an old friend from IPA Czech Republic, Vladimir Macek, a retired police officer from Prague whom I met when the W.A.D. had our conference there in April 2023 (documented in a previous article I wrote).



After three days in Delhi, our caravan of coach buses headed southwest to Jaipur, where we visited Samode Palace, Amer Fort, City Palace (Hawa Mahal or Palace of Winds), and the Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory and stayed

at the mediocre Ramada by Wyndham. Jaipur, the city of Jai, and also the Pink City, was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the Kachhwaha Rajput ruler of Amer, after whom the city is named. My fellow IPA members joked with me since the pronunciation of Jai Singh is Jasin, close to my name Jason, which made me feel like royalty for three days while we were there.



Vishnu. Fatehpur Sikri was another city we passed on the way where we gazed upon more temples and palaces.

Once in Agra, I crossed off a major bucket list destination with our visit to one of the Modern Seven Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal, also known as the Crown of the Palace. Built in 1631 out of white marble by the fifth Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as a tomb for his beloved wife, Mumtaz (and also housed himself), this 42 acre complex on the banks of the Yamuna river consists of a large mosque and an equally sized guest house. We also toured the Red Fort next door to the complex, the baby Taj Mahal, the Itimad-ud-Daulah Mausoleum, and the Mehtab Bagh Gardens.



On the return to Delhi for one more night, we stopped along the way in Mathura to visit the god Krishna Temple and old town.

The IPA tour continued in Thailand, but I was not a part of that as I ventured off with another IPA USA member Juan Leonbravo who met me in Bangkok. I tried diligently meeting up with the group who travelled to Bangkok but time and other factors made it difficult. Unfortunately, India was our final farewell to the IPA tour.

However, while in Bangkok, I conducted a video conference call between Agustin and my friend Rainer Philippeit, IPA Austria member and retired Federal Police Officer. Carmen Alvelo put me in touch with him before the trip. We tried diligently to meet up with Rainer as he is living on Koi Samoi, hours away from Bangkok, and is affiliated with the Royal Thai Tourist Police.

IPA SUPER TOUR TO INDIA AND THAILAND FEBRUARY 2024



He has been instrumental in trying to achieve an IPA region in Thailand, which was the basis for our chat. Hopefully one day Rainer will achieve his goal.

After staying in Bangkok and visiting Pattaya, Phuket, Phi Phi Islands and more, I was off to see a friend in Saigon, Vietnam. Unfortunately there

are no other IPA regions in those countries. Regardless, I still had a great month long experience in southeast Asia.

Not only did I connect on a deeper level with my fellow IPA members, but this trip provided an insight into the ancient ways and fascinating customs of the Indian culture. I look forward to future trips with my newfound friends, exploring further reaches of the world together. As is stated in previous articles, staying active in the International Police Association is vital to the future success as member retention becomes a grave concern. Many regions need assistance with obtaining new qualified members, so make sure you lend a helping hand and reciprocate to fellow IPA world travellers. Onward and upward until my next adventure, Servo per Amikeco, stay safe, watch your six and take care of one another.

Fraternally yours,

Jason Cohen

IPA-USA New York City Region 2

IPA GREECE - 1ST FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

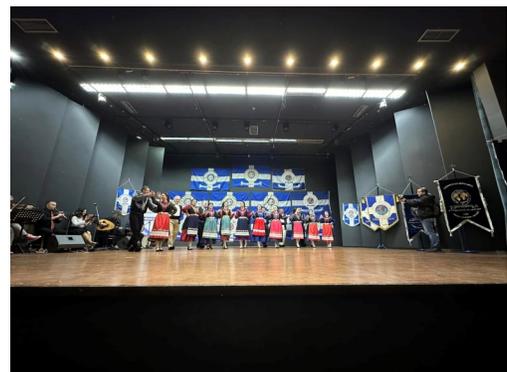


Approximately 300 people from different IPA Regions of the country visited our Prefecture joining couple days in a beautiful place.

Eleven (11) Folk Dance Groups consisting of IPA members from all over Greece participated in the following order: I.P.A. Region TRIKALA, I.P.A. Region KOZANI, I.P.A. Region IOANNINA, I.P.A. Region PIERIA, I.P.A. Region FOKIDA, I.P.A. Region CHIOS, I.P.A. Region THESPROTIA, I.P.A. Region SERRES, I.P.A. Region KAVALA, I.P.A. Region KARDITSA and I.P.A. Region LARISA.

IPA Greece first Folk Dance Festival took place on Saturday, 2th March 2024 in the Cultural Center of the municipality of Trikala, organised by the International Police Association Region of Trikala.

IPA Greece



IPA MOLDOVA - MARCH ACTIVITIES

FLOWER LAYING CEREMONY

On March 2, commemorating the 32nd anniversary of Moldova's quest for territorial integrity and independence, members of the International Police Association – Republic of Moldova Section National Executive Committee, along with national leaders and veterans' organisations, participated in a flower-laying ceremony. This ceremony was held at the monuments of Stephen the Great and the Holy in the center of Chisinau, as well as at the "Sorrowful Mother" monument within the "Eternitate" memorial complex.

[Facebook Flower Laying Ceremony](#)



WINERUN RACE 2024

On March 2, 2024, nine members of the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section participated in the WineRun 2024 race. This event, organised by the Sporter Moldova Association, took place in the underground wine galleries of Mileștii Mici.

The route exposed the athletic runners from different countries to barrels full of wine and bottles that boasted unique aromas and stories.

These nine members dedicated their 10 km race to the veterans and police collaborators who lost their lives in the armed conflict on the Dniester during the spring and summer of 1992.

All participants from the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section completed the race in good spirits. Some of them ranked among the top 20 athletes out of the 500 participants.

[Facebook Winerun Race 2024](#)



IPA MOLDOVA - MARCH ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2024, the National Executive Committee members of the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section extended their congratulations to all women across the country, including those who are members of the Association.

Additionally, the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section actively participated in the "SHEISIPA" international campaign, marking its commitment to the cause.

As part of this campaign's activities, several photos featuring members of the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section were shared on the Association's Facebook page.

[International Women's Day 1](#)

[International Women's Day 2](#)

[International Women's Day 3](#)

[International Women's Day 4](#)

[International Women's Day 5](#)



RUBICON ULTRAMARATHON 2024

Between March 22 and 24, 2024, the team of the International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section, participated in the RUBICON 2024 ultramarathon.

The race commenced at the Arc de Triumf in the Great National Assembly Square, Chisinau, on March 22, and concluded on March 24 at the Arc de Triumf in Bucharest.

[Rubicon 1](#)

[Rubicon 2](#)

[Rubicon 3](#)



#SHEISIPA - WOMEN IN THE IPA MAY WEBINAR



The second webinar with Marie Daly from IPA Ireland Section and Ulrike Neuhoff, Education Officer at IBZ Castle Gimborn takes place on **Wednesday 15th May 2024** at 16:00 CET.

Register here: [Seminars | IBZ Gimborn \(seminarmanagercloud.de\)](https://seminarmanagercloud.de)



IPA UK - CEILIDH WEEKEND 2024

In 2014 the Tayside Branch volunteered to take over the organising of the Regional Friendship weekend which had been hosted at Lochanhully, Carrbridge, by Ronnie Dukes, GLC Branch.

Nethybridge Hotel, in the Scottish Highlands, was our choice for January 2015. We had 26 guests, the majority from Scotland but also from Sections Sweden and Norway.

During our first night's stay, the snow arrived and by morning we were basically snowed in. That did not stop us from having a fun weekend in the snow and even managed to enjoy a distillery tour and tasting at Tomintoul Distillery, as Whisky and the Highlands were our theme.



We had decided, as a Branch, that we would raise funds for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) which operates from the airfield just outside our village and a very worthwhile cause.

In 2016 we moved to the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie. There was more to do in the immediate area, including the Highland Wildlife Park, Funicular Railway at the Cairngorm Mountains and not forgetting the Speyside Distillery where many guests enjoyed the tours of the private distillery and the excellent produce.

We continued to use the Duke of Gordon Hotel for the next three years where number attending grew, with many more overseas members joining us.

In 2020 it was 70th Anniversary of the IPA. We had 76 guests in attendance from 6 countries, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, USA and UK. We were honoured to be supported by 3 National Executive members from section UK, 3 International Presidents from Austria, Ireland and Sweden and 3 members from the International Executive Board, as well as many members from the IPA Whiskey Forum. To make this a special weekend, we extended it by one day and organised a bus trip to Fort George, Ardersier near Inverness, home of the Black Watch 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland where a regimental piper escorted us to the reception area, much to the delight of those attending.

To make the most of our Whisky and Gin tasting we asked Ewan McIlwraith, a World Judge in both products, to present it as in previous years it had been a bit ad hoc. Ewan had also been the person who we commissioned to source a Special Whisky to commemorate our 70th anniversary. The resulting 23 year old Benriach, Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky was one of the whiskies tasted. It was very well received with lots of positive comments and a good many bottles were purchased.

This was the only event Section UK held in their 70th year as Covid arrived and all other planned events were cancelled.

2021 was not an option due to Covid.

For 2022 we decided to move locations to Pitlochry as we had exhausted everything in the Kingussie area. Covid had eased slightly and plans were in place at the Scotland's Hotel. Unfortunately there was a sudden spike in Covid cases and once again, travel and hospitality were restricted and we had to make the sad decision in December to cancel the event.

IPA UK - CEILIDH WEEKEND 2024

Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry was our venue for 2023 and this change saw our numbers increase. We were close at hand for Ewan to cross the road for our Whisky and Gin Tastings and Blair Athol Distillery, was just a short walk from the Hotel. Another good weekend was enjoyed by all at this new venue.



We decided to continue here so on Thursday, 26 January, 2024 16 guests arrived early at the Hotel, for "Our Final Fling". We all had a very enjoyable meal together and took the opportunity to catch up with old friends and introduce our new guests to others.

The following day the remaining 44 guests arrived from various parts of the World, Austria, Ireland, Sweden, USA and the UK. We were honoured to have our International President Martin Hoffmann, Section Ireland President, Conor O'Higgins and former Section UK President, Mick Luke along with a current and some former members of Section UK NEC. Quite an accolade for a small Branch.

Due to train disruptions some just arrived in time for the first event of the weekend, the Whisky and Gin Tasting, hosted, once again, by Ewan McIlwraith. Over 40 people sampled either 4 Whiskies or Gins and learned about the description and process of making the different varieties. A lot of fun and laughter was enjoyed along the way.

After dinner we held a Prize Draw for some bottles of Whisky, Gin, Port and an IPA Shell Jacket.

The winners were Frank Pearson (UK), Karen Duckworth (UK), Amanda Connolly (UK), Brendan Matthews (Ireland), Jack Baxter (UK) and Barbara Walker (Austria).

Ewan McIlwraith was holding a 'Sessions' night in the Bothy at his shop in Atholl Road and many of our guests attended where they thoroughly enjoyed the local musicians, the sing a long and a few drams, wine and brandy, at very reasonable prices.

On Saturday morning we had again organised a visit to Blair Athol Distillery in the town. A group of ten did the Allt Dour Tour which includes 5 tastings, one of which comes directly from the cask while a larger group went for the Signature Tour, which is shorter and has fewer drams. It was all completed in time for lunch, which was enjoyed in various hostelrys in town.

Like every other weekend we have held, Saturday night is Gala Dinner Night. Everyone met in the bar/reception area in their kilts, dinner jackets and refinery and we were piped into the ballroom by Gillie McNab where she was joined by the chef carrying the Haggis. Central Scotland member, Harry Morton, gave us a very passionate Address to the Haggis, which was greatly appreciated, especially by our overseas guests.



IPA UK - CEILIDH WEEKEND 2024



After dinner our accordionist got the Ceilidh going and encouraged everyone to try the Scottish Country dancing. We were highly entertained with the enthusiasm of the guests who had never experienced it before. We were also entertained by Conor O'Higgins, with his beautiful renditions of Danny Boy and the Wild Mountain Thyme.



The gifts donated to our raffle were amazing and plentiful, we very much appreciated the generosity of our guests, with many winning multiple prizes. The following day was a 'free' day and people ventured off in various directions to Royal Deeside, Balmoral Castle, House of Bruar, Perth, the Highland Safaris and the Grandtully Chocolatier or stayed local, while a few couples headed home as they had work on Monday.

Sunday dinner was a quiet affair with folk chatting and chilling and all too soon it was Monday morning and time for the rest of us to depart.

The total funds we raised over the weekend was £1243 for the SCAA and over the 8 weekends our total is just short of £10,000.

Over the years we have made lifelong friends and many acquaintance, which shows how small events like this helps to encourage new members and retain current ones. Let's hope that such events continue and promote the IPA.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Ceilidh Weekends and this year we were unable to clear the waiting list, which shows how popular it has become.

We have said before "this is our last ceilidh" but have always arranged another one. Not this time. This was our "Final Fling". There will be no more "Haste Ye Back" from us.

David & Yvonne McGregor

No 1 Region
Tayside Branch

IPA SLOVAKIA - THE SLOVAK SECTION OF IPA IS NOW KNOWN EVEN IN AFRICA



Our member Capt. Ing. Stanislav Mikšovský made it happen by conquering another volcano, this time in Tanzania. On Monday, March 4th, in the early morning hours, he ascended Uhuru Peak, the highest mountain in Africa, which is part of Kilimanjaro. All ten members of his group managed to overcome the altitude of 5,895 meters above

sea level, despite choosing the toughest route known as the Marangu route. Our member and his mountaineer friends will combine their mountain climbing performance in the respective country with a visit and material assistance to dependent children. In Tanzania, they handed over 70 kg of material aid to an orphanage.

This was not the first peak our colleague had conquered. In addition to this, he has climbed three other highest volcanoes on different continents. In Asia, he climbed Mount Damavand, in North America, Pico de Orizaba, and in South America, Ojos del Salado /6893 m/, which is also the highest volcano on the planet.



Last year, our colleague Stanislav prepared a beautiful presentation about



these climbs at the National IPA Congress. During these expeditions, Stanislav meets with fellow police officers from other countries, to whom he presents the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Section of IPA. For these activities, as well as his

successful efforts to climb with our flag on all the peaks, we awarded Stanislav the bronze medal of the Slovak Section of IPA.

Stano, congratulations and we wish you many more successes...

Slovak Section IPA

YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS
SEMINAR (YPOS) 2024
VIENNA, AUSTRIA

There are still places vacant for YPOS 2024 in Austria. Please note the deadline to register is May 3rd 2024.

Participants can only register through their national section.

Currently IPA Austria can accept only one participant per section. In the event that there are still spaces available after registration (May 4, 2024) a second participant would be gladly accepted.

The 2024 Young Police Officer Seminar (YPOS) and the Strategic Young Person Forum (SYPF) will be organised by the IPA Austrian Section and will be held in Vienna, the capital of Austria, from July 29, 2024 (arrival) to August 3, (departure).

The seminar will be delivered in English and, therefore, the participants must have a good knowledge of English.

Registration costs will be Euro 300,00 per participant, and cover accommodation, training, excursions, and meals from July 29, 2024 (arrival) to August 3, (departure). These 300,00 euros do not include any travel costs.

Visit our website to register today: [IPA - Young Police Officers' Seminar \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org)

IPA KENYA LAUNCHES A MASSIVE NATIONWIDE TREE PLANTING EXERCISE -THE GREEN IPA PROJECT



Group Photo: IPA Section Kenya members during the IPA green project launch, 18/4/2024 at Kirigiti-Kiambu County.

The International Police Association Kenya Section in partnership with the National Gun Owners (NGAO) Association of Kenya on Thursday 18/4/2024 launched the IPA nationwide tree planting – The IPA Green project at the NGAO Range, Kirigiti in Kiambu County, in a international event dubbed **‘PLANT a TREE-GREEN IPA’**

In celebration of ‘Earth Day’, the Socio-cultural Commission Green IPA Project organised the global event "PLANT a TREE- GREEN IPA" to promote the project globally to local communities, schools/ colleges and at the same time bring our colleagues, their families, and friends together to participate in tree planting.

More specifically, the idea is for all IPA members worldwide to plant at least one tree in their regions, in partnership with governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Guest, Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, CAS Ministry of Health indicated that the IPA Green Project aligns well with the Kenya government’s greening agenda. The CAS applauded the IPA Section Kenya for the initiative, which he said was the only way to sustainable resource utilisation and environmental conservation.

The IPA Kenya Section was led by the President, Mr. Alfred Osur, and the Secretary General Mr. Jared Ojuok. The NGAO team was led by the Chairman, Mr. Martin Chengo, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Ahmed Shamsuddin.

While addressing the participants Mr. Osur said that the IPA Kenya Section had taken the initiative in leading the world in the GREEN PROJECT and that the same exercise shall be repeated across the country, in all the 8 Regions.



Chief Guest watering his tree

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The NGAO Chairman on his part said that “tree planting is associated with astounding benefits in our communities, other than being an avenue of environmental conservation, its social benefits cannot be discounted because they are monumental.”

The IPA Section aims to plant 500,000 tree seedlings in all Police establishments and respective neighbouring public institutions across the country in April and May in all regions countrywide.

The IPA Section Kenya has been conducting similar events since the year 2018 and so far has seen the growth of over 2,000,000 seedlings.

This year, IPA Section Kenya has partnered with the National Gun Owners Association (NGAO) of Kenya to support and host the launch. Other partners include De La Calexo Africa which has supplied 500,000 seedlings, Pembe Ltd, Kenya Scouts, and the Kenya Institute of Foreign Languages.

As Police Officers, we want people to understand there is a very direct link between the way we manage our forest resources and peace. It is against this background that the International Police Association Kenya in partnership with other stakeholders has organised the event to incorporate all willing partners towards this worthy cause that will realize the planting of 500,000 seedlings in our Police institutions (Regional offices, Colleges, Stations, Camps, and Bases) and neighbouring public institutions.

The main objectives are:

- To provide opportunities for community engagement; when residents come to plant trees it strengthens social ties and encourages participation in community activities

- To foster a sense of stewardship and shared responsibility for the local environment
- To enhance Cohesion: Communities that prioritise tree planting often witness improved social cohesion and a sense of belonging
- To enhance relationships: Trees create a common ground where people can interact, communicate, and build relationships, whether it is persons gathering under a tree, trees provide spaces for positive social interactions; these shared experiences and connections contribute to a stronger social fabric and sense of unity within the community.



Young Abram Barak watering planted seedlings during the exercise



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The respective commands received seedlings and planted them in their compounds thereby supporting the project's sustainability. The initiative has been designed to achieve the following objectives:

It is expected that by the end of the exercise, the participants will be able to achieve the 500,000 tree objective.

This project will help communities create an environment that is friendly and healthy for habitation, reduce carbon gases to stop global warming, regulate rain season and boost agricultural produce, improve food production, revive the country's economy, provide wood fuel for schools, and to ensure soil and water conservation.

The main idea is to have maximum public participation in the spirit of Police – public partnership, thereby creating strong linkages essential for Community Policing. The programme was launched simultaneously by the County Police Commanders in all Counties where the long rain season has commenced.

BY JARED OJUOK
SECRETARY GENERAL
IPA KENYA SECTION.



Western Kenya Region IPA members take part in the exercise

WOMEN IN THE IPA SEMINAR AT IBZ GIMBORN Embracing an Inclusive Vision for the Future

From 1 - 5 November 2024, Women in the IPA - Embracing an Inclusive Vision for the Future is to be held at IBZ Gimborn. Each section is invited to nominate a suitable person to attend the seminar. Find the registration form on our website:

[IPA - Upcoming Events \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6 IPA Germany - Trade Fair & Conferences for Homeland Security	7 IPA Germany - Trade Fair & Conferences for Homeland Security	8 IPA Germany - Trade Fair & Conferences for Homeland Security	9 IPA Spain - XIX Campeonato Futbol IPA Tarragona	10 IPA Spain - XIX Campeonato Futbol IPA Tarragona	11	12
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GIMBORN SEMINARS MAY 2024

24 15	02.05.–03.05.	■ Taktische Einsatzmedizin Tactical First Aid		595 €	IPA 445 €
24 16	03.05.–05.05.	■ Motorradkultur und Sicherheit – Training für verantwortungsbewusstes Motorradfahren für Harley & Indian Freunde		365 €	IPA 295 €
24 17	13.05.–14.05.	■ Handlungssicherheit bei der Bewältigung polizeilicher Einsätze mit psychisch kranken und/oder suizidalen Menschen		365 €	IPA 295 €
24 18	15.05.–17.05.	■ Führung in Aussicht oder den Rollenwechsel meistern		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 19	22.05.–24.05.	■ OSINT Tools in der Polizeiarbeit – Eine Einführung OSINT Tools in police work - An introduction		365 €	IPA 295 €
24 20	22.05.–24.05.	■ Merkmale guter Führung in Zeiten des Wandels		495 €	IPA 365 €
24 21	27.05.–29.05.	■ Kleben fürs Klima – Klimaproteste als neue Herausforderung für Polizei und Justiz		365 €	IPA 295 €

You can find a copy of the programme on our website: [IBZ-Seminarprogramm-2024.pdf \(ipa-international.org\)](#)

MARKETING

Social Media Photo Campaign

- MAY – IPA Publications / Archives
- JUNE – Environmental / CSR in line with our mission to become more sustainable and to coincide with World Environmental Day 5th June 2024

Photos and videos should be sent to iac@ieb-ipa.org. Please ensure you have the permissions to use any images submitted.

You may have seen the range of images and information posted throughout April regarding our IPA Houses. This topic has generated a huge amount of interest and our Facebook reach alone for the month was over 175,000 which is up 370%!

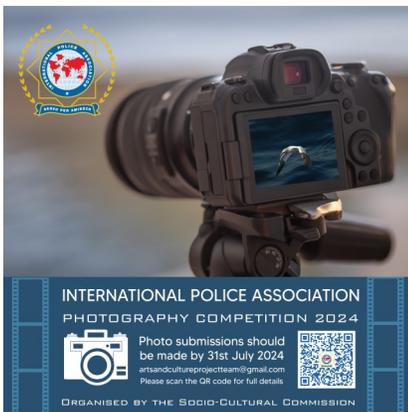


Marketing Project Team

Apologies to Jocelyn Mimeault (Josh) who was missed from the newsletter article last month. Josh joins the marketing project team from IPA Canada and brings a wealth of marketing experience including PR, social media and project management.

Watch this space for future marketing updates.

PHOTO COMPETITION



The Arts & Culture Project Team of the Socio-Cultural Commission are pleased to announce the Photo Competition 2024.

Information, terms & conditions and entry form can be found on our website: <https://www.ipa-international.org/photo-competitions>

Entries should be sent to artsandcultureprojectteam@gmail.com by 31st July 2024.

