



# Newsletter



## Updated IPA Strategy 2026

Following the mid-term review, the International Executive Board has refreshed the IPA strategy, outlining the key direction and priorities for the next two years. Discover the updates on our website and see page 5 for further details.

## IPA Hymn – Behind the Notes

A proud part of IPA history and identity is the official IPA Hymn which is played at all official ceremonies and symbolises our association. The hymn inspires pride and reminds us of our shared heritage. The version currently used was recorded and provided by an orchestra in Israel.

Read more on page 8, where IPA Israel guides us through the story behind the music.





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# Introduction from International President Martin Hoffmann



**Martin Hoffmann**

International President

Dear IPA members, dear friends,

When the International Executive Board (IEB) met in Nottingham in 2023 to develop the Strategy 2023–2027, the focus was on ambition, responsibility and the long-term future of our Association. At that time, a foundation was laid. Today, halfway through this term, tangible progress can be seen.

As part of this ongoing commitment, the IEB conducted a thorough review of the strategy in December 2025. This was not a routine exercise, but a serious evaluation of whether strategic intentions are being translated into concrete action. A strategy document has no value if it remains on paper. It must guide decisions, shape priorities and lead to measurable progress.

This approach is now producing visible results. In November 2025, the first three-part online seminar in Spanish was successfully delivered, expanding professional dialogue to a broader international audience. In March 2026, the first IBZ seminar outside Gimborn will take place in Chişinău, Moldova. This represents an important milestone. Professional education is being expanded beyond traditional structures while Gimborn remains the recognised centre of excellence.

Progress in professional development is accompanied by necessary modernisation. In November 2025, the new international website went online, including a dedicated download area designed specifically to support Sections in their daily work and communication. This development strengthens accessibility, transparency and the structured exchange of information across the Association.

At the same time, growth remains a central priority. However, growth must not be reduced to numbers alone. The affiliation of new Sections and the recruitment of new members strengthen global presence. Sustainable growth also means increasing professional relevance, enhancing international cooperation and ensuring that the IPA remains attractive to future generations of police officers.

What continues to motivate me in this role is seeing how committed so many IPA officials around the world are, and with what sincerity and dedication they represent the ideals of our Association. During my visits and meetings across different continents, I am repeatedly reminded that the true strength of the IPA lies not in structures or documents, but in the people who invest their time, energy and conviction into this organisation.

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This commitment is visible across many regions. Following the IEB meeting in Japan in 2025, it was encouraging to observe how dynamic and active the IPA in Japan has become. These developments demonstrate that regional cooperation and national leadership are driving visible momentum within our global network.

A similar spirit was evident two weeks ago in Eswatini, where representatives of all African IPA Sections met for the African Chapter meeting. The exchange was highly productive and clearly focused on strengthening cooperation across the continent. Concrete steps have now been initiated to develop a structured strategy for the further development of the IPA in Africa, enhancing coordination and unlocking the considerable potential within the African Sections.

Such developments underline the global responsibility of the IPA. As the largest policing association in the world, the IPA can take pride in its reach. Nevertheless, size alone is not sufficient. Respect, credibility and professionalism must define the Association. Firm adherence to a non-political position remains essential. The task of the Association is to build bridges between police officers across borders, systems and cultures. In a complex and sometimes divided world, this bridging function is more important than ever. Being non-political does not mean being indifferent to the principles of rule of law and human dignity that define our profession. It means safeguarding independence while maintaining dialogue.

With this foundation, attention must also turn to the future. Looking ahead to 2027, the direction remains clear. Strengthening our international profile will require continued and coordinated marketing efforts.

In parallel, further digital development is underway. A renewed initiative has been launched to advance the international IPA App and to introduce a digital membership card. These steps are intended to modernise internal processes and improve connectivity between members worldwide. Technology is not an objective in itself. It is a practical tool to connect members more effectively, simplify participation and support sustainable growth.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of the Sections worldwide. Sincere appreciation is extended to all Sections that are working actively and successfully at local and national level.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to my colleagues in the IEB – Oliver, Jože, Kikis, Jean Pierre, Christos, Diego and Clive – as well as to Hana and Lisa in the International Administration Centre, and to Michael, our Legal Adviser, for their professionalism, reliability and excellent cooperation. Effective teamwork at international level is essential for the stability and credibility of the IPA, and I am truly grateful to be able to work alongside such a dedicated and committed team in serving our Association.

Lasting success is never accidental. It is achieved through collective effort, responsible leadership and unwavering commitment to the values of the Association.

Together, the next chapter of the IPA is being shaped with clarity, confidence and unity.

*Martin*

Martin Hoffmann  
International President

# IPA Strategy 2023–2027 – Mid-Term Review and Looking Ahead

During the mid-term review meeting held in Lapland in December 2025, the International Executive Board (IEB) carried out a detailed and structured review of the IPA Strategy 2023–2027. This was an important milestone, allowing time to reflect on progress made during the first half of the term and to ensure the Strategy continues to provide clear direction and confidence for the future of the IPA and its members.

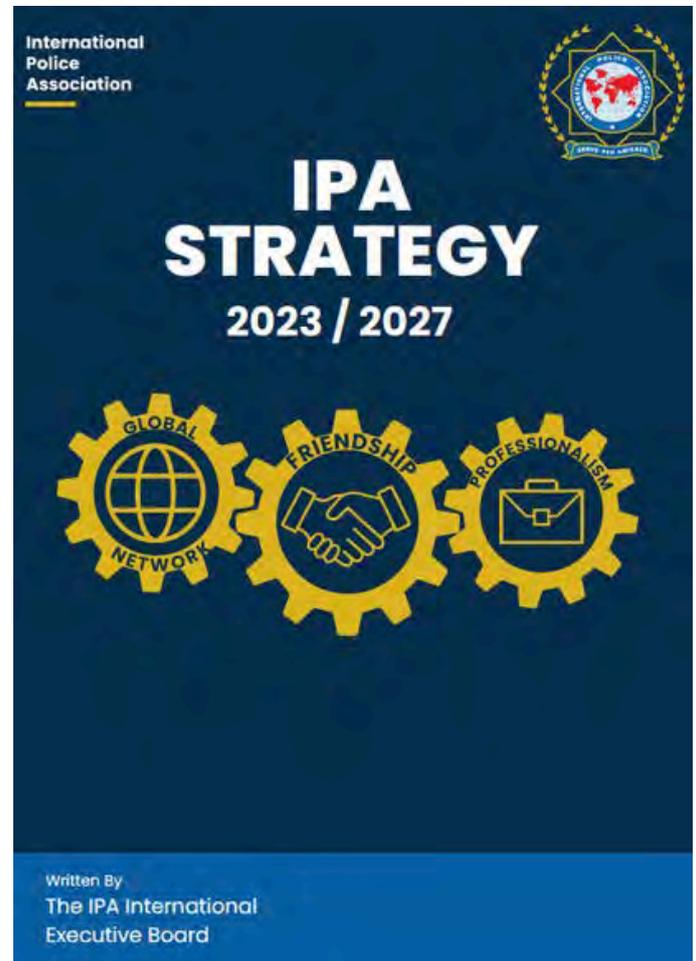
From the outset, the Strategy was designed as a living framework rather than a static document. Its purpose is to help guide the IPA in a constantly changing environment, while ensuring we remain focused on what matters most – our members, their needs and the long-term strength of our Association. The review was shaped by experiences from the first two years of the term, alongside feedback and discussions with members, Sections and IPA organisations around the world.

The overall direction and core values of the Strategy remain unchanged. However, several areas have been refined to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness.

One important focus for the coming years is digital development. Work will begin to explore the potential creation of a new international IPA mobile application, aimed at improving communication, services and connectivity for members worldwide.

Marketing and communication have also been strengthened as key strategic priorities. A clearer and more coordinated approach will help explain the value of IPA membership, strengthen our international profile and ensure members better understand the opportunities, services and benefits available to them.

As part of the review, the IEB also looked beyond the current term and considered where the IPA should stand by 2031. This forward-looking perspective helps provide stability and certainty for members, while ensuring the Association continues to evolve in line with professional and societal changes.



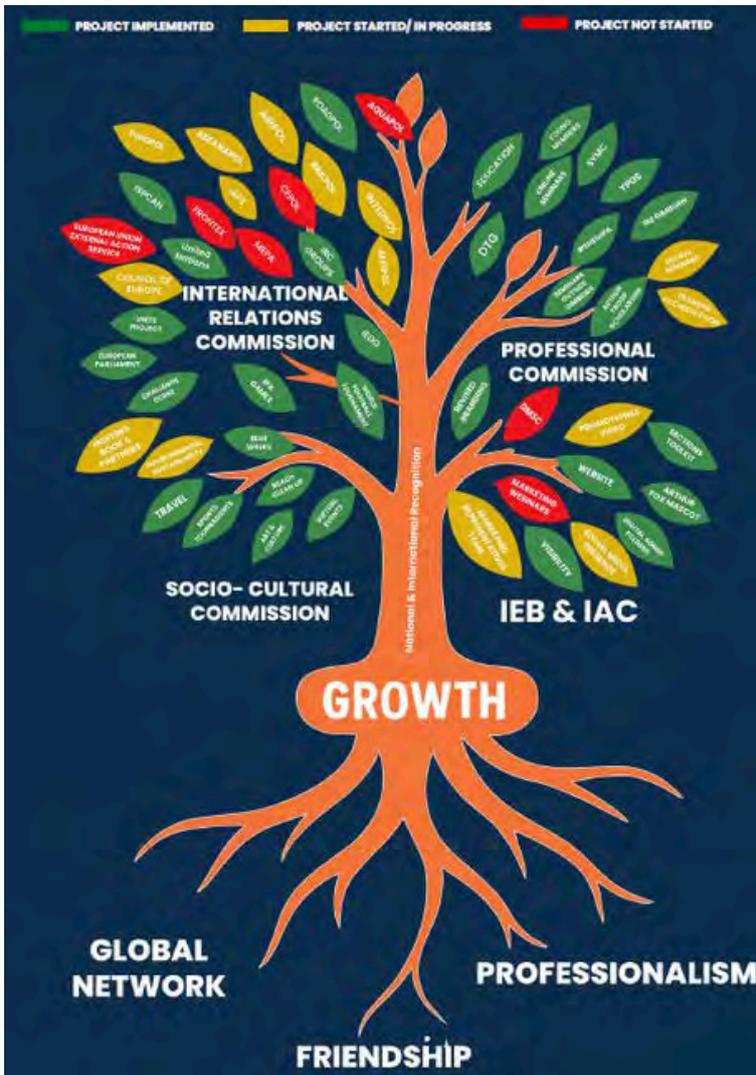
# IPA Strategy 2023–2027 – Mid-Term Review and Looking Ahead



Ultimately, the success of the Strategy depends on how it is put into practice across the entire Association. The real strength of the IPA lies in its members – in their professionalism, commitment and willingness to contribute to a shared future. By continuing to work closely with members and Sections, the IEB aims to ensure the IPA develops in a way that reflects what members need, expect and value most.

The updated Strategy, published at the beginning of 2026, reflects these shared ambitions. Through the continued engagement and professionalism of members at all levels, the IPA will continue to develop in a sustainable, responsible and forward-looking way.

## International Executive Board (IEB)



[View the Strategy Here](#)

## Gender-Responsive Policing in Peacekeeping - Removing Barriers; Empowering Women



Police services are critical to effective peacekeeping and post-conflict stabilisation. Yet, women remain underrepresented in these roles, often due to systemic barriers such as restrictive recruitment practices, inadequate facilities, and limited career development opportunities. The Elsie Initiative Fund (EIF) supports Troop and Police-Contributing Countries (T/PCCs) to United Nations Peace Operations to identify and dismantle obstacles that hinder women's full, equal and meaningful participation in policing within peace operations.

**To ensure the security of Mali's Presidential election in July 2018, the UN Mission in Mali, MINUSMA, deployed a military and police presence throughout the country. Here, a UN Police officer from Cameroon talks with a local official outside a polling station in Mopti. Credit: UN Photo/Harandane Dicko**

Through targeted support, the EIF enables national police and security institutions to develop an evidence base and implement gender-responsive policies and practices. This may include revising recruitment and selection frameworks, improving infrastructure to ensure safe and gender-sensitive accommodate and facilities, and integrating gender perspectives into training curricula. These activities are led and implemented by T/PCCs with EIF funding supporting nationally owned reform processes. As a result, police contingents are better equipped to respond to the needs of all community members, including women and girls.

Strengthening gender-responsive policing is not only about numbers, it is about capacity, readiness and institutional change. The EIF supports PCCs in strengthening capacities and building specialised skills to address gender-based violence, enhance community trust, and uphold human rights standards. These efforts contribute to more inclusive and effective peace operations, reinforcing the Women, Peace and Security agenda and promoting sustainable peace. Some examples of EIF-funded projects can be found on their [website](#):

- [Fiji Police Force](#)
- [Jordan Public Security Directorate](#)
- [Senegal National Police](#)
- [Zambia Police Service](#)

For more information on the Fund, visit [www.elsiefund.org](http://www.elsiefund.org) or follow on [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#).

**Oliver Hoffmann**  
Chairperson International Relations Commission

# IPA Israel – IPA Hymn

## The Story Behind The Music Notes

**Following the celebrations of the IPA's 75th anniversary, IPA Israel tell the story of the IPA hymn.**

As we play the hymn at every official and unofficial event, it is worth returning to the original recording and the video presenting the IPA hymn and the march.

In 2008, at the International Cultural Commission (ICC), headed by the late George, I proposed recording the IPA hymn by the Israel Police Orchestra, as part of the commission projects.



An excellent and welcome idea, since at every international event, searches were conducted for the notes and music, and few knew the IPA march.

Sounds simple, but the problems started to arise when the IAC had difficulty finding the original sheet of the music. When it was found and sent to me, it became clear that in order for a police orchestra to perform the hymn, an orchestral arrangement was needed.

In fact, it was necessary to prepare new sheet of the music with the orchestral arrangement. The music was composed by A. Couatte and the IPA march was composed by M. Legrand and D. Dondeyne but it was only the music notes.

The orchestral arrangement, as it appears in the new sheet of the music that was transferred to the IAC, was performed by the assistant conductor of the Israel Police Orchestra, Rafi Halbertal.

Now that there are scores, there is an orchestral arrangement, there is an orchestra, how do you make a professional recording?

To record a large orchestra, you need a professional company that specializes in this type of recording. This means a microphone next to each instrument and a recording system that can handle dozens of microphones at the same time.

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## The Story Behind The Music Notes

No recording studio was found that could accommodate the entire orchestra and equipment, and the solution was to use a theater hall used for musical performances and opera. The ICC did not have the budget to finance a large expense of the type required to make the recording. The budget ultimately came from the IPA Israel section. The recording was made in 2008.

At the same time as the recording, a professional camera crew documented the recording, so that not only the music but also the video could be used.

A CD with the music was produced and distributed to all IPA sections around the world. At the same time, a DVD with the music and video was prepared, which was also distributed to all sections around the world.

Today, the recording in MP3 format is available to anyone who plays the hymn at IPA events around the world. At the same time, and in light of the demand of many members around the world, the video clip with the hymn and the march was uploaded to YouTube and is also available to anyone interested in playing the hymn.

So for anyone wondering who plays the IPA hymn at any official event, the recording is by the Israel Police Orchestra from 2008. The initiative was from ICC. The notes and orchestral arrangement are reserved at IAC for the benefit of each orchestra.

The link to the video on Youtube:

[View Here](#)

**Dr Eran Israel**  
**Secretary General**  
**IPA Israel**



## 70 Years of Friendship and Service: IPA Switzerland Celebrates a Remarkable Anniversary in Zurich



**Zurich, November 2025** – The Swiss Section of the International Police Association (IPA Switzerland) proudly celebrated its 70th anniversary at the end of November 2025 in Zurich. The milestone event brought together more than 20 sections from across Switzerland and abroad, underlining the association’s enduring commitment to friendship, solidarity, and professional exchange among police officers worldwide.

The program began with a visit to the renowned FIFA Museum in Zurich. Participants enjoyed an inspiring journey through the history of international football, discovering stories of passion, teamwork, and global unity – values that resonate strongly with the IPA community.

A further highlight was the visit to the City Police Zürich. Guests were given exclusive insights into the daily work, structures, and operational challenges of one of Switzerland’s largest municipal police forces. The exchange fostered professional dialogue and strengthened collegial bonds among members.

The celebrations culminated in a festive gala evening at Circus “Conelli”, where approximately 500 guests gathered in an elegant and vibrant setting. Representatives from more than 20 sections, distinguished guests, partners, and friends of the association came together to honour the past, celebrate the present, and look confidently toward the future. The evening was marked by heartfelt speeches, cultural moments, and a strong sense of unity and pride.

The 70th anniversary was not only a celebration of history but also a testament to the strength and relevance of the IPA network. In a world facing increasing challenges, international cooperation and mutual understanding remain more important than ever.



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IPA Switzerland expresses its sincere gratitude to all participants, partner sections, and especially to its generous sponsors, whose support made this memorable celebration possible. Their contribution reflects a shared belief in the values of friendship, cooperation, and service that have guided the association for seven decades.

As IPA Switzerland enters its eighth decade, it does so with renewed energy and a clear mission: to continue fostering friendship among police officers around the world and to strengthen professional collaboration for the benefit of society.

Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship.

**JP Allet**  
**President IPA Switzerland**

# An Experience of the Kazakhstan Section within the UN Campaign “16 Days of Activism against Violence”

Violence against women and children remains one of the most serious global social challenges. Psychological pressure, bullying, aggressive behavior, and hidden forms of violence have long-term consequences for personal development, emotional well-being, and social stability. Children, as the most vulnerable group, require special attention and protection.

Recognizing this responsibility, the Kazakhstan Section of the International Police Association (IPA), in partnership with the Republican Public Association of Lawyers and Mediators “Human and Law,” implemented a preventive project in the city of Almaty in 2025. The initiative formed part of national and international efforts to counter violence and was aligned with participation in the UN global campaign “16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.”

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In their addresses, they highlighted the importance of strong partnerships between schools, families, police, and civil society in building a safe educational environment and stressed the value of involving educational institutions in international anti-violence initiatives, including the UN campaign “16 Days of Activism against Violence.”

Members of the Kazakhstan Section of the IPA played a key role in the project, demonstrating a modern, humanistic approach to policing. Police officers served as social partners, mentors, and mediators rather than punitive force, helping to build trust among children and parents and to challenge the stereotype of the police as an exclusively enforcement-oriented institution.

During the UN campaign period, preventive activities in schools were significantly intensified. More than 800 participants – students, parents, teachers, and police officers took part in thematic lessons, dialogue sessions, and open discussions designed to raise awareness of the unacceptability of physical and psychological violence. As a result, a local school-based initiative became part of a broader global movement for safety and peace.



The experience gained in Almaty demonstrates that coordinated preventive initiatives involving schools, families, civil society, and the police are an effective tool for preventing conflicts, bullying, and violence. Participation in international campaigns enhanced the project’s public relevance and educational impact.

This experience confirms that similar initiatives can be successfully adapted and implemented in other regions and countries through international professional cooperation.

Ultimately, only by working together can we change the situation.

**Galym Beristemov**  
**President of the Kazakhstan Section IPA**

## We Ask...

# Claudio Chiappucci, Italian IPA's cycling champion



**A valuable opportunity to interview cycling champion Claudio Chiappucci, honorary member of the IPA, arose during the presentation of his autobiographical book "I luoghi del Diablo", organised last November by the IPA Committee of Crema, where he is registered as a Supporting Friend.**

**Claudio Chiappucci, you have been one of the greatest climbers in the history of cycling. When did your passion for cycling begin?**

*Actually, as a teenager I loved football and wanted to become a footballer, with a particular inclination for attacking.*

**Among your many achievements, the Tour de France stage finishing in Sestriere on 18 July 1992 remains unforgettable. How did you manage such an extraordinary feat?**

*At the time there were no earpieces; information came from the motorcycles and race radio. Initially, I stayed with riders trying to animate the race, until we found ourselves in a breakaway. When I realised I had a decent advantage, my escape had already begun. After climbing the Iseran at 2,770 metres, I immediately attacked downhill, taking many risks.*

*The gap seemed to decrease after Mont Cenis, and during the final ascent to Sestriere I expected my rivals to appear at any moment, but they never did. What I saw instead was a sea of people. The more the road climbed, the more the crowd surrounded me, forming a wall that opened only with each pedal stroke.*

*They threw water on me and patted my shoulders –painful when your body is hypersensitive after more than 220 kilometres alone. Reaching the finish was an immense effort. I realised I had won only when the barriers finally separated me from the crowd. It had been seven hours, forty-four minutes, and fifty-one seconds. I raised my arms to the sky and cried with joy. That exact moment is on the cover of my book. Gino Bartali was there too; his presence made it feel like cycling from another era.*

**Your book reflects your aggressive racing style. Where does the nickname "El Diablo" come from?**

*In October 1992 I raced the Clásico RCN in Colombia. After winning the first stage with continuous attacks on the climbs, local commentators said I rode like a devil—el diablo. The nickname spread quickly.*

*I still carry it with me, along with the memory of my first victory as "El Diablo" in Corvara on 6 June 1993 during the Giro d'Italia. It was a freezing, devastating stage. At the finish I collapsed onto the handlebars and was wrapped in a blanket, completely exhausted.*

## We Ask... Claudio Chiappucci, Italian IPA's cycling champion



**As IPA, we remember that the day after your Sestriere victory, Italy was struck by the Via D'Amelio massacre. How did you experience that moment?**

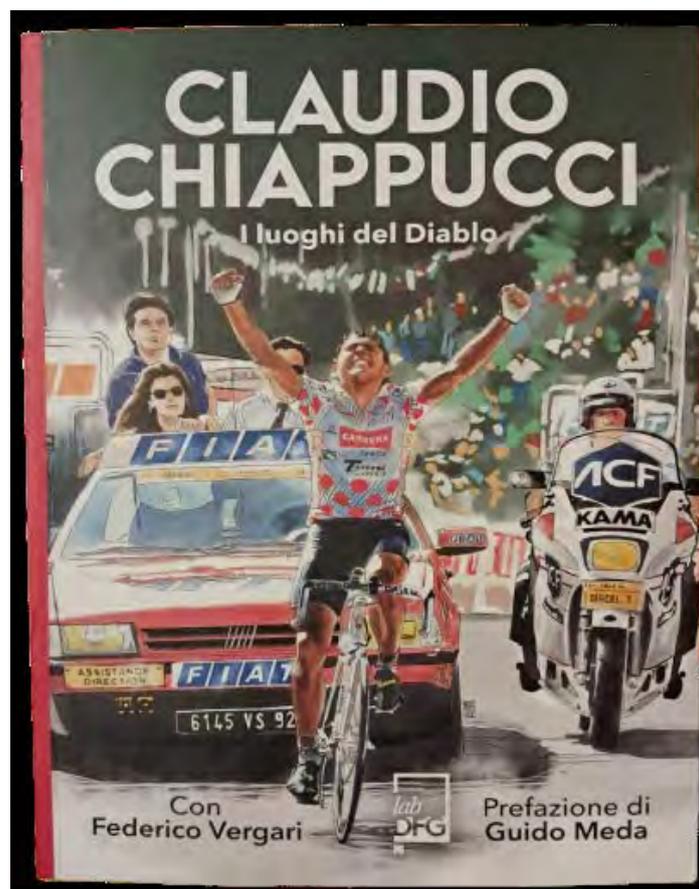
*I could hardly believe it. Just twenty-four hours earlier the country had stopped to follow my ride, and the next day everything stopped because of the killing of Judge Paolo Borsellino and the members of his escort. We were living in a surreal time.*

*After the Capaci massacre in May, this tragedy overwhelmed us with sadness. Years later, meeting Rita Borsellino deeply moved me. Through her determination, she kept alive the memory of her brother and those who gave their lives in the fight against organised crime.*

*We like to believe that, even briefly, your epic ride gave moments of lightness to those who were fulfilling their duty until the very end.*

*Thank you, Claudio Chiappucci, for this interview. We are proud to count you among our Supporting Friends and hope to meet you again soon during one of your book presentations—because, as they say, “Claudio, tú eres como un diablo.”*

Mauro Nardella  
Editorial Director – Italy IPA Magazine



## IPA Belgian Officers Participate in IPA USA Green Bay Wisconsin Seminar

**On June 19, 2025, five colleagues from ZP Weser-Göhl began a very special journey to participate in a seminar organised by the International Police Association (IPA) in Green Bay, United States.**

The first stop was Chicago, where the group shared an Airbnb and spent a few days discovering the city. Despite summer temperatures reaching 36°C, we explored the impressive skyline and iconic skyscrapers, visited Navy Pier and Millennium Park, enjoyed rooftop bars with breathtaking views, swam in Lake Michigan and immersed ourselves in the cultural diversity of the city.

A major highlight was the ride-along with the Chicago Police Department. After a warm welcome, we were divided into teams and accompanied officers on patrol. It was striking to see that officers generally work alone ("One Patrol Man"), a concept difficult to imagine in our own structures. Shortly after the start of the shift, we responded to an urgent firearm-related call, with around ten patrol vehicles arriving within minutes. We also observed several traffic stops and visited the Chicago Police College, where we learned that initial training lasts only six months.

The next day, we travelled to Green Bay, where we were warmly welcomed by Joe Johnson, president of the IPA USA and organiser of the seminar and stayed at St. Norbert College. The seminar officially began on June 26 with intensive drone training, providing valuable technical and tactical insights, while fostering international friendship and professional exchange.

As a welcome, we have received various gifts IPA: a gourd, a corner and an insignia. We were staying at St. Norbert College, and from the first evening, we met many international colleagues – coming notably from Germany, England, Australia, South Africa, Ireland and Gibraltar. The atmosphere was marked by openness, mutual interest and professional exchanges.

### The Seminar

June 26 – Official start

After greetings and group photos, the first activity was a demanding training on drones. It allowed us to better understand the technical bases as well as the possible tactical applications.



## IPA Belgian Officers Participate in IPA USA Green Bay Wisconsin Seminar



### Day 2 – Shooting Training

The day took place on a shooting range. The morning was dedicated to the TTI, the afternoon to the test of various short and long weapons, some of which were equipped with red-dot sights. A shooting competition closed the day when we finished just behind our German colleagues.



### Day 3 – Community Policing

The main theme was community policing. We took part in the “Christmas Lights” charity event, aimed at supporting police officers and citizens facing financial difficulties. This initiative demonstrated strong cooperation between police and the community. In the afternoon, we again accompanied American colleagues on patrol.

### Day 4 – Emergency Medical Training

We completed training on the correct application of tourniquets, followed by a further TTI module focusing on active shooter (amok) situations. The training was demanding but highly informative.

### Day 5 – ASP Instructor Training

The entire day was dedicated to ASP Instructor qualification. After completing theoretical and practical examinations, we were officially certified as instructors, allowing us to transfer this knowledge into our daily work.

### Day 6 – Closing Banquet

The seminar concluded with a formal closing event and exchanges between international participants.

This trip was extremely enriching, both personally and professionally. We gained new skills in TTI, TECC and ASP, discovered police practices from other countries, and strengthened international cooperation. Above all, we experienced the strong sense of belonging to a global policing community in line with the IPA motto:

Servo per Amikeco – Serving through friendship  
**Tom ORTMANN**  
IPA Liège, Belgium

# Arthur Troop Scholarship

## Chris Mace – IPA Canada



As a serving member of the Waterloo Regional Police Service with 18 years of experience in policing, I was honoured to be awarded the 2025 Arthur Troop Scholarship. This recognition provided me with the opportunity to attend a professional development seminar at IBZ Schloss Gimborn in Germany.

My initial application and selection was for the Public Order Course; however, the instructor became unavailable and the course was cancelled. With the support of IPA members in Canada and those involved with the Arthur Troop Scholarship, I was able to pivot and identify an alternative training opportunity.

After reviewing available courses across Europe and North America, I encountered challenges related to scheduling, professional commitments, and language availability. Ultimately, a course offering aligned perfectly: NextGen Policing – Terrorism Response and Investigation at IBZ Schloss Gimborn. The course content addressed emerging risks relevant to policing at the national, provincial, and regional levels.

### Course Overview

Terrorism remains a critical challenge for modern law enforcement, and understanding how terrorist actors plan and operate is essential.

This seminar provided young police officers and IPA members with a concise yet impactful introduction to counterterrorism strategies and investigative skills.

Participants examined the terrorist planning cycle, from intelligence gathering and surveillance to operational execution and response. The seminar blended expert-led instruction with case studies, practical exercises, and a high-intensity scenario designed to replicate real-world conditions.

Key learning objectives included understanding early indicators of terrorist activity, developing OSINT and surveillance skills, participating in a full-scale crisis simulation, and exchanging knowledge with international colleagues. The NextGen Policing focus directly supported my professional responsibilities.



# Arthur Troop Scholarship Chris Mace – IPA Canada

## Seminar Highlights

### Day 1 – Terrorism Planning, Psychology & OSINT

The first day focused on the terrorist planning cycle, psychological drivers of radicalization, and online recruitment pathways. Participants explored the structure of the internet, including the surface, deep, and dark web, and examined how metadata and digital traces support investigations. The day concluded with a team-based OSINT exercise, Murder @ Gimborn Castle, applying learned concepts in a live-action scenario.

### Day 2 – OSINT Expansion & Scenario Training

Training expanded into dark web intelligence collection, tools, and legal considerations. Practical arrest techniques were introduced, followed by scenario-based crime scene and investigative exercises conducted in multiple rotations.

### Day 3 – Surveillance Fieldwork

Participants learned covert surveillance principles and behavioural detection techniques. A field exercise in Cologne provided real-world experience observing, tracking, and reporting activities in public spaces.

### Day 4 – Full-Scale Mission & VIP Protection

A high-intensity scenario tested threat identification, intelligence use, and operational decision-making. This was followed by VIP protection and crisis-response simulations conducted in two stages.

### Day 5 – Assessment & Certification

The seminar concluded with a final assessment, written exam, certification ceremony, and closing remarks.



The seminar provided an in-depth understanding of terrorism dynamics, including psychological drivers and the stages of the terrorist planning cycle. Working alongside international colleagues highlighted diverse policing approaches and reinforced the value of global cooperation.

Significant skills were developed in OSINT, metadata analysis, and digital investigations, alongside improved awareness of online radicalization and dark web activity. Scenario-based training strengthened teamwork, leadership, and communication under pressure.

# Arthur Troop Scholarship

## Chris Mace – IPA Canada



### Practical Application

Upon returning to Canada, I have applied these lessons by strengthening counterterrorism awareness through a clearer understanding of radicalization processes, improving OSINT and digital intelligence practices, and supporting early-warning efforts using the terrorist planning cycle. The scenario-based training also enhanced frontline and investigative response capabilities. Additionally, the seminar created a global network of colleagues, supporting continued information sharing and collaboration.

### Acknowledgments

I would like to sincerely thank Karen Frost of IPA Canada for her guidance and support throughout this process. I also thank the instructional team at IBZ Schloss Gimborn for delivering a professional and impactful program. Finally, I am grateful to my international colleagues whose perspectives and collaboration greatly enriched the experience.

Participating in NextGen Policing – Terrorism Response and Investigation at IBZ Schloss Gimborn was a pivotal professional experience. The seminar enhanced my understanding of modern terrorism threats, provided practical investigative tools, and reinforced the importance of international cooperation in policing. The knowledge, skills, and connections gained will continue to support my contribution to public safety.

**Chris Mace**  
IPA Canada

## Last Chance to Apply for our 2027 Scholarship

One of the benefits of IPA membership is access to outstanding professional development opportunities. The Arthur Troop Scholarship offers members the chance to travel, meet new people, and connect with like-minded colleagues from around the world while attending a seminar of their choice.

The scholarship provides financial support of up to €2,500 to assist with training and travel costs. To apply and to review the eligibility criteria, please visit our website.

**Arthur Troop Scholarship**  
**Apply Today**

**Deadline for applications for**  
**2027 scholarship is 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**March 2026**

# Thailand – a special IPA moment in Hua Hin for IPA UK Members

Today marked a special and memorable moment, for me as member of the IPA Section of Austria, living in Thailand.

Peta Kofi, member of the British IPA Section and from Liverpool, became the first official IPA guest at the IPA MEETING POINT Hua Hin. With this visit, a small but meaningful chapter of IPA history was written in Hua Hin, Thailand.

Following a very warm and open introductory conversation, we took Peta on a short tour to showcase some of the beautiful areas of the Thai seaside town of Hua Hin.

The exchange continued during a shared dinner, where we discussed the values of the IPA, international friendship, policing experiences and many other inspiring topics.

With her sincere, open-minded and uncomplicated manner, Peta quickly became a valued friend. As a result of this positive encounter, a longer informational and exploratory tour of the Hua Hin surroundings is planned for the coming Tuesday.

Once again, the true spirit of the IPA was clearly felt and genuinely lived today – transcending borders, cultures and distances.

Servo per Amikeco  
Thank you, IPA.

**IPA UK**



# IPA Canarias International Football Tournament 2025



The second edition of the IPA CANARIAS 2025 International Police Tournament, held in Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, concluded with a closing ceremony dampened by Storm Emilia, but with a large turnout of players and their companions.

On Thursday the 11th, at 5:00 PM, the opening ceremony took place at the foot of the famous Maspalomas Lighthouse, where we could see police officers from Canada (from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of Ottawa), Senegal, the Polish Police (from the cities of Kielce and Poznan), Romania (from the cities of Sibiu and Cluj), Italy (the National and State Police from the Cesena, Forli and Sardinia areas), Switzerland (the Cantonal Police of Ticino), Germany (the Frankfurt Police and the Bundespolizei direktion München from Munich Airport), the Metropolitan Police of London from the United Kingdom, the Public Security Police of Portugal, and a colleague from the National Police of the Embassy of the Netherlands.

From Spain to the National Police (Madrid, Mallorca, Alicante, Elche, Las Palmas and Maspalomas), the Civil Guard of Las Palmas, the Foral Police of Navarre, the Ertzaintza of the Basque Country, the Mossos d'Esquadra and the Urban Guard of Tarragona, from Galicia

to the Local Police of Vigo and Pontevedra, from Extremadura to the Local Police of Almendralejo, to the National Police of Madrid, Mallorca, Alicante and Elche and from the Canary Islands to the local police of Las Palmas, Telde, San Bartolomé de Tirajana, Agüimes, Gáldar, to the Civil Guard of Las Palmas, to the General Corps of the Canary Islands Police, Port Police and National Police of Maspalomas and Las Palmas, in addition to the invited team of prison officials from the Las Palmas II Penitentiary Center - Juan Grande Prison, there was also a cultural event where the Tenor Jesús Monzón performed, accompanied by the timple player Abraham Ramos, a demonstration of canine handlers and the The tournament's ceremonial first kick was performed by the "Little Brave" foundation for children against childhood cancer.



On Friday the 12th, the ball started rolling at the Maspalomas sports complex, utilizing the seven available seven-a-side football pitches. The first and final phases were played there, as the final and consolation phases, scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, had to be suspended due to an adverse weather alert issued by the Canary Islands government and a decree from the Mayor's office.

# IPA Canarias International Football Tournament 2025

The winner of the tournament was the Local Police of Almendralejo (Extremadura), due to their score in the first phase. The team with the fewest goals conceded was the Basque Country team Elite Euskadi - Euskal Poliziak. The Fair Play team was All Star. The top scorer was the Basque striker Mikel Gavilán. The MVP of the Ipa Swiss team was Ethan Coter. Awards were also given to the first two female police officers playing in the tournament: Cristina from Elite Euskadi and África González from Ángeles Custodios of the National Police of Mallorca.



## IPA Spain

## Free IPA Webinar – Practical OSINT for Modern Policing

### Beyond Google: Practical OSINT for Modern Policing

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The webinar combines short theoretical inputs with hands-on elements and is ideal for officers who want to explore OSINT techniques in a practical, operational context.

The session also provides an insight into a three-day advanced OSINT course for participants who wish to further develop their investigative skills.

**Date: 3 March 2026**  
**Time: 19:00 – 20:00 (CET)**  
**Format: Online | Free of charge**

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## #SHEisIPA

## Finding Friendship, Leadership, and Purpose Through IPA

I am guessing that like a large number of others I had been a completely inactive member of the IPA for years. I paid the subscription, received a magazine and didn't really have any other interaction. It wasn't until about 5 years ago when I joined the IPA hiking group that I realised how much the IPA has to offer. Through the hiking group I have travelled to the most beautiful parts of Ireland that I would never otherwise have seen. I have been lucky enough to make some amazing friends in the process. About two years ago Dave Robinson (#HEforSHE) convinced me to join the IPA region 13 Wicklow committee and earlier this year he highlighted the #SHEisIPA seminar at Gimborn to me. Fast forward to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and I am on a plane to Germany to meet over 20 Women in policing from all over world.



The seminar was titled Empowering female leaders in Law Enforcement. I had the absolute privilege over the following three days to listen to presentations given by some of the most experienced and impressive Women in policing from different corners of the World. I learned so much for each presentation I could attempt to write a dissertation for the Templemore library that wouldn't do it justice. During the course of the seminar I had numerous opportunities to speak one on one with other Police officers and was fascinated by the numerous sometimes vast differences in our legislation and day to day practices. While there were so many differences I came to realise that as people we have lived a shared experience which gives rise to undefinable camaraderie (nowhere was this more evident than the evening meetings in the Tumbar.) Returning from #SHEisIPA Germany I have gained an insight into Policing in different Jurisdictions, I have learned from the finest leaders in policing and above all else I have gained lifelong friends. I now have to brush up on my Riverdance routine as some of my new friends plan on a trip to Ireland in 2026.

Servo per Amikeco  
**Suzanne**



# Upcoming Events



**IBZ**  
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Organised crime and OK – financial investigations, asset recovery, and interdisciplinary cooperation  
2–6 March 2026



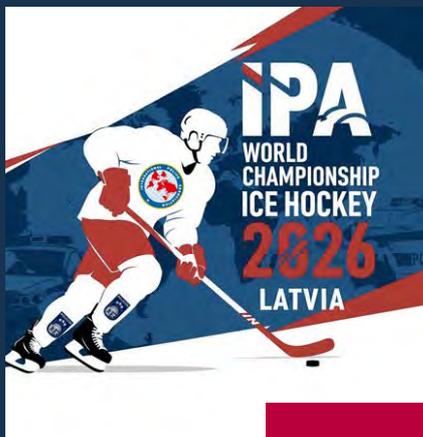
IPA Italy National Congress 2026

19–22 March 2026



**IBZ**  
Information and Education Centre  
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IBZ Gimborn Crypto Fundamentals, Blockchain & Investigation of Fraud Seminar  
9–11 March 2026



IPA Latvia International ice Hockey Tournament 2026

19–22 March 2026



Developing Stress Intelligence – Strengthening Competencies: Help Through Stress Management

12–20 April 2026



ASP Instructor Certification (AIC) Course incl. OC Instructor Certification (OCIC) (E)

30 March – 2 April 2026

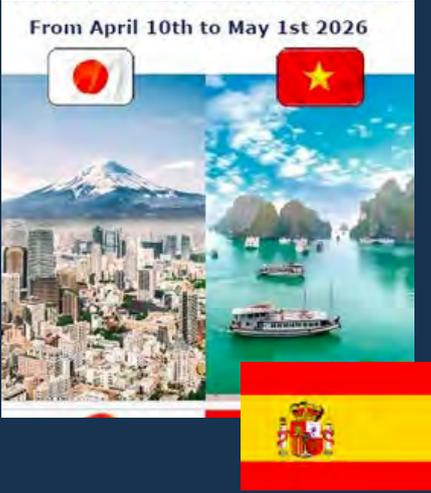
Here are some of the events taking place throughout the IPA over the next couple of months.

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# Upcoming Events

From April 10th to May 1st 2026



**IPA Spain SuperTour 2026  
Japan & Vietnam**

10 April – 1 May 2026



**iBZ**  
Information and Education Centre  
Castle Gimborn e.V.

**Motorcycle Culture and Safety –  
Responsible Motorcycling  
Training**

10-12 April, 2026



**IPA Netherlands/Belgium  
Lowlands on Patrol 2026**

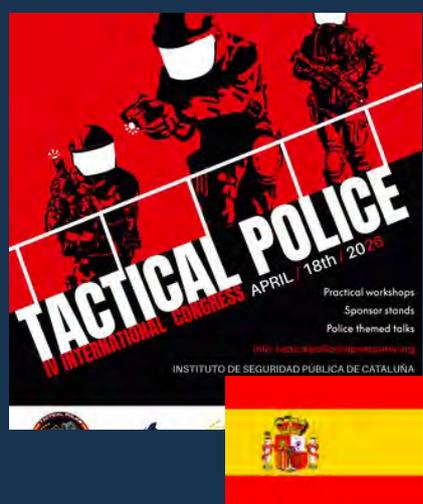
12-20 April 2026



**#SHEisIPA – Empowering  
Female Leaders – in the IPA  
and Beyond**

12-17 April 2026

**iBZ**  
Information and Education Centre  
Castle Gimborn e.V.



**IPA Spain IV International  
Tactical Police Congress**

18 April 2026



**IPA Management Academy  
Serbia 2026**

22-26 April 2026

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# Gimborn Seminars

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## IBZ Gimborn Seminar Guide 2026

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## UPCOMING SEMINARS



### ASP Instructor Certification (AIC) Course incl. OC Instructor Certification (OCIC) (E)

- **30 March – 2 April 2026**

The ASP Instructor Certification (AIC) equips officers with advanced skills in Tactical Baton, Restraints, and Performance Flashlights while certifying them to instruct ASP Basic Certification courses. New for 2025, the OC Instructor Certification (OCIC) is now available as an add-on, covering OC spray science, defensive tactics, and subject control using inert ASP Defender LE canisters—no OC exposure required.

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# Marketing



## Driving the Future of IPA: Marketing Team Meets in Naples

From 19–22 February, the International Marketing Team held its annual in-person meeting in Naples, Italy. Key priorities for the second half of the term were identified, including the development of a promotional video for use across all sections and a series of educational webinars to equip sections with tools to better market the IPA to officers in their countries and highlight the benefits of IPA membership.

A special thanks to IPA Italy for their warm hospitality.



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