



IPA Newsletter

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**"A man is not old
until regrets take the place of dreams"**



**Action of IPA Smolensk
in favour of disadvantaged children**

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

I am intrigued by a few recent events!

On the one hand I have heard about IPA branches or regions which can't find anyone to run for committee positions. On the other hand I witness situations where IPA members are unwilling to leave their positions after decades of holding them!

Where is the logic in this? How can we find the happy medium?

Of course we all have enough to do and can find many reasons to avoid taking responsibility within the Association. To volunteer for a position will take precious time.

And of course when elected, it might be sometimes gratifying to stay in charge, at first because the new or young board members will need expertise and knowledge and also because the position can provide a visibility that is welcome!

But honestly, are we not in both cases missing the meaning of the word "Service" by putting our own interests ahead of the common good of the Association?

Give and you will receive!

Let it go and you will also receive!

In friendship

Pierre

AROUND THE WORLD

"NEW" NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA Malta



Dear IPA Friends,

My name is Neville Mercieca, 34 years old. In 2000 I joined the Malta Police Force where in 2010 I was promoted to Police Sergeant. I have been a member of IPA since 2002, and a National Committee Member for the past 4 years. For the past 6 years, I have also been holding the office of Secretary General of the Malta Police Association, which represents all Police officers in Malta and Gozo.



At first I was not planning to run for the post of president, but when I was approached by several members encouraging me to submit my nomination, I did. It's not easy to take the seat of a person who occupied it for a very

long time. I feel honoured and proud to start serving IPA Malta in the year of its 50th Anniversary. This year we have various events, to which IPA members are all invited.

A new administration brings new ideas. We will focus on our members and their relations with their foreign counterparts. The world today is one big city, and we need to be the stepping stone and the support our members need to move forward, and explore the world ahead.

My plans are to strengthen IPA Malta amongst the local community but to also strengthen relationships with other IPA sections. I will do my best to promote IPA programmes and events with our members so that we increase participation. Commitments taken by IPA Malta in the past will also be respected, but will improve where the need arises. It is of paramount importance that we also increase membership. It is also my wish to increase the number of IPA members and IPA groups who visit our islands.

Together with my team, I assure you that we are fully committed to the principles of IPA, and will do our best to promote them, and our job will reflect those principles.

We are open to innovation for the development of both IPA Malta and IPA members.

SERVO PER AMIKECO

Neville Mercieca, President IPA Malta

IPA Russia Smolensk region creating miracles

If one asks a child whether he or she believes in a miracle, you are sure to hear "yes". New Year is a time of dreams and miracles, a time when we can create a fairytale for all children ourselves.

On the last evening of 2014, the Smolensk region of IPA Russia decided to organise a New Year's party for children who don't feel the warmth and care of their own parents.



Together with representatives of the Smolensk regional police department and its cultural center we went to a children's' centre not far from Smolensk to fulfill the dreams of its small inhabitants. Dancing and playing with "Father Frost" and his daughter, we ourselves felt like children. Most of all we were glad to see the happy faces of the children holding toys and sweets.

Miracles are so easy to create, don't you agree?

Natalia Skomoroshenko, IPA Russia

IPA Turkey supporting new “Traffic Detective Project”



IPA Turkey is involved in the brand-new project “Traffic Inspectors” which was started to raise awareness of road safety amongst children. A multitude of institutions cooperated to launch this project.

IPA Turkey organised the opening ceremony of the “Traffic Detectives Project” in Ankara, which will educate 1.5 million children and teenagers on traffic issues. Traffic education for children is of

the utmost importance as a basis for safe traffic participation. The “Traffic Detectives Project” aims to inspire awareness of traffic in schools throughout 81 provinces in Turkey within 3 years, encompassing a target audience of 3-17 years.

The youngsters will be given the title of “Traffic Detective” and will be trained to act as role models on the subject of traffic. Training sessions will include traffic signs, safety belts and child protection systems, pedestrian crossings, the use of overpasses and underpasses, bicycle and pedestrian safety, visibility, and safe play areas.

This campaign provides opportunities on road safety education programmes, resources and professional development which help parents and schools deliver developmentally appropriate education in order to prepare young people to become safe road users.

Following on from the previous road safety project “Buckle Up”, IPA Turkey is proud to show its dedication to reducing traffic accidents and casualties.



Fatih Vursavaş, IPA Turkey

'POLICE OF THE WORLD' – Book by Olga Birkina



In 2010 I first had the honour of being present at the Conference of the IPA in Paris. The police officers united by IPA create a single army which works for order and friendship in the whole world. My desire to tell about what I have seen and to show the photos to my colleagues in Russia was so great that it served as a catalyst for the idea to

photograph the IPA officers in their uniforms and to collect these photos in the book POLICE OF THE WORLD.

Since my retirement, I have spent all my free time collecting materials for the book which will contain text in 6 languages: Russian, English, German, Spanish, French and Italian. On the 300 pages of the book the sections on IPA police from 65 countries contain picturesque reproductions of paintings, archive and modern photos of uniforms, weapon models, cars, motorcycles, aviation, mounted police, K9, a brief history of the IPA as well as other brief information about the police which has historical significance.

It so happened that the issue of the POLICE OF THE WORLD photo book coincides with the 100th anniversary of Arthur Troop, a police sergeant from Lincolnshire who created the International Police Association. On December 15th of this year we will be honouring his memory, and I am pleased to time the publication of my photo book to the hundredth anniversary of the founder of IPA.

I would like to express my gratitude to my friends, members of IPA, Facebook friends, to everybody who helped me and gave me photo material about the police! Currently the Branko publishing house is working on the layout for the POLICE OF THE WORLD photo book, and I hope to be able to present the result of my creative work at the International IPA Congress in Potsdam in September of this year.

"SERVO PER AMIKECO!"

Thanks for your attention,

Respectfully yours, the author,

Olga Birkina, IPA Russia

News from the African Sections



AISG with SLQ Dlamini (Swaziland) and John Mwinzi, Patrick Wandare & Jared Ojuok (Kenya)

The PEB decided after the World Congress in Israel to try to improve contact with and support for the sections around the world. Each PEB member was allocated a number of sections, and I was delighted to become the liaison member for the African sections, as I had been at the workshop for secretaries general in Botswana in 2012. At the IEC meeting in Copenhagen, I had a short meeting with the delegates of Kenya and Swaziland to discuss items of importance and concern. I also met with Pilot Loots of South Africa and Roshanlall Kokil of Mauritius.

Kenya

The Inspector General has approved a new IPA office at Police HQ and they look forward to moving in. The section predicts that membership numbers will go up, following the merging of the country's two police organisations.

The photo shows IPA Kenya's secretary general, Shuaib Adam.



Lesotho



The section has a new President, Mr Khothatso Tsóoana, as from 16th January 2014 and we wish him much success. The Secretary General, Thato Mokoteli has returned to Lesotho after a period of study in the UK.

IPA Lesotho ran a successful and well supported educational trip to Durban in South Africa. IPA members were involved in community activities, including tree planting at Hamakhoathi and a donation of food and clothes to Sekamaneng orphanage. They also ran a 'back to school' show as a fund raiser.

Mauritius

The section's president, Mr Outam Kumar Guiness and the NEC ran a family day on Sunday 15 Dec 2013 at Le Chaland with beach games, a swimming competition for kids, fun games at Kids corner, a football mini tournament for all and a visit to a marine park. This was made possible with the blessing of the Police Commissioner and the Commandant of the National Coast Guard as well as the dedication, effort and commitment of the National Executive Committee, IPA Mauritius.



Mozambique

IPA Mozambique reports that they are stable and have 740 members at the start of 2014. They hope they can take part in the next IEC meeting and other important events.

Swaziland



The section has a fine record of assisting the poor in society and those afflicted with AIDS/HIV and recently built a house for an elderly citizen.

The African sections' Cultural Diversity festival is now confirmed for the 29th May to the 1st June 2014 in Swaziland, and details will be circulated to all sections shortly. A presentation by the Street Children Consortium and work session will be included in the Agenda.

Botswana

The long-serving secretary general of the section, Constance Oletile has retired from the police and her post on the NEC. We wish Constance well and thank her for her work and friendship over the years.

Section Botswana also has a history of helping the community and the ISG and AISG had the honour to visit a building project for the homeless, where all the construction work was carried out by IPA members in 2012.



South Africa

The president H. 'Vossie' Voss met with general Riah Phiyega, National Commissioner of the South African Police Service on 11 November 2013 to introduce to her the aims, objectives and purposes of the IPA and to enhance the IPA's relationship with the SA Police Service. This is the first formal engagement

with the National Commissioner for over 15 years and we all trust that this will lead to improved relations with the SA Police Service nationally.

Vossie hopes to present a report on activities in South Africa in a future Newsletter.

Stephen Crockard, Assistant International Secretary General

IPA UK's Annual Charity Ball – 21 June 2014

Members travelling or considering a trip to England this summer may like to include the beautiful and historic city of York as part of their itinerary, and..... **join Section UK** at their Annual Charity Ball which is being held at the Royal York Hotel!

For more information about the Ball, visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Annual-Charity-Ball

Information about York: www.yorkshire.com/

Lib Jones, IPA UK Communications Manager



'Eden' who will be entertaining guests at the ball in June

EPFG 2014

Still thinking of what to do during the summer holidays? If you fancy becoming an IPA sporting champion, register for the EPFG from 12-20 July 2014 and join in the fun!

Further information can be found at <http://www.european-police-fire-games.com> or kox@epfgbrussels2014.be

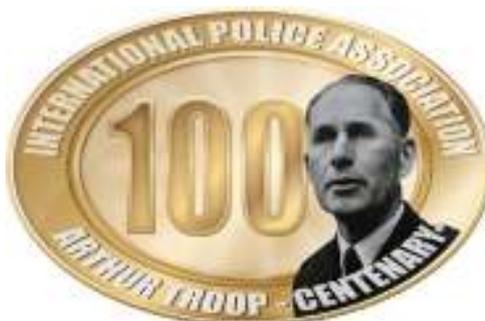


Arthur Troop Centenary Celebration Weekend

Friday 12 December – Monday 15 December 2014

Arthur Troop, Founder of the IPA, was born 15 December 1914. 2014 will mark the centenary of his birth.

Section UK is in the planning stages of a weekend of celebrations which will take place in Nottinghamshire and the English county of Lincolnshire. Nottinghamshire is the home of Section UK's Administrative Centre and the International Administration Centre. Lincolnshire is the county in which Arthur was born, served as a police officer and lived his entire life.



The precise programme will be announced shortly and we hope many members will be able to join us for some or part of the weekend. Please put the dates in your diary and check travel availability. Nottingham will be the base for visitors. Travel from Nottingham to venues in Lincolnshire will be by bus organised by Section UK.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/atoz/t/tourist-information

www.visitlincolnshire.com/

Lib Jones, Communications Manager IPA UK

LAST WORD



February 2014 – for me, as part of a sports-mad family, this means enjoying the Winter Olympics!

Every 4 years athletes have the honour to come together not only to compete, but also to celebrate taking part in the Olympic movement and becoming a proud member of the Olympic family.

We – the IPA – are even luckier: We have the opportunity to celebrate our movement and motto every year at a conference. Not to compete against each other, not even just to take part – but to get together and have the chance to practice, develop and advance the idea of international friendship.

So when you watch the Winter Olympics in Sochi, take a moment and consider what you as an IPA 'athlete' can do at the IEC in Potsdam to make the IPA grow 'Faster, Higher and Stronger'.

Elke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Full details of all events, where available, have been sent to sections separately. Please find below a summary for the next 12 months:

Section	Date	Event
New Zealand	9 Feb – 3 Mar 2014	IPA New Zealand Motorcycle Tour
Poland	12-13 Feb 2014	5 th Int'l Indoor Football Tournament, Warsaw
USA	26-28 Feb 2014	1 st IPA Ann. Police 7's Soccer Ch., Florida
Germany	26 Feb – 4 Mar 2014	IPA Cologne Carnival Week
Poland	10-22 Mar 2014	"Gift of Youth" Sailing Ship Cruise
Hellas	24-27 April	IPA House Managers' Meeting, Athens
Canada	7-11 May 2014	25 th National AGM + FSW, Vancouver Island
Germany	29 May – 1 Jun 2014	IPA Coburg Branch 40 th Anniversary
Bulgaria	4-8 Jun 2014	20 th Anniversary Celebrations
Italy	5-8 Jun 2014	4 th IPA Motorcycle Rally, Predazzo
France	12 Jun 2014	First IPA Open Golf tournament, Dijon
Spain	12-15 Jun 2014	XII 7-a-side football tournament, Tarragona
France	12-16 Jun 2014	19 th Int'l Challenge of Police Shooting in real-life situation, Marignane
Italy	14-19 Jun 2014	8 th Int'l Football 5 tourn., Ragusa / Sicily
Poland	26-29 Jun 2014	III Int'l Football Championships, Gdynia
Germany	4-13 Jul 2014	Friendship Week Selm-Bork
Belgium	12-20 July 2014	European Police and Fire Games, Brussels
France	19 Jul – 2 Aug 2014	International Youth Gathering
Poland	26 Jul 2014	Polish Police Foundation 95 th Jubilee, Warsaw
Sweden	23 Aug 2014	1 st IPA Int'l Cycle Tour
Germany	2-7 Sep 2014 7-13 Sep 2014	39 th IEC, Potsdam Friendship Week
USA	4-11 Oct 2014	Nat. Delegate Conference and IPA FSW
Malta	16-19 Oct 2014	Dynamic Tri-Gun Competition
Australia	23-26 October	50 th Anniversary, AGM and 3-day cruise

FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

www.ibz-gimborn.de



Date	Seminar	Language
3-7 Feb 2014	Migration und Kriminalität	G
10-14 Feb 2014	Motorradbanden	G
17-21 Feb 2014	Burnout – eine gesellschaftliche Herausforderung	G
24-28 Feb 2014	Gewalt im Spiel	G
3-7 Mar 2014	Organised crime – cross border delinquency and cross border prosecution	E
10-14 Mar 2014	Terrorismus – politisch und religiös motivierte Gewalttaten in Europa	G
17-21 Mar 2014	Rechtsextremismus – neueste Entwicklungen	G
31 Mar-4 Apr 2014	Wirtschaftskriminalität heute	G
7-11 Apr 2014	La traite des êtres humains: la situation insoutenable de l'esclavage moderne	F
28-30 Apr 2014	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
5-9 May 2014	Violence against the State Gewalt gegen die Staatsgewalt	E and G
19-23 May 2014	Police Missions – Concepts, Best Practices and Experiences Polizei-Missionen – Konzepte, best practices and Experiences	E and G