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Happy New Year!



We wish all IPA Newsletter readers the very best for 2016!

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

Well, I guess 'Happy New Year' is a good start to this first Newsletter of the year!

All of us have seen what happened throughout the world in 2015, and we can certainly hope for a better year.

As I was busy reading the Statutes of our Association once more, I came across article 7 which lists the aims of the IPA, and I especially focused on the third point, namely:

to 'encourage peaceful co-existence between peoples and preservation of world peace',

Of course one could object that this is very general, way too idealistic, that it does not refer to any concrete action, and that it has no beginning and no end.

I personally believe that everyone has a part to play in order to develop and encourage peace in the world. I found this Chinese quote:

'If there is beauty in character, there will be harmony in the home

If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation

If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world'

I started wondering: if we all have a good notion of what beauty is, what harmony brings, what order requires and what peace could be, what is missing in the picture to make this world a better place and a peaceful one?

The will to make it work!

Therefore, at our modest level, let us have the will to bring or keep harmony in our sections, as a consequence of the positive energy of our members, their ideas, their actions. Without doubt, this will bring better order to our nations and contribute, along with the fundamental principles that we defend, to peace in the world.

Happy 2016!

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Whiskey Forum 'A Spirit of Friendship'



The IPA Whiskey Forum is a secret page on Facebook. It is not discoverable by casual search, and its content is readable for forum members only. Membership is currently restricted to members of the IPA only. The forum was commenced by members of IPA Section UK, however, it is intended to be for IPA

members from all around the IPA world.

The description of the IPA Whiskey Forum on its own page is as follows:

'A forum for IPA members who enjoy a dram of Whiskey or Whisky and wish to share experiences with like-minded folk, whether numpties, keen novices or connoisseurs. To share, to learn, to teach. To create a great excuse!'

Euan Forbes is an active member of IPA Section UK. He was key to a project which developed the Arthur Troop Centenary Whisky idea. To mark Arthur Troop's 100th birthday, a 10-year-old single scotch malt and a 25-year-old scotch malt were selected, bottled and labelled, in small runs and made available to members of IPA Section UK. Members around the UK responded well and Euan was faced with the logistics problems of getting the bottles delivered to members. Not surprisingly, he leaned on his network of IPA contacts in the UK to facilitate getting all the deliveries made. Euan did much of the legwork himself, with a driving tour of the UK to leave deposits of orders in various regions of the UK.

Tim Cooke, another member of IPA Section UK ordered a number of the bottles from Euan. Being a 'drammer' or whiskey lover of some experience, Tim queried with his Regional Secretary - myself - whether tasting notes were available for the Arthur Troop whiskies. A whiskey drinker but not a taster, I had no idea what I was being asked of me!

The outcome was that we had no specific notes for the Arthur Troop whiskies, but that we might seek to create a forum to encourage IPA members to share their love of whisky and whiskey (that 'e' - the things one can debate!), where we might make IPA connections, sharing, learning and teaching around a subject which interests us as individuals.

So it came to pass that a simple Facebook was created on 25 November 2014 and named by pun IPA Whiskey Forum 'A Spirit of Friendship'.

Although small in number (58 members on 10 December 2015) the forum is vibrant with regular activity and input from members. During this first year of activity, Kevin Gordon, President of IPA Section USA, undertook to design and deliver on a wonderful 'challenge coin' for the forum. It is a beauty, and one which would hold its own in the collection of any challenge coin collector.

A key feature of the forum is that presently the members agree a remote whiskey tasting once per month. For that, the members nominate a particular whiskey, date

and time, then make the effort to sign on via Facebook at the agreed time to offer and share their contribution and personal opinion on the qualities of that chosen dram. It is amazing how one might read the opinion of a friend and think 'that's it, that was the expression that I couldn't quite place and identify'. Some of the whiskey descriptions are truly poetic.

The IPA Whiskey Forum offers potential for IPA members to indulge in a passion if they share an interest in whiskey, enjoyed sensibly, and wish to use that interest to connect with other IPA members around the globe. Active members of the forum currently reside in IPA Sections Ireland, Sweden, UK and USA. Membership is open to all current IPA members around the world who use Facebook.

To become a member, seek to have a current member of the forum (preferably a well-known IPA friend) nominate you into the forum. Alternatively, try to contact a Forum Administrator to ask them to help you join. Current forum admins include:

Ireland: Omar Fitzell, Sweden: Owe Nordin, UK: Mark Kernohan & Fred Boyd, USA: Kevin Gordon.

Pete Connolly, Founder IPA Whiskey Forum and Secretary General IPA UK

IPA Oberkärnten (Austria) celebrates its 30th anniversary

Carinthia, the southernmost and sunniest area of Austria saw its first IPA group as early as 1966. In September 1985, after a sharp rise in membership, the IPA region of Oberkärnten (Upper Carinthia) was established under the leadership of Walter Mösslacher.

IPA Oberkärnten can be proud of many success stories, one of which is undoubtedly the ever-popular 'IPA Ski-Week', initiated by Ewald Grollitsch, chairperson of the branch from 1988-

1999. This annual meeting of skiers and snowboarders has developed into the largest international event within IPA section Austria.

The current chairperson of the region, Georg Rindler, welcomed more than 200 guests to the gala evening on 5 December 2015 at the Educare Hotel in Treffen at Lake Ossiach, amongst them the president of IPA Austria, Reinhard Moser, the secretary general, Otto König, the honorary member of the section, Ewald Grollitsch as well as the long-time representative of IPA Austria on an international level, Walter Mösslacher.

Foreign IPA delegations came from as far afield as Traunstein in Germany, Codroipo, Cortina and Tarvis in Italy and Kranska Gora in Slovenia. The largest group was the delegation of IPA friends from Calw, who had travelled from Germany by bus.



Members of IPA Italy and a Krampus Group



The highlight of the festivities was without doubt the performance of a 'Krampus Group' who impressed all guests with their masks and traditional dances.

IPA Austria would like to wish the board of IPA Upper Carinthia success and plenty of energy for the next 30 years of IPA work!

Otto König, Secretary General IPA Austria

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

IPA representation at the Consortium for Street Children's Annual Research Conference 2015

The topic of this year's conference was **'I move, therefore I am not': Exploring different conceptualisations of street-connected children's identities.**

As IPA Chair of the Professional Commission, I was invited to participate in the annual research conference arranged by the Consortium for Street Children (CSC), alongside 130 members of the CSC Research Board, researchers from universities and other Non-Governmental Organisations.

Dr. Lorraine van Blerk opened the conference and introduced the topic, explaining that we would leave with an understanding of the importance of identity, legal documents, lack of family history and background for street-connected children.



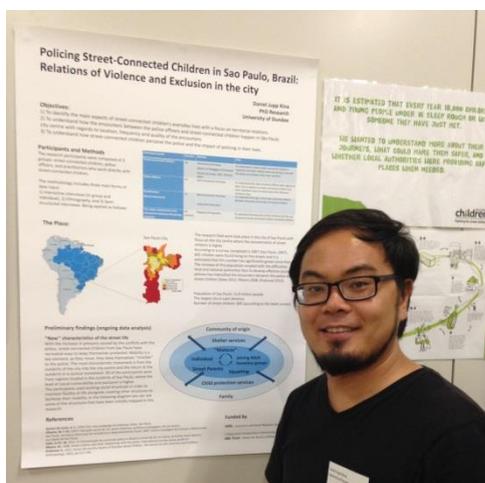
May-Britt Rinaldo, 2nd from left, taking part in the CSC Research Conference

Two keynotes were delivered: Dr. Udi Butler talked about the lack of research on street-connected children regarding their identity. For street-connected children it is a struggle to improvise and negotiate to become someone. Lack of ID cards makes them vulnerable and they need to develop a street-wise behaviour. Sometimes they report that the Police are either rude or violent as they have no identification documents and the Police lack tools to deal with or help them. The frustration the Police feel when dealing with street-connected children without documents is a main

problem in many countries around the world. The governmental support for the need of identification documents is not well known or ignored.

Dr. Kristina Konstantoni, the second keynote speaker, asked what responsibilities CSC or other INGOs have to change politicians' interpretation of street children and to give the Police worldwide options to do something regarding the situation. Her answer was that an intersectionality – transformative partnership could make a difference when working together in solidarity.

The day also included two panel discussions: the morning panel discussed the problem regarding lack of birth registration of children in many countries or difficulties to register. The naming process and importance of identification could bring street-connected children back into society. During the afternoon panel researchers discussed evidence-based street children programmes. It was obvious that not many have been evaluated. NGOs often move in for one or two years, and then leave for something else. None of the programmes had dealt with the identity of street children.



Several posters were presented during the coffee and lunch breaks. One of these was of interest to the IPA as it was an ongoing research project concerning street-connected children in San Paulo, Brazil, and included interviews with 22 Police Officers. I will present the paper when it has been published.

In addition, workshops addressing identity, the registration problems and lack of identification documents were held during the late afternoon before the networking session. One workshop presented a CSC programme in Morocco and the complicated legislation that made it not impossible but very difficult and in some cases

expensive to register a baby after birth.

The violation of Art. 12 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights – “right to your identity” – was highlighted several times during the day.

The IPA was asked to support CSC in their efforts to establish a “Street Children Day” on the 12 April every year to increase the awareness of street-connected children.

May-Britt Rinaldo, Chair Professional Commission

December 2015 IEB meeting in Nottingham



The Treasurers finalising the reimbursement of World Congress expenses

The Treasurers Romain Miny and Wolfgang Gabrutsch were first to arrive and over two days, reviewed and finalised the **payment of expenses** claims relating to the World Congress in Cyprus.

As Head of Administration, I was next to arrive and held a meeting with the Section UK President, Mick Luke and Secretary General, Pete Connolly, on a number of issues concerning the IAC, including a **revision of the tenancy agreement** for the next four years. This was later approved by the IEB.

All board members then met for the first full meeting since their election in October. It was Alexey Gankin's first visit to the Arthur Troop House. There was a full agenda, but I shall select some matters to highlight:

The **programme for the World Congress in New Zealand** was a major discussion point and it was agreed that, with fewer motions predicted on the agenda than in recent years, a full day should be dedicated to the active input of the delegates, with **workshops on professional and socio-cultural themes**. The relevant commission chairs, Gal Sharon and May-Britt Rinaldo have agreed to bring forward their proposals to the April IEB meeting.

The recurrent '**Friends of IPA**' topic was aired at length, with Alexey taking the lead in the talks and with reference to a discussion document on the subject, submitted by IPA South Africa. It was agreed that this category of membership, whilst not in the IS and IR, is a matter of fact in a number of sections. It was decided that Alexey should collate the views of all IEB members and prepare a position paper for the April meeting, with a view to a possible motion to the World Congress, if agreement can be reached.

The three commission chairpersons revealed their **proposed commission members** and the roles they would be allocated over the four - year term. May-Britt also gave details on the projects she has planned for the Professional Commission members. They will be on the commission only for the fixed time needed to complete their projects. Alexey revealed how he is hoping to progress the External Relations Commission's contacts with Europol and Interpol and review how the commission works for the benefit of the Association. Gal spoke of the IPA games and she hoped to finalise where these may be held and announce other Socio-Cultural Commission projects before the next IEB meeting.



The IEB wearing IPA jumpers provided by Alexey

Progress on the introduction of the new style **membership card** was reviewed. IPA South Africa President, 'Vossie' Voss's role in assisting the other sections in Southern Africa on this and other matters was much appreciated.

The **locations for the executive board meetings in 2016** were agreed. The kind offer from IPA Macau to host the IEB was accepted for the first meeting in April. The second meeting will be held in Moscow to tie in with the IPA Seminar on Women in Policing and the Mediterranean sections' meeting, at the same location. Finally, in keeping with our promise to meet once a year in Gimborn, the last meeting will take place in the IBZ, probably in December.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with actions allocated to all board members to progress in the coming months.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

Allocation of IEB members as liaison officers for IPA sections

Georgios Katsaropoulos SG	Alexey Gankin CERC	May-Britt Rinaldo CPC	Gal Sharon CSCC	Stephen Crockard HA	Romain Miny TF	Wolfgang Gabrutsch TS
Argentina	Armenia	Australia	Andorra	Botswana	Belgium	Austria
Brazil	Estonia	Gibraltar	Bulgaria	Ireland	France	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Denmark	Kazakhstan	Hong Kong	Canada	Kenya	Germany	Croatia
Finland	Latvia	Japan	Cyprus	Lesotho	Italy	Czech Republic
Greece	Lithuania	Macau	Israel	Mauritius	Luxembourg	FYRO Macedonia
Iceland	Moldova	New Zealand	Mexico	Mozambique	Monaco	Hungary
Malta	Poland	Pakistan	Portugal	South Africa	Netherlands	Montenegro
Norway	Romania	Sri Lanka	Spain	Swaziland	San Marino	Serbia
Peru	Russia	Turkey	US	UK	Switzerland	Slovakia
Sweden	Ukraine					Slovenia

As was the case in the previous term, IEB members have been allocated as liaison officers for a number of IPA sections. Each liaison officer is to act as the first point of contact and to offer advice on any issue of concern to the sections. Sections wishing to bring a matter to the attention of the IEB should do so via their liaison officer.

Please note that this does not prevent sections contacting individual IEB members or the IAC directly on relevant matters.

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

LAST WORD

During my last working day in 2015, I received an email at the IAC which left me with a warm feeling:

A 28-year-old French IPA member had contacted his section with the following question: would it be possible to send out a request for correspondence to a few English-speaking countries?

A simple request, one might think. And very traditional looking: the police officer in question described his job, detailed his hobbies and, last but not least, mentioned that apart from improving his English, he would quite like the opportunity to maybe eventually meet up. In simple words: he was asking for the chance to make friends on an international level.

For me, this shows that the initial idea of Arthur Troop is still well and truly alive. Bearing in mind that the police officer in question is working in Paris, a city twice struck by terrorism last year, it touched me to see that the simple desire for international friendship, facilitated through the IPA, still has a chance to exist.

I wish you all a happy new year 2016, full of international IPA friendship!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

Section	Date	Event
Austria	23-31 Jan 2016	IPA Ski-Week 2016, Hermagor
Germany	3-9 Feb 2016	Cologne Carnival
France	27 Feb 2016	International Gala Evening, Paris
UK	3-6 Mar 2016	House Managers' Meeting, St. Andrews
Macau	6-15 Apr 2016	China Macau International Anti-Global Terrorism Forum, Macau and Beijing
Croatia	30 Apr -14 May 2016	IPA Croatia Tour
France	13-15 May 2016	Int'l Motorcycle Rallye, Mid-Pyrenees
Montenegro	18-25 May 2016	IPA Montenegro Friendship Week
Canada	20-31 May 2016	Friendship Week, Montérégie region
Italy	23-29 May 2016	40th Anniversary IPA Tuscany
Spain	29 May - 4 Jun 2016	Barcelona Friendship Week
Germany	3-6 Jun 2016	40th Anniversary IPA Lindau
USA	6-12 Jun 2016	IPA Training Conference, Wisconsin
Austria	9-12 Jun 2016	IPA Austria Event: 40 th Anniversary IPA Wörgl-Kufstein Kitzbühel
Italy	9-12 Jun 2016	6 th Int. Motorcycle Rallye, Predazzo, Trento
Spain	11-16 Jun 2016	European Police and Fire Games, Huelva
France	29-30 Jun 2016	2 nd Int'l Open Golf Tournament, Dijon
Estonia	15-17 Jul 2016	Estonian Summer Days
USA	16-30 Jul 2016	International Youth Gathering, Los Angeles
Spain	1-4 Sep 2016	7-a-side int'l football tournament, Salou
Hungary	5-10 Sep 2016	25 th Anniversary Friendship event, Budapest
USA	15-24 Sep 2016	See America rail trip New England

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



11-15 Jan 2016	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
20-22 Jan 2016	Aufbauseminar Visualisierung	G
25-27 Jan 2016	Im Visier: Cybercrime - oder Verbrecherjagd im Sitzen	G
27-29 Jan 2016	Predictive Policing – Vorbeugende Verbrechensbekämpfung der Zukunft?	G
01-03 Feb 2016	Extrem rechts in Deutschland	G
03-05 Feb 2016	Gen Westen – Flüchtlinge in Deutschland	G
10-12 Feb 2016	Islamismus und Salafismus – mit dem rechten Glauben in den Dschihad	G
15-17 Feb 2016	Kommunikationskompetenz für Frauen	G
15-21 Feb 2016	Heilfasten	G
22-24 Feb 2016	Führung – dann aber bitte richtig	G
22-26 Feb 2016	Gewalt gegen die Staatsgewalt	G
29 Feb-04 Mar 2016	Sexuelle Ausbeutung von Kindern – Aus der Geschichte für die Zukunft lernen Sexual Exploitation of Children – Learning for the Future	G and E
07-09 Mar 2016	Der Polizist im Auslandseinsatz	G
14-18 Mar 2016	Wohin mit den Flüchtlingen	G
29 Mar - 2 Apr 2016	ASP Instructor Course	E
04-08 Apr 2016	Organisierte Kriminalität – Mafiöse Strukturen	G
06-08 Apr 2016	Terrorismus im 21. Jahrhundert	G
11-15 Apr 2016	Le terrorisme jihadiste – une menace actuelle	F
15-17 Apr 2016	Motorradkultur und Sicherheit	G
18-22 Apr 2016	Kriminalität auf Achse / Criminal Mobility	E and G
25-29 Apr 2016	Rechtsextremismus auf dem Vormarsch?	G