



# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) NEWSLETTER

## IPA POLAND - NATIONAL CONGRESS



Between the 8th and the 9th December 2023, the 13th National Congress of IPA Poland took place in “Arche Krakowska” hotel in Warsaw.

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### VIDEO

We need your assistance! We are looking for motivated people to join our commission teams.

Watch our video regarding the projects that are currently open for application.



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# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## SECRETARY GENERAL - JOŽE SENICA

Dear IPA friends,

Last year was full of challenges at work, but together we overcame them successfully. Nevertheless, this year will remain a special memory for me, also because I was elected Secretary General of the IPA International Executive Committee (IEB) at the last World Congress in Athens. I thank you sincerely for the confidence you have given me, which is both a great honour and an even greater responsibility. My election to this prominent and important position within the IPA is also a great achievement and recognition for IPA Slovenia, which I lead as President together with a close team of the Executive Board.



I am delighted to be part of the International Executive Board: a team with a vision, a team with positive energy, a team of sincere friends. My own impression from the first meeting right after the Congress has made me very optimistic. The newly elected International President, Martin Hoffmann, with his knowledge and experience, is conducting our orchestra with determination and expertise. I believe that we work very harmoniously and compliment each other perfectly. I believe that our harmony is also visible externally, especially in our joint decision-making. I am proud to be part of this team.

I am confident that we will all contribute to the development of an even more visible, strong and cohesive association. It is also important that we remain focused on our objectives and on realising our shared vision. In the end, it is the results that count.

We have already had a successful strategy meeting in Nottingham, where we agreed the IPA's strategy for the next four years and identified 12 important projects to shape the future of the IPA. We would like to see individuals with the right skills and, above all, the will to work to apply for projects, that we hope will be a success.

This is how we see our work, the IEB has set the direction, the framework and the objectives, and the realisation depends on us all working together.

The deadline for applications is open until 14th January 2024, so I would like to invite you to encourage your members to look for candidates who would be best suited to carry out the projects. You can find the project descriptions along with the application forms on our international website:

[Project-2024-2027 \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org)

### PROJECTS

1. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Advisor
2. Marketing
3. Global IPA APP
4. IPA Liaison Officer in Brussels
5. Arthur Troop Scholarship
6. Education
7. Women in IPA
8. Young Members
9. Sports
10. Travel
11. Art & Culture
12. Green IPA

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## SECRETARY GENERAL - JOŽE SENICA

As Secretary General, I am very involved in the affiliation process of new Sections, with supporting, overlooking and supervising the process. We strive to make existing Sections as stable as possible and, in particular, we encourage and assist applications for new Sections to meet all the requirements for successful full affiliation of an international association.

Dear friends,

As you can see, our work has been very dynamic since the beginning of the mandate, and you can follow us in more detail through the meeting summaries that we send to all Sections after each IEB meeting. This way we ensure even greater transparency of our work and, above all, the possibility of shaping our common agenda. I would like to stress the importance of each and every individual section, as you are the driving force of our international association. We can only be stronger if we work together.

Let me conclude this note by wishing you a happy and healthy 2024. May you be surrounded by good energy, inspired by good ideas, and successful in all you do.

Servo per Amikeco,

[Jože Senica](#)

IEB Secretary General



## IPA POLAND 13TH CONGRESS IN WARSAW



Between the 8th and 9th of December, the 13th Congress of Delegates of IPA Polish Section, gathering the delegates of all the voivodship groups, took place in “Arche Krakowska” hotel in Warsaw. We were honored by the presence of the International President – Mr. Martin Hoffmann and 17 national delegations from: Austria, Albania, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine and UK.

The congress began with the introduction of the IPA Polish Section banner and Polish and IPA anthems. The first day was marked by the submission of reports by the Presidium and the Audit Committee, which were accepted by the delegates, as well as the discharge of the outgoing members of the Presidium for the 4-year term. The election of a new President, Presidium and Audit Committee then proceeded.

As a result of the vote, the National Board Presidium of IPA Polish Section, from 2023 to 2027, will be operating in the following configuration:

President	-	Piotr Wójcik /Lubelska voivodship group
Vice-President	-	Witold Drzażdżyński /Wielkopolska voivodship group
Vice-President	-	Janusz Podzorski /Silesian voivodship group
Vice-President	-	Radosław Skubina /Podlaska voivodship group
General Secretary	-	Ewa Dębowska /Capital City voivodship group
Deputy Secretary	-	Bartłomiej Majchrzak /Lower-Silesian voivodship group
Treasurer	-	Adam Pietrzekiewicz /Podkarpacka voivodship group
Deputy Treasurer	-	Janusz Kołder /Silesian voivodship group
Member of the Presidium	-	Adam Mateńko /Lubelska voivodship group

An Audit Committee was elected as well, with the following configuration:

Chairman	-	Józef Gorzałka,
Member	-	Jan Maciejczuk,
Member	-	Piotr Pelc,
Member	-	Mariusz Jędrasik
Member	-	Wojciech Frańczak.





## IPA POLAND 13TH CONGRESS IN WARSAW

In the evening, a gala ceremony was held, during which medals and awards were presented to IPA members, as well as to people of merit to the association. Particularly honored, awarding the honorary title of "Man of the Year of the IPA Polish Section" was Mr. Superintendent Tomasz Trawinski - Commander of the voivodship Police Department in Szczecin. The title was awarded in gratitude for his outstanding contributions, kindness and projects undertaken in cooperation with IPA, which have served the police as well as the community.

During the ceremony, a letter of gratitude and an officer's saber were presented to one of the oldest members of the IPA – our colleague Piotr Szymurski, who served multiple terms as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Thank you Piotr! We sincerely hope that you will still offer us your wisdom and advice.

At the request of the Medals Chapter, the National Board granted medals and awards, which were presented at this gala by the President Piotr Wójcik, as follows:

- “Meritorious for IPA Polish Section” medal was granted to our colleague Adnrzej Wakulewski
  - “IPA Polish Section Cross of Merit” was granted to our colleagues Krzysztof Rozpędowski and Tadeusz Chołodecki
  - Golden medal "For outstanding statutory activities" was granted to Piotr Szymurski and Wiesław Rzyduch
  - Silver medal "For outstanding statutory activities" was granted to Sylwia Król and Robert Olszewski
- Commemorative gifts were also exchanged with foreign delegations.



The delegates began the second day with a discussion on amendments to the Statute, which were presented by the

Statute Committee, which had been established earlier by the National Board for this purpose. The amendments drafted on behalf of the committee were presented by its chairwoman, colleague Elzbieta Gargula, who firstly presented proposed amendments to the Statute within the framework of a resolution of the National Board (concerning the establishment of an Honorary Court within the association, changes in the functioning of the Audit Committee, setting the deadline for paying the fee at June 30 each year, and defining the authority for the National Board to raise the fee). These proposals were not approved by the delegates. The chairwoman then presented the Statute Committee's own proposals, which included alterations to rearrange some of the provisions of the existing Statute, most of these amendments were accepted by the delegates and will be reflected in the Statute of the IPA Polish Section.

After the lunch break, the delegates attended the International Conference on "Road Safety". After the conference, the banner of the IPA Polish Section was carried out, and the President of the Polish Section, Piotr Wójcik, uttered the formula "I hereby close the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of Delegates of the IPA Polish Section."



Text: [Elżbieta Gargula/Piotr Wójcik](#)

Photos: the participants of the congress

## IPA UK - GERMAN EXCHANGE



In October 2023 DC Lauren Eifert, PC Marcus Zost and Sgt James Wingate from Hertfordshire travelled to Germany as part of an exchange programme between Hertfordshire Constabulary and Siegburg Police near Bonn.

“Upon arriving in Cologne, we were met by our extremely welcoming host, Mike, who drove us to the Siegburg Police HQ where we were welcomed by the Commissioner, Andreas Piastowski. Andreas was so down to earth and approached us as friends right from the start rather than a senior officer. Andreas had planned a packed programme for us and access all

areas and already showed us why the IPA’s motto is “service through friendship”.

The first day consisted of meeting our hosts, touring the Siegburg Police HQ and the various units based here. It was clear from the outset that there were real similarities between our work and demands, particularly hearing about CID’s huge workloads! A close inspection of the response team’s vehicle was much the same as any of our patrol vehicles, apart from the addition of an MP5 submachine gun! Not something you see every day and we were all fascinated by it, especially as it sat next to a few cones.

Other visits included the traffic department, custody, where there were no permanent staff and arresting officers process their own prisoners, and the control room. An innovative idea was a crime prevention room where community members could visit and see recommended doors, cameras and locks for themselves as well as practical preventative steps which was really relevant to our own force priorities of “Prevention First”.

On the second day we joined two response officers on a community safety day. Multiple units came together such as dog units, drug units, ASB units, and general patrol units. They all have specific roles in their communities to drive down crime and keep people safe including from plain clothed officers in drug hotspots, ASB officers in hotspots and general patrol officers stopping drink / drug drivers to prevent harm on the road networks. During this operation we were crewed with two proactive and friendly officers and had the task of preventing criminals using the road network and motorists committing traffic offences. We moved throughout the district to keep the criminals and road users guessing where we would be next. The rain made it more difficult to carry out the operation, but this did not dampen our spirits. We watched as our German counterparts engaged with the community and processed offences. This initiative clearly worked, and we were keen to bring this home with us to use locally in our force areas.



## IPA UK - GERMAN EXCHANGE

On the final day we visited the range and fired the standard issue Glock pistol used by officers on patrol under the watchful eye of our enthusiastic instructors. The addition of interactive moving targets and scenarios brought some realism to the range as we “attended” domestics and building searches and had to decide when to fire our weapons. It was an eye-opening experience as to the added responsibility of carrying a firearm on patrol and the split-second decisions required.

The afternoon saw us taken to the Bonn Police Riot unit by the Commissioner. We saw officers completing training in unarmed tactics, pistol and MP5 drills. The unit also has a counter-terrorism role, and it was obvious throughout their demonstrations how seriously they took their training and how professional they all were. PC Zost was volunteered by the others to demonstrate some of our unarmed tactics. None of the officers wanted to be the test subject, which we do not blame them, so the Commissioner took up the mantle and let us say that what happens in Germany stays in Germany! (Nobody was hurt in the making of this article). The Riot police officers showed us some technical vehicles they had access to that was a fully installed mobile CCTV vehicle to monitor and record anyone in large protests or crowds which was not something we had seen in the UK.



No trip can be complete without sightseeing, and we managed to visit Cologne! We saw the Rhine River



headed into the hills to visit the grounds of Steinberger Grand Hotel Petersberg where Queen Elizabeth II stayed during a trip to Bonn many years ago. The view was spectacular extended as far as the eye could see. We then headed to the world-famous Cologne Cathedral.

One of the real highlights of our trip was staying with our German host. Mike, an experienced serving officer, welcomed us into his family home and his wife and daughters were so hospitable. It was an experience that just wouldn't be available to any other visitor and was a true example of the IPA's ability to connect officers all over the world and create friendships.

We were also welcomed so wonderfully by the Commissioner who moved mountains to ensure we had an engaging, sociable, and overwhelmingly positive experience. We made so many contacts and friendships which really demonstrated the amazing objectives of the IPA.

Every officer we encountered was friendly, professional, and positive and there was such a family feel to the force, despite the demands they faced. They were a credit to the Policing family! We would absolutely recommend joining the IPA to any colleague – these opportunities are out there and all you need to do is grab them with both hands!”

**James Wingate**  
IPA UK member



# IPA IRELAND - MY JOURNEY TO THE 66TH WORLD CONGRESS IN ATHENS



Let me introduce myself before we begin my IPA journey through Western Europe and down through the Balkan states to Athens in Greece.

My name is Damian Crummey and I am a long-time member of IPA Section Ireland. I have been the National treasurer for Section Ireland for the past 8 years and I am retired having served 30 years with the Irish police force (An Garda Siochana).

My big passions in life are motorcycling and the IPA. In 2023 I had the opportunity to attend the 66<sup>th</sup> World congress in Athens in late October and also as a member of the International relations committee, I was due to chair my first seminar in Gimborn castle (The use of drones in front line services) in early October. Living in the most Westerly part of Europe it is quite a journey to Athens, however I saw an opportunity to combine my love of motorbikes and of meeting colleagues through the IPA.

I decided to make contact with each and every IPA section I was due to visit on my journey asking only to meet some colleagues for a coffee or a beer as I passed through their countries. A friend decided to join me on this trip as he also had time and a love of motorcycles and on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 we left Ireland – 5 hours late due to ferry delays. Unfortunately, this impacted on our first day as I had arranged to meet my first IPA colleagues – Ken Davies and Denis Hunt from Section 4 UK in Wales and it was quite late when we did meet up for a coffee. Later that night we rode onto the channel tunnel train and arrived into Calais in the early hours of the 30<sup>th</sup> September. We then rode north and had arranged to meet with Phillipe Deneuborg and his lovely wife Sylviane of North France region however due to the time delay it was later that day that we met. We were very well looked after and we visited some interesting sites near their home. Later we rode on to Antwerp where we stayed in the IPA apartment. Bart who works in the IPA office was there to meet with us and offer advice. I would highly recommend this apartment which has 2 double bedrooms and is situated above the IPA office and is very centrally located.

The following day we moved on to Germany and my friend took the opportunity to visit Cologne for a few days while I arrived in Gimborn for the Drone conference. As it was my first time to chair a seminar in Gimborn I was very much looking forward to the week ahead. There were 29 attendees from 9 countries and it was a great success – so much so that Gimborn have scheduled the seminar again for 2024 (30 September - 4 October) so please pass on the good news.

Having left Gimborn we now rode south and arrived in Vienna Austria a few days later where we met Andreas Nesser (a friend and colleague on the International relations commission) and Section Austria President Martin Hoffmann for a lovely evening in the city.

Maribor in Slovenia was our next port of call and we were met by Dejan Lenarcic who met us for a beer and also arranged accommodation and breakfast in the local police training facility for us. We continued South along the Danube crossing into Serbia for breakfast, then back into Croatia where we met Vesna Znidaric Bolaric in Osijek for lunch and later that evening we crossed into Bosnia for dinner ! Gradacac was our stop for the night and we were treated to dinner and a stay in the castle which has much great history. I have local IPA member Jasmin Hecimovic to thank for meeting with us and arranging our stay.





# IPA IRELAND - MY JOURNEY TO THE 66TH WORLD CONGRESS IN ATHENS



Excitement was now growing as neither of us had rode our bikes anywhere South of Bosnia and we next arrived in Budva, Montenegro where the National IPA conference was taking place. I met with several IPA members informally and enjoyed a pleasant evening in the old town area.

Tirana was our next stop and we were greeted there by Skender Doda, a very well-known and likable IPA member who we enjoyed breakfast with. Unfortunately, we needed to continue our journey South and could not stay to admire this very cosmopolitan city.



We had been recommended an area to visit in North Macedonia called Lake Ohrid which we then travelled to, arriving in rain! The weather had turned bad and we decided to stay for two nights on the lake. Fortunately, we were met by local IPA members Stefan Dimoski and Igor Smilevski who arranged accommodation and a great breakfast!

The weather had now changed for the better and we crossed into Greece on a warm sunny morning. My good friend Christos Parginos had given me a suggested itinerary for our tour of Greece and as we had several days in which to arrive in Athens, we firstly arrived in the city of Ioannina where we stayed for a lovely evening with Christos. A visit to the local IPA office with President Sprynos after a very tasty Gyros was just what was needed!



Trikala was our next city to visit having rode to see Vikos gorge (deepest gorge in the world) and having to take a detour due to the roads being washed away in that area. We had a visit to the local IPA office with Micael and Vasilis Dragoutsos before leaving for a visit to Delphi which was a very special place.

Our last night before arriving in Athens was spent in a beautiful village called Galaxidi which has a lovely port full of visiting yachts and well worth a visit as its only a two-hour journey from Athens.

Finally, after 4 weeks and approx. 5000kms on the road we arrived in Athens in time for registration for the IPA World congress. Fortune did not smile on me as I was not successful in my bid for a position on the IEB this time, however fortune did certainly smile on me during my very memorable road trip to the World congress in Athens – the IPA colleagues whom myself and my friend met in each and every IPA section we visited and the way in which we were treated, together with the very genuine hospitality we received along the way helped to make this a journey of a lifetime.

I would like to thank all the IPA Presidents and Secretary Generals who helped make this happen in their respective Sections and especially to those IPA colleagues on the ground who were there to meet for a coffee, a beer and much more.

I have created a very short video showing some of the members and the Sections visited on my trip to the world congress 2023 in Athens – [watch it by clicking here.](#)

Servo per Amikeco

# IPA USA & W.A.D. VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIP



After my amazing three week trip to Prague and Eastern Europe in April and May of this year, my wanderlust kicked in once again and my travels took me to Vancouver British Columbia in October 2023. I was attending the World Association of Detectives (W.A.D.) 98<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the Fairmont Waterfront hotel where I was voted in as Board Director. I contacted my IPA USA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP liaison Carmen Alvelo who once again assisted me with my endeavors. Carmen put me in touch with William Powell IPA USA Region 5 who subsequently reached out to Karen Frost IPA Vancouver Region 9 VP and Bill Ardill IPA Vancouver Region 13 Travel Secretary.

Once again I explained the W.A.D. and IPA Memorandum of Understanding for those who were not aware. W.A.D. was founded in 1925 and currently contains over 1,000 professional investigative members in 84 countries. W.A.D. past president and chairman Dan Rusu, a member of IPA Romania and past IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin collaboratively signed this MOU in 2019. The main purposes of the MOU are enhancing and sharing knowledge, training, networking, camaraderie and joint membership between both organisations, including retired police officers who are eligible to join W.A.D. One thing I learned after retirement is that private detectives and investigators can play a vital role



in assisting our public sector officers as some of the work goes hand in hand.

I met up with retired Police Officer Karen Frost who became not only my tour guide throughout Vancouver but my friend. Karen mentioned to me that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had suffered a tragic loss of Constable Rick O'Brien on Friday September 22 as the ninth police officer killed in the line of duty so far, with two more Mounties injured during that fatal day. It was due to these horrendous circumstances than many other members could not join us or attend our W.A.D. festivities due to preparation for the funeral services on October 4<sup>th</sup> further outside of Vancouver. Also the manpower of IPA Region 9 is suffering due to retirement and active duty members working very long hours.

Karen and I journeyed across Vancouver through Stanley Park and onto Grouse Mountain for some sightseeing whilst enjoying the unexpectedly beautiful weather. After taking the skyride lift way up the 4,000 foot (1200 meter) peak, we saw a highly entertaining Lumberjack show and visited with the resident bears. Afterwards, we returned to downtown Vancouver and visited the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) on Cambie Street. Although Karen said the previous experience in bringing an IPA member to the police department was not successful, this particular visit proved fruitful. Not only did we take photos and exchange patches with the officers outside, we were able to take a tour inside due in part to our new friend Patty. Karen said later on that I was her lucky charm in making a new friend for future IPA visitors to gain access to a tour of VPD.





# IPA USA & W.A.D. VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIP



After our police tour, we went to eat at Craft Beer Market False Creek. Since my gracious host extended the courtesy of providing me with a fantastic tour of Vancouver, dinner was my treat.

That was the conclusion of my Vancouver day tour and I was taken back to my hotel.

A few days later, I met up with Karen once again with some other IPA and W.A.D. members for a planned dinner at Tap & Barrel by the Vancouver Waterfront Convention Centre. Karen met me at the Lion's Pub for happy hour with some W.A.D. colleagues. Afterwards, we headed to dinner and were joined by my W.A.D. colleagues who are also IPA members: Alex Auslander from Israel, my former NYPD detective partner from NYC Juan Leonbravo, and newest IPA Chicago member Detective Michael Basile. IPA Vancouver Region 9 members who joined us besides Karen were RCMP Constable Alex Zaganas and retired Police Officer Jan Fikkert.



We exchanged patches and stories of our different police departments and how policing can work together across nations. Some members joined us on a pub crawl after dinner down the waterfront to Mahony's Tavern to meet with other W.A.D. members. In the end, we came to the realization that policies in policing are quite different based on geographical location as well as cultural diversity, but we can all learn from one another as we all bleed blue.



On a final note, 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 travelers. Onward and upward until my next adventure, Servo per Amikeco and stay safe, watch your six and take care of one another. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

**Jason Cohen**  
**IPA-USA New York City**  
**W.A.D. Board Director, Chairman of New Business Committee**



# IPA KENYA DONATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE MAKADARA CHILDREN'S HOME, NAIROBI



*C.G.H.U Chairman, Mr. M. Patel, Hon. Secretary. Mr. L. Velani, Committee Members Mr. Jitu Wadia, Mr. Satyan Shah and Dr. Shaina hand over the items to Mr. Jared Ojuok of IPA Section Kenya at the Shiv Temple in Parklands, Nairobi. Looking on are the family Members.*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 was a day well spent for the boys at the Makadara Children's Home in Nairobi City. There was joy and jubilation as the children welcomed the IPA Section Kenya delegation to their premises. The IPA Section Kenya had, in partnership with the Shree Cutchi Gujarati Hindu Union (C.G.H.U) donated foodstuffs (bales of flour, beans, green grams) and clothing items including blazers, sportswear and school uniforms. The centre is home to 80 children and young adults of various ages ranging from primary school age to college students. The Centre caters for children rescued from the city streets of Nairobi.

The IPA delegation, led by the National Secretary General, Mr. Jared Ojuok, HSC, the Deputy National Treasurer Mr. Arcard Kisingo and IPA Nairobi Region Member, Mr. Lawrence Mukolwe, HSC, met the C.G.H.U Shiv Temple leadership of Chairman, Mr. M. Patel, Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Velani, and Committee Members Mr. Jitu Wadia, Mr. Satyan Shah, the Coordinator. Also present was Dr. Shaina Shah, who meticulously planned for, and coordinated collection.

All the while, the boys who had been informed of our intended visit waited in anticipation. As soon as the first vehicle loaded with foodstuff approached the gate to the Centre, there were shouts of joy, welcoming the IPA guests. Led by the Centre Manager, Mr. David Arika, the boys received the items and straightaway went to change into their new attire. Now smartly dressed in blazers and new trousers, they burst into song and dance, singing Christmas carols and Christian worship songs.

While addressing the gathering, IPA Kenya Secretary-General, Mr. Jared Ojuok, HSC informed the boys that the International Police Association exists to propagate true friendship and unconditional love for fellow humans.



*The Centre Manager, Mr. David Arika receiving the donations from IPA Section Kenya as jubilant boys dressed in the new blazers donated by IPA Section Kenya look on.*

He expressed sincere thanks to the Cutchi Gujarati Hindu Union leadership for the excellent coordination and timely delivery of the donations to the Children's Home. The Secretary General assured the Children that IPA Section Kenya was keen on supporting them to achieve their dreams through the creation of lasting bonds - The bonds of friendship.

After the speeches were over, one of the boys stepped forward to move a vote of thanks. The young man shed tears of joy saying, "Thank you IPA for remembering us. I know there are many other children's homes that probably were more deserving than ours, but you chose us. Thank you, you have made our Christmas worthwhile." Finally, the IPA Section Kenya handed over to the management of the Children's Centre the foodstuffs and clothing valued at USD 2,000.

**Jared Ojuok,  
SG IPA Kenya**

# IPA FRANCE - FRIENDSHIP MEETING MAY 2024

IPA France invite you their friendship meeting from 17-21 May 2024.  
The planned itinerary is as follows:

## **FRIDAY 17TH**

Starting at 15:00 (3PM) for an advance arrival contact us  
Arrival - welcome of participants at the Mileiade holiday centre in La Grande Motte (34)  
Shuttles (upon registration): MONTPELLIER SUD DE FRANCE train station or MONTPELLIER AIRPORT only  
Installation in the rooms  
18:00 opening of the meeting  
Meal at the on-site restaurant

## **SATURDAY 18TH**

Breakfast at the restaurant  
Departure for Sète and the Etang de Thau  
Discover the world of oyster farming at the Coquithau farm  
Lunch tasting local produce  
Return to La Grande Motte  
Free time  
Meal at the on-site restaurant

## **SUNDAY 19TH**

Breakfast in the restaurant  
Stroll through the town, weekly market  
Lunch at the local restaurant  
Departure for Aigues Mortes  
Return to the holiday centre  
Lunch on site



## **MONDAY 20TH**

Breakfast at the restaurant  
Departure for Nîmes  
The feria  
Opportunity to watch the corrida on horseback (supplement)  
Lunch on your cost (free choice)  
Return to La Grande Motte in the afternoon  
Free time  
Evening meal aboard a catamaran

## **TUESDAY 21ST**

Breakfast  
Departure of participants  
Shuttles (on booking): Montpellier Sud de France train station or Montpellier airport only  
Price: 390 euros per person  
Included: Half board at the holiday centre, meals outdoors as mentioned in the programme.  
Individual accommodation in either double, or single rooms with shared bathroom facilities.  
Not included: The drink - Monday lunch at the feria and/or entrance ticket to the corrida on horseback (to be booked in advance) - transport to La Grande Motte or Montpellier Sud de France train station or Montpellier airport - cancellation insurance.

Full details can be found on our International Website: [IPA - Upcoming Events \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org)



# IPA NORTH MACEDONIA - ACTIVITIES

## IPA SKOPJE - BLOOD DONATION

On 05.12.2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in cooperation with Red Cross of the City of Skopje, Municipal Organisation Kisela Voda, IPA Region Skopje organised the third traditional blood donation action of IPA members.

On this occasion 26 registered members participated in the action, and 22 units of blood were collected, of which 7 units were rare 0+. To mark today's IPA humanitarian action is the support of a five-member team from the IPA Region Shtip - Delchevo, for which we are grateful.

The IPA organisation continues with its humanitarian activities in the months of December and January following the goals and principles of the largest police organization in the world. We welcome you with our motto "Service through friendship".



## IPA KUMANOVO - ANNUAL MEETING

On 04.11.2023, on the eve of the regular annual meeting of IPA Region Kumanovo, the IPA Office was visited by IPA delegations from abroad, namely IPA Region Doboj from Bosnia and Herzegovina, IPA Region Leskovac and IPA Region Kosovsko Pomoravlje from Serbia, members of the IPA VIP Club from Alba Julia from Romania as well as from IPA Israel – Haifa. A total of 18 IPA members from 4 different national IPA Sections..

On that occasion, an international tournament in darts was organised, during which:

The first place went to LIKARTE VASILE from IPA VIP CLUB Alba Julia.

The second place went to MILOS SPASIC from IPA Region Kumanovo.

The third place went to MIKUSH MILAN from IPA Israel

The winners were awarded Diplomas with a medal as well as gifts from our IPA Friends Kebapcilnica "Korner" and Zlatara A'ltn from Kumanovo.





# IPA NORTH MACEDONIA - ACTIVITIES

## IPA SKOPJE - INTERPOL CONTRIBUTION



On 7th December 2023, In IPA Office , President of IPA North Macedonia and Region Skopje, Igno Stojkov received a plaque from INTERPOL for contribution and support provided during the organization of the 50th European Regional Conference of Interpol, which was held in Ohrid , May 8-10, 2023.

The Plaque was handover by Head of NCB Skopje, Branislava Stocheska who is also IPA member, which we once again showed that we are an organisation that is a service to our police officers. We also used this opportunity to talk about future cooperation between the International Police Cooperation Department in MoI and IPA Section North Macedonia, and the future activities we can support.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary General, Igor Manojloski who is also a member of IRC and offers partnership and cooperation according to aims of IPA to International Police Organisations like Interpol and Europol.

We also stated that we can offer support in the aims of IPA like such as the organisation of social and cultural activities. This could include dinner to participants of EMPACT JAD SEE in Skopje and small gifts to remember this event. We also discussed the printing of T-shirts and celebrating 100 years of Interpol. We also offer support for future workshops, training and professional exchange for IPA members and police officers etc.

## IPA STUMICA - FIRST SHOOTING TOURNAMENT

Today, IPA Macedonia - IPA region Strumica at the licensed shooting center "MEGDAN" - village of Popchevo has organising the first shooting tournament "IPA MEGDAN 2023" in the following categories:

- gun
- small caliber rifle
- shooting at flying targets (clay pigeons)

Cups, medals and appropriate gifts will be awarded to category winners and second and third place winners. IPA region Strumica, in cooperation with Shooting Center "MEGDAN" plans to make this tournament traditional and international in the coming years.



# IPA NORTH MACEDONIA - ACTIVITIES

## IPA SKOPJE - MOVEMBER

Within the framework of their planned activities for months of Humanitarian Deeds (November & December), as in previous years, IPA North Macedonia and IPA Region Skopje have joined the great world activity, the month of November - the month of men's health - MOVEMBER.

In cooperation with the "Lions" organisation and at the invitation of the Lions club "Pajko maalo", IPA Region Skopje participated in a panel lecture on men's health, where the guest speaker was Surgeon-Urologist, asst. spec. Dr. Dimitar Trajkovski. At the same time, the event had a humanitarian goal to help by donating financial resources for the young soccer player, 19-year-old Viktor Bonevski, who is undergoing a serious operation in the Republic of Turkey. IPA North Macedonia IPA Region Skopje donated funds worth 10,000 denars, as well as personal donations from the team that was present at this event.

We thank the Lions organisation for the invitation and the excellent organisation of this event, and we hope for future cooperation.

We would like to mention that IPA North Macedonia & IPA Region Prilep has already started its humanitarian activities and organized the first blood donation campaign for this year.

We welcome you with our slogan "Service Through Friendship"



## IPA COBURG 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IPA Coburg, Germany invite you to their 50th anniversary celebrations from **7-9 June 2024**.

Socialise and meet other participants, experience a guided tour of the town and guided tour of Ehrenburg and attend an evening of entertainment.

Details of the event, can be found in the programme on our International Website: [IPA - Upcoming Events \(ipa-international.org\)](http://ipa-international.org)





# IPA ROMANIAN SECTION NATIONAL CONGRESS 2023



The National Congress of the IPA Romanian Section is always a good opportunity to bring together the delegates from over 150 regions. As always IPA National Sections that have partnerships with our section are invited to join today's unique event. This year we had a great honour to have a special guest Martin Hoffmann the new President of IPA. The Congress was held in the beautiful city of Iasi - the capital of culture and a place full of history and beautiful people.

We also had special guests from the National Sections IPA Austria, IPA Cyprus, IPA Hellenic, IPA Moldova, IPA North Macedonia, IPA Poland, IPA Slovakia and IPA UK. Good

friends from all over the world. As always we had great moments of joy but also we had good debates about the future of our association. The main institutions from the Ministry of Interior but also from the local authorities were there to confirm the trust and the partnership that we have.

We combined traditional moments with modern arts in a new perspective of what an IPA Congress should be. I will use this opportunity to give a big thank you to the Iasi City Hall, Iasi National Theatre, Iasi County Council, Iasi Palace of Culture, Opera from Iasi. As always the secret of a good event it is not about the place or the programme. The success of a good event is related to the people participating and their desire to share good things with others.



I strongly believe that also this year the Congress of IPA Romanian Section was a huge success and everybody who joined would agree. During the Congress we also had two special moments. The first related to the protocol that we signed with IPA Austria to help the children from Ukraine. The second about confirming good relations that we developed with IPA Poland by signing a protocol of corporation.

In conclusion, we can say that the meeting reached its goals and we all have to come back to work in order to bring to life the things we decided together.



SERVO PER AMIKECO!

**Mihai Liviu Tărtăreanu**

**President of IPA ROMANIA**





## IPA SERBIA - BALKAN - ADRIATIC CONFERENCE

From November 24th to 26th, 2023, in Belgrade, with the support of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, the international Balkan-Adriatic conference of member states of the International Police Association (IPA) was held under the theme 'United Balkans - Open and Secure.' Delegations from the following countries participated: Austria, Germany, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Italy, Bulgaria, Estonia, North Macedonia, Belgium, and others.

A special honour was bestowed upon IPA Serbia with the presence of Mr. Martin Hoffmann, the newly elected international president of the IEB, and Mr. Oliver Hoffmann, IRC chairperson of the International Police Association.



The conference took place in the ceremonial hall of the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia at the highest professional level. Colonel of Police, Academic Professor Dr. Nebojša Pantelić, President of IPA Serbia, and police officers in ceremonial uniforms from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies, and the International Police Association warmly welcomed the delegations.

The ceremonial opening of the conference, introductory and closing remarks were given by the representative of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Police Colonel Dragan Vasiljević, and Police Colonel Professor Dr. Nebojša Pantelić, President of IPA Serbia. They welcomed the guests, wished for a successful meeting, and emphasised the continuation of activities to enhance international police cooperation, with a focus on the Balkan Peninsula and countries bordering the Adriatic Sea.

# IPA SERBIA - BALKAN - ADRIATIC CONFERENCE



Following this, Mr. Martin Hoffmann, the international president of the world IPA, addressed the delegates, expressing gratitude to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and IPA Serbia for the reception and ceremony. Mr. Oliver Hoffmann, IRC chairperson of

IPA, also addressed the attendees, expressing great satisfaction with the organisation of the conference and the friendly relations among participating states. Representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies, as well as representatives of each delegation, spoke on the topic and presented their conclusions.

During the discussion, the international president of IPA, Mr. Martin Hoffmann, informed conference participants that IPA Serbia was voted to host the 70<sup>th</sup> World Congress in 2027 in Belgrade (hosting delegations from 70 countries worldwide) during the 66<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Athens in October 2023, which was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

In addition to the ceremonial reception of delegations and the ceremonial opening of the conference, successful working sessions, guests enjoyed numerous cultural and entertainment activities, visits to the Temple of Saint Sava, tourist exploration of the city, and a boat cruise to see 'Belgrade on Water,' the Kalemegdan Fortress, and the many beauties of the capital.

In April 2023, IPA Serbia and Belgrade, also hosted the Mediterranean Conference, attended by 22 delegations from member states of the IPA.

We thank all participants who enhanced this event with their presence. Greetings from Serbia, until the next IPA gathering.

Servo per Amikeco."



## IPA TARRAGONA, SPAIN- FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 2024

The National Section of IPA Spain, on behalf of its Delegation of IPA Catalonia - Tarragona and coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the formation of IPA Tarragona, invites you to participate in the XIX International Soccer 7 Championship for police officers to be held between the 16th and the May 19, 2024 in Cambrils (Tarragona)

For more information contact:

[ipatarragona@ipatarragona.org](mailto:ipatarragona@ipatarragona.org)

You will find all the information on our website:

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



## IPA SRI LANKA - GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN ASIAN PARA GAMES



The daughter of Mr. Ravindra Basnayaka, who is a member of the Executive Council of the International Police Association, Sri Lanka, brought glory to Sri Lanka at the Asian Para Games which was held in China from 22nd to 28th October 2023, which 44 countries participated.

Galina Basnayake represented Sri Lanka in several International events in swimming, and this time she won a Silver Medal in the women's 400m Freestyle (S9) with a time of 5:18.28. This victory marked the first time in 13 years since 2010 that Sri Lanka bagged medals in swimming at the Asian Para Games.

Galina Basnayake is a student at Lyceum International School Wattala and her exceptional performances added luster to Sri Lanka's impressive show at the Games.

### **Sunethra Senevirathne**

Asst. Secretary-General,  
IPA Sri Lanka



## YOUNG POLICE OFFICER'S SEMINAR (YPOS) - AUSTRIA 2024

IPA Austrian Section is pleased to announce that registration for the 2024 Young Police Officer Seminar (YPOS) and the Strategic Young Person Forum (SYPF) is open to our friends from all over the world.

The event 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 €300 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.

You will find the YPOS Registration form below, and we encourage early registration to avoid disappointment. The registration will close on May 3, 2024, or earlier if demand is met. The forms of payment will be announced after registration.

A short programme can also be found below. Further details will follow after registration.

For more information visit: [IPA - Young Police Officers' Seminar \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org)



## IPA UK - WALKING WEEKEND



Over 50 members and guests from across the UK and Canada met in Harrogate for the second Section UK IPA Walking Group Walking Weekend during the last weekend of October 2023. Based at the Police Treatment Centre (PTC), St. Andrews, those attending were provided with comfortable accommodation, fantastic food, superb service and a couple of great walks around Harrogate on Saturday and Temple Newsam near Leeds on Sunday.

For many, the weekend provided a practical introduction to the British Walking Federation and its parent organisation, the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

To complement the practical experience, after our tasty evening meal on Friday, IPA members Spike and Helen Elliott from Cheshire Branch, who are also both long standing members of the BWF, and have together walked an incredible 65,000Km, all of which has been accredited under the IVV Awards Scheme, gave a presentation about the Section UK IPA Walking Group, BWF, IVV, International Marching League (IML) and their travels and experiences participating in walking events and walking Permanent Trails around the globe.

Harrogate became known as 'The English Spa' in the Georgian period and was popularised through a boom in Spa tourism during the Victorian era. During the 1800s, the high society of Victorian Britain flocked to Harrogate to enjoy the air, the space and the therapeutic spa treatments as well as taking the famous Harrogate waters. The town's most distinctive feature perhaps is its vast open space, known as The Stray, that surrounds the town centre. At 200 acres, The Stray gives Harrogate a green and spacious feel that is unique to the town.

With plenty of Georgian and Victorian architecture, the town still maintains an elegant and opulent feel and is home to the renowned Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Harlow Carr Gardens. The acclaimed Betty's Café Tea Rooms can also be found in the town centre.

Following a hearty breakfast and a group photo on the steps of the PTC, the merry band of walkers set out on a grey and misty morning to follow an 11Km trail around Harrogate taking in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens, the magnificent Stray and many other points of historical and cultural interest in the town. Participants were able to walk at their own pace making as many, or as few stops along the way as necessary. Betty's famous Café Tea Room was an absolute 'must do' for some!



After another splendid evening meal, an evening of entertainment followed. To keep the walking theme going, a quiz very loosely based on the topic of walking and walkers, set by quizmaster Chris Charlton, kept (some tired) guests occupied for a couple of hours. The evening ended with a raffle.



## IPA UK - WALKING WEEKEND



The event was timed well to include an extra hour in bed due to the end of British Summer Time which was welcomed by some. After another hearty breakfast, check out and loading cars, it was off to Leeds under blue skies for the second walk of the weekend. In complete contrast to the urban walk around Harrogate, this 10Km circular rural walk was around the park and farmland of Temple Newsam, a magnificent Tudor-Jacobean house.



Temple Newsam is one of the great houses of England, bursting with treasures and tales.

With over 500 years of history, it has been home to many colourful characters. After being seized by Henry VIII and granted to his niece, the house became birthplace to the notorious Lord Darnley, husband of Mary Queen of Scots and father of James I. Beyond its illustrious Tudor origins, the Ingram family also left their marks. Today Temple Newsam contains a rich tapestry of period interiors from the 1600s onwards, showing how different generations lived.



After completing this walk, guests stopped off in the Courtyard for refreshments and gaining their credits for the walk before departing.



Chris Charlton - IPA UK



# IPA GIBRALTAR - DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

## FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS IPA GIBRALTAR

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, Father Christmas paid a visit to our club and greeted many of our member's children with gifts as they arrived for our annual children's Christmas party. A full on sugar fuelled party then ensued with plenty of festive games!



## ANNUAL BLACK TIE GALA DINNER

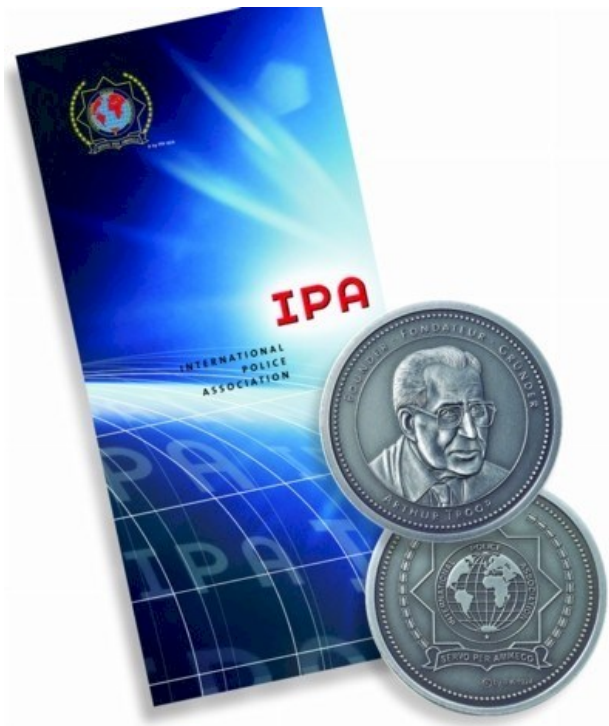
Gibraltar section's Annual Black Tie Gala Dinner dance was held at the Rock Hotel's Victoria Suite on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 which saw our members and their partners enjoy a silver service meal followed by heavy dose of loud music and dancing by most.





# ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP (ATS) REMINDER

There are only 3 months left to apply for the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2025!



The Arthur Troop Scholarship, as a legacy to the IPA's founder, is a professional education and advanced training bursary, with the aim of aiding IPA members in their professional careers.

Every year, serving IPA members are invited to submit their application forms to their national section to have the chance to receive a scholarship of up to €2,500 to be used for a seminar or training option of their choosing. Many of the awardees opt to attend a seminar from the wide range on offer at the IPA's Education Centre – IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

All applications for the Arthur Troop Scholarship are processed through Google Forms. You can apply to the ATS through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ATS Online Application Form>

For more information, please consult the [procedure for the scholarship](#).

The form is open for submissions all year round. We invite you to submit your application for the ATS 2025 award before the deadline 31 March 2024.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 <small>IPA</small> <a href="#">Bremen, Germany - Kohlfahrt 2024</a>	20 <small>IPA</small> <a href="#">Bremen, Germany - Kohlfahrt 2024</a>	21 <small>IPA</small> <a href="#">Bremen, Germany - Kohlfahrt 2024</a>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

## GIMBORN SEMINARS JANUARY 2024

<b>24   01</b>	<b>15.01. – 18.01.</b>	■ Aktiv in den Ruhestand	495 €	IPA 365 €
<b>24   02</b>	<b>22.01. – 24.01.</b>	■ Eingriffsrecht für grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit in Joint Investigation Teams	365 €	IPA 295 €

The IBZ Annual Programme 2024 is now available. You can find a copy of the programme on our website:

[IBZ-Seminarprogramm-2024.pdf \(ipa-international.org\)](#)

The programme has been tailored to the requirements of the International Police Community.

# MARKETING

Brand promotion is central to the growth of our association and effective marketing strategies play a pivotal role in establishing a strong presence and connection with police officers across the world.

You may have seen we are in the process of the development of a marketing commission. While we develop this further and seek marketing assistants to join the commission, we identify that social media continues to be the most influential virtual space to promote the IPA brand and generate brand awareness, and therefore it is important for us to continue our social media photo campaign.

In the interim, we have identified topics for the next 6 months and we ask sections to continue to send photos or videos each month related to the topic. This will allow us to continue to create interesting social media posts and increase our reach as we have seen already from this campaign.

- JANUARY – Fitness/Sports
- FEBRUARY – Public Order / Riot Units (including Water Cannons and Defensive Equipment)
- MARCH – Women in IPA to coincide with International Women’s Day 8th March 2024
- APRIL – IPA Houses / accommodation
- 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

We would appreciate if photos and videos are sent a month prior to the month of circulation if possible, so that we can coordinate their publishing. These should be sent to [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org)

If you have experience or a passion for marketing and are interested in working with us as a marketing assistant, the job description and application form can be found on our website: [Project-2024-2027 \(ipa-international.org\)](https://www.ipa-international.org/Project-2024-2027)

The closing date for applications is 14 January 2024.

## VIDEO



This month, watch our video from Vice President Michael Walsh regarding the projects that are currently open for application. We need your assistance to work with us on our key projects which will be delivered over the next four years.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/nZ6AbvJlJgc>



Find a full list of the projects along with their descriptions and application forms on our website: [Project-2024-2027 \(ipa-international.org\)](https://www.ipa-international.org/Project-2024-2027)

