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International President Visits IPA Kazakhstan

International President Martin Hoffmann's recent visit to Kazakhstan brought together IPA representatives and senior officials to discuss the Association's future and strengthen international cooperation. Read more on page 43.

Read more about the Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) recently held in Germany, along with articles from participants in Japan and New Zealand sharing their experiences and highlights.

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YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS SEMINAR
GERMANY 2026

PolicemenU
A Culinary Connection for Policemen

PoliceMenU is a Socio-Cultural Commission Arts & Culture initiative celebrating the culinary traditions of IPA members around the world, giving members the opportunity to discover traditional recipes from different countries and cultures. Read more about this exciting project and explore the latest recipes on pages 18 and 28.

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Foreword

Dear IPA Members and Friends,

I am glad to be writing today in our magazine under its new name, IPA CONNECT. This is exactly what we all need to keep in mind: that IPA connects and does not divide. Only in this way will we be able to face whatever comes our way.

The situations that the global scene is experiencing should not divide us, but bring us closer together and make SERVO PER AMIKECO even stronger.

Friendly competition for the common good is a wonderful thing. However, striving solely for personal advancement or individual gain when we are part of a collective serves no one's best interests.

We are the world's largest police association and a global voluntary organisation, but more than that, we are friendship and beautiful relationships that are not based on political or religious beliefs, nor on colour, language or nationality — we are one soul of more than 380,000 people.

The IPA family has begun to grow once again, both in terms of member countries and the number of members. This is due to the excellent work being done at both the national and international levels. The opportunities and grants we now provide to our members to participate in international seminars and other events help strengthen connections, support personal and professional development, and contribute to the continued growth of our organisation.

Furthermore, many Sections have begun organising a large number of National events, with high numbers of members participating. These events always receive the support of the IEB.

It has been almost two years since I was elected to the IEB as Treasurer Finances, and I feel proud to have this role and to be working alongside my friend JP, the Treasurer Social Affairs, collaborating with all of you and giving our very best, within the limits of our capabilities, to all National Sections.





We always rely on your support to successfully complete the task you have entrusted to us.

We will continue to support everything backed and funded by the International Funds, always with your agreement and approval. We remain at your disposal for new ideas and for any support that may be required.

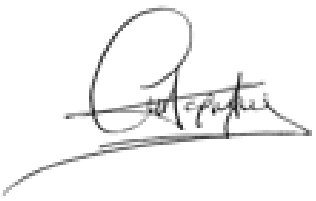
In a few days, the WC 2026 will take place in Sri Lanka. I wish all delegates, observers and visitors a safe journey there, and I hope for a successful and productive Congress for the good of the IPA.

I want to conclude with something that has always been a guiding principle for me:

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

(Henry Ford)

Kikis Perikelous - Treasurer Finances





Investing in the Future of the Police Community: The Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS)

Promoted by the International Police Association, the scholarship offers law enforcement officers worldwide the opportunity to access advanced training and international exchange.
In an ever-evolving global landscape, the challenges surrounding security, cross-border cooperation, and public order management demand increasingly qualified, up-to-date professionals equipped with a strong international vision. Guided by this principle, the International Police Association (IPA) honours the moral and cultural legacy of its founder by awarding the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) each year.

Far from being a mere financial aid measure, the ATS Scholarship serves as a true fund for professional excellence and growth, designed for active association members serving in police forces across the globe. This initiative fully embodies the founding motto of the IPA: "Servo per Amikeco" (Service through Friendship).



Arthur Troop's Legacy and Purpose of the Programme

Established in memory of Arthur Troop—the British police sergeant who founded the association in 1950 to unite police colleagues across geographical and political boundaries—the scholarship aims to encourage professional development and continuous learning among young officers.

The scholarship draws from an annual overall budget established by the International Executive Board of the IPA, awarding each recipient financial support up to a maximum of €2,500. This sum covers registration fees, travel, and accommodation expenses for attending international professional development courses, seminars, conferences, or symposia.

Among the most sought-after destinations for recipients is the renowned IBZ Schloss Gimborn in Germany, the IPA's flagship educational centre. Every year, experts from around the world gather there to address critical topics such as cybercrime prevention, advanced investigative techniques, police leadership, and emergency management.

Target Audience and Eligibility Requirements

Unlike traditional educational grants intended for dependents, the Arthur Troop Scholarship is aimed directly at serving police officers.



To submit an application, prospective candidates must fulfill specific eligibility criteria:

IPA Membership: Hold an active membership in the International Police Association for at least 3 continuous years at the time of application.
Active Status: Be actively employed in a police service or law enforcement agency in their respective country.
Focus on Young Officers: While open to all members who meet the tenure requirement, special consideration during selection is given to younger colleagues or those in the early stages of their career to foster specialised training.

Application Structure and the Role of Motivation
The selection process for the scholarship relies on a thorough merit-based evaluation conducted by an international panel (Temporary Commission).

Unlike other contributions based on income, the ATS focuses entirely on the value and coherence of the candidate's proposed educational project::

Course/Seminar Plan: Candidates must clearly identify the training event or course they wish to attend, specifying its practical utility for their career and their service in their home country.
Motivational Essay: A key component of the application involves explaining how attending the program will benefit not only the candidate's individual career, but also their National Section of the IPA and the wider police community.

Budget Estimate: Applications must include an estimated budget detailing expected costs for tuition, board, lodging, and travel.
Application Process and Timeline
To ensure fairness and consistency worldwide, the call for applications follows a fixed annual timeline:
Application Window and Deadline: Applications open annually and close on March 31st for scholarships awarded for the following calendar year.
Submission Channel: Applications are submitted digitally through the official IPA international website (ipa-international.org) and must be verified and endorsed by the applicant's National Section.
Announcement of Winners: The official selection and announcement of awardees take place during the IPA World Congress.
Knowledge Sharing: Upon completing the chosen seminar or course, recipients are required to write a detailed report detailing the skills acquired, accompanied by photographs, for publication across official association channels to share knowledge with all members.

A Unique Opportunity to Strengthen the Global Law Enforcement Network

Applying for the Arthur Troop Scholarship means more than receiving financial support for training —it offers entry into an international network of colleagues committed to professional excellence.

Through its national sections active in over 68 countries worldwide, the International Police Association invites all eligible members to take advantage of this opportunity, turning their daily dedication into a chance for professional growth without borders.

Salvatore Del Giglio - Project Lead ATS



ON PATROL – Bringing International Policing Together



“Learning from Each Other, Building Friendships, and Experiencing Policing Around the World”

One of the greatest strengths of the International Police Association is our ability to bring police officers together from around the world. The IPA Professional Commission’s “On Patrol” concept puts that mission into action by giving members an opportunity to experience policing in another country, exchange professional knowledge, and build international friendships through a unique combination of education, operational exposure, and fellowship.

“On Patrol” events are designed around a simple idea: invite IPA members from other Sections to visit a host country and give them an inside look at how policing is conducted there. Rather than being a traditional classroom seminar, an “On Patrol” event can include visits to police stations and specialised units, demonstrations, training sessions, presentations, ride-alongs, or patrol experiences where permitted, and opportunities to speak directly with officers about the challenges they face.

Just as importantly, the program creates opportunities for participants to compare policing systems, tactics, equipment, training, laws, and procedures. Officers often discover that while laws, uniforms, equipment, and organisational structures may differ, many of the challenges facing police officers are remarkably similar.

A Program with an International History

The “On Patrol” concept has already been successfully used by IPA Sections and local IPA groups in several countries.

In Germany, “Europe on Patrol” brought officers from across Europe together in Detmold (NRW) for professional visits, interaction with local police, traffic enforcement activities, and international fellowship.

IPA Netherlands has been particularly active in developing the concept. “Netherlands on Patrol” has provided international participants with an opportunity to experience Dutch policing firsthand. Participants have visited police facilities, training centres and specialised units while also spending time alongside Dutch officers and learning about their operational practices.



The concept expanded further through "Low Lands on Patrol", a cooperative effort involving IPA members in the Netherlands and Belgium. Participants from numerous countries experienced policing on both sides of the border, including visits to specialised police units, training facilities and operational agencies. The program demonstrated another important feature of "On Patrol": events do not have to be limited to a single IPA Section or country. Cooperation between neighboring Sections can create an even broader international experience.


Iceland On Patrol

IPA Section Iceland has also successfully hosted an "On Patrol" program, showing that an event does not need to be large to be successful. Iceland's program brought together a manageable group of 9 international participants (Nordic sections, Section UK and Section Ireland) for professional and social activities and demonstrated how the "On Patrol" concept can be adapted to the capabilities and resources of the hosting Section.

ON PATROL – Bringing International Policing Together


Lowlands On Patrol

Germany has continued the concept through "Flensburg on Patrol". The 2023 program brought international officers to northern Germany for an event centered on officer safety, alcohol and drugs in traffic enforcement, and the public perception of police. Participants were also able to join German colleagues during patrol activities. More recently in August 2026, Flensburg hosted the program for a second time, welcoming 18 police officers representing 11 countries. The week included operational training, specialised police demonstrations, foot patrols, traffic enforcement and patrol experiences with German officers.

Each of these programs has been different—and that is exactly what makes ON PATROL successful.


Munster On Patrol



Your Section Can Host an "On Patrol" Event

There is no single required format for an "On Patrol" program.

A Section does not need to organise a massive international conference or have access to every specialized police unit in the country. An "On Patrol" event can be built around the resources, agencies, personnel and policing specialties available locally.

A program might focus on community policing, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, K-9 operations, police training, investigations, public-order policing, border security, specialized units, officer safety, or another area in which the host Section can provide participants with meaningful professional experience.

Programs can also combine professional activities with cultural and social events. Showing visiting officers, the community, region and culture of the host country is an important part of the experience. Those informal opportunities to talk, exchange ideas and build relationships are often where Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship truly comes to life.

The Professional Commission - Education Team Is Here to Help

Sections interested in developing an "On Patrol" event do not have to start from scratch.

The IPA Professional Commission's Education Team are available to assist interested Sections in developing an "On Patrol" program. We can help discuss the concept, share experiences and ideas from previous events, assist with program development, and help Sections consider how their existing police contacts, training opportunities and local resources could be incorporated into an international event. The first step does not need to be complicated. Identify what makes policing in your area unique and what you would like fellow IPA members from other countries to experience.

From there, an "On Patrol" program can grow.

Whether your Section can accommodate eight international officers or thirty, the objective remains the same: bring police officers together, exchange professional knowledge, experience policing from another perspective, and create friendships that extend far beyond the event itself.

"On Patrol" represents what the International Police Association does best. It combines professional development with international exchange and friendship while giving our serving members an opportunity that few other organisations can provide.

If your Section has considered hosting an international police exchange, now is the time to explore the possibilities.

Bring the world of the IPA to your police service. Host an "On Patrol" event!

For additional information or assistance in developing an "On Patrol" program, Sections are encouraged to contact the IPA Professional Commission – Education Team. Inquiries can be sent to: president@ipa-usa.org

Joe Johnson, IPA US Section, Education Team Leader

Building Bridges for the Future of Policing

Policing has never been more complex. Today's officers must combine operational expertise with empathy, cultural awareness, leadership, and adaptability while responding to increasingly global challenges. As policing evolves, so too must the organisations that support it.

That is why #SHEisIPA matters.





What began as an initiative within the International Police Association (IPA) has grown into a global movement that is strengthening the role of women in policing through greater visibility, leadership development, mentoring, and international collaboration. More than a membership initiative, #SHEisIPA reflects the changing face of modern policing.

In my previous article, I introduced May-Britt Ronnebro, a retired Swedish police officer, researcher, and crime expert who remains an active member of the #SHEisIPA initiative group. She is one of many leaders committed to advancing diversity, equality, and inclusion within the IPA. While women now make up almost 36 percent of police officers in the United Kingdom, they represent only 15.7 percent of IPA members worldwide—a gap that highlights the need for initiatives such as #SHEisIPA.

Importantly, #SHEisIPA is not about creating division or exclusive spaces. It is about ensuring women in policing are recognised, supported, connected, and given opportunities to contribute fully to the world's largest independent police association.

More Than Representation

Women now serve across every aspect of policing—from frontline operations and criminal investigations to cybercrime, intelligence, tactical policing, and executive leadership. Their influence on modern policing continues to grow, yet professional organisations have not always reflected that progress.

#SHEisIPA helps close that gap through mentoring, leadership development, and international networking, ensuring women helping shape policing are equally represented within the profession's global networks.

Why It Matters to Australia

Australian policing has made significant strides in promoting women into leadership and specialist roles. Women now command operational units, lead complex investigations, influence policy, and serve in some of the profession's most demanding environments.

Yet many officers—particularly those balancing career progression with family responsibilities—can still find it difficult to access mentoring, professional networks, and broader leadership opportunities.

#SHEisIPA offers something uniquely valuable: connection to an international community of policing professionals. Through seminars, webinars, professional exchanges, and collaborative projects, members gain insights into how police services around the world address leadership, organisational culture, wellbeing, and emerging operational challenges.

These connections broaden perspectives, encourage innovation, and remind officers that many local policing challenges are shared globally.

Leadership Without Borders

One of #SHEisIPA's greatest strengths is its commitment to leadership development.

"The 4th SHEisIPA Professional Commission Seminar, held at IBZ Gimborn in Germany in April 2026, brought together participants from 20 countries and British Overseas Territories. Focusing on themes such as gender-responsive leadership, advanced communication, ethics, and the global HeForShe initiative, the seminar demonstrated the value of learning across cultures and policing systems. More importantly, it reinforced the friendships and professional relationships that have long been central to the IPA's mission. #SHEisIPA (International Police Association IAC, April 2026)

As crime becomes increasingly transnational—with cybercrime, organised crime, human trafficking, and online exploitation crossing borders with ease—these international relationships are becoming essential. Officers who understand how other jurisdictions respond to shared challenges are better equipped to innovate and strengthen policing at home.



Australia's Opportunity

Australia enjoys an outstanding international reputation for professional policing, operational capability, and innovation. Australian IPA members are well placed to contribute by mentoring emerging leaders, encouraging greater participation in IPA activities, supporting attendance at international events, and sharing Australian policing initiatives with colleagues around the world.

These practical actions strengthen relationships and help develop future police leaders.

Although Australia's distance from many international policing events presents challenges, it should not limit engagement. Greater use of travel support, virtual participation, and coordinated Australian representation at key IPA events can strengthen global connections. By embracing technology and international collaboration, Australian police professionals can continue contributing to—and benefiting from—the worldwide exchange of knowledge, leadership, and friendship.





Looking Ahead

The real significance of #SHEisIPA extends well beyond increasing female membership within the IPA. It represents a broader commitment to building stronger organisations through inclusion, collaboration, and leadership. When professional networks reflect the diversity of the workforce, they become richer in experience, stronger in ideas, and better equipped to respond to the challenges of modern policing. Supporting women in policing is not simply about equity—it is about strengthening the profession itself.

For Australia, #SHEisIPA offers an opportunity to deepen international partnerships, invest in future leaders, and contribute to a policing community that is increasingly connected across borders.

The future of policing will not be defined solely by technology or tactics. It will be shaped by the people willing to learn from one another, build meaningful partnerships, and lead with integrity.

Dana Rusa
IPA Australia

YOUNG MEMBERS

YPOS 2026 – Giving the Next Generation a Voice

Young Police Officers Seminar Germany 2026: More than a seminar – a platform for ideas, participation and the future of the IPA

When 52 young police officers from across the world came together in Germany for YPOS 2026, they did not come simply to listen, observe and learn. They were invited to contribute.

This was one of the central ideas behind YPOS Germany 2026: young members should not only experience the International Police Association – they should have the opportunity to help shape its future.

Alongside an exciting professional programme, IPA Germany created space for workshops, strategic discussions and direct dialogue, resulting in a remarkable collection of ideas that reached far beyond the seminar week itself.

> YOUNG MEMBERS SHOULD NOT ONLY EXPERIENCE THE IPA – THEY SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE ITS FUTURE.

From participants to contributors

One workshop challenged participants with the question: "If you were Commission members, what new international IPA project would you develop?"

Working in international groups, the young officers developed project concepts, considering their purpose, target groups, supporting Sections and resources. Ideas ranged from an international exchange on migration-related policing, to a humanitarian campaign supporting disadvantaged children and a new Experienced Police Officers Seminar (EPOS).

EPOS was particularly interesting because it brought together the generations within the IPA. Rather than seeing young and experienced members as separate groups, participants proposed connecting them so that professional experience, lessons learned and police history can be passed from one generation to the next. The future of the IPA does not mean replacing experience – it means connecting experience with new perspectives.



A second workshop focused on National Sections, starting from the statement: “International IPA cannot exist without National Sections – the real work happens locally.”

Participants shared successful initiatives from their own Sections, including professional seminars, digital solutions, cooperation with public authorities, innovative recruitment, affordable accommodation, support for international visitors, social projects and activities for younger members.

The discussion raised an important question: How can successful ideas from one Section become inspiration for others?

Young Members as a source of strategic input

Participants also discussed what younger police officers expect from the IPA, including recruitment, social media, attractive activities, opportunities to develop initiatives and genuine responsibility.





One message emerged clearly: recruiting young members is only the beginning. To retain them, they need opportunities to participate, contribute ideas, build networks and progressively take responsibility.

Together with initiatives such as the Standing Young Members Conference (SYMC) and wider international Young Members work, YPOS can become an important source of direct input from the next generation. The outcomes from Germany can provide input for the International Executive Board, International Commissions and Young Members Project when considering future activities and the further involvement of younger members.

Future Policing in Europe

Looking beyond the IPA itself, participants had the opportunity to speak with Lena Düpont, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE).

Under the title “Future Policing in Europe – Opportunities and Challenges for the Next Generation of Police Officers”, they discussed internal security, migration, border management and European police cooperation – issues that will increasingly shape their professional careers.

The discussion allowed young officers to exchange perspectives directly with a European policymaker while giving the political level an opportunity to hear perspectives from young police officers from different countries.

Thirty-one trees – roots for the future

As part of Green IPA, national trees were planted at the LAFP NRW Education Centre in Selm-Bork. With the ten trees planted during YPOS 2026, every nation represented at the seminar now has a tree on the grounds, permanently marked with its country's flag.
Each tree represents a country; together they represent the international community created during YPOS – a lasting reminder of the friendships, conversations and ideas that began in Germany.
It is a fitting symbol for GreenIPA and Young Members: putting down roots today while growing towards the future.





YPOS – an investment in the future

YPOS Germany 2026 demonstrated what becomes possible when young police officers are treated not merely as the future membership of the IPA, but as part of its present.

They trained together, challenged perspectives, discussed the future of policing, developed international IPA projects, shared good practice and planted something that will remain.
52 young police officers. Many perspectives. New ideas. Thirty-one trees. And one international network ready to grow with them.

Philipp Kurz
Project Lead Young Members & President IPA Germany



PolicemenU – A Taste That Brings Police Officers Together Around the World

Can you discover the culture of another country without leaving your own kitchen? It turns out you can. Sometimes, all it takes is one recipe, a few ingredients and a little curiosity. This simple idea gave rise to "PolicemenU", a project created by the Socio-Cultural Commission of the International Police Association (IPA).

The Socio-Cultural Commission has always been a place where IPA members from around the world can connect not only through their profession, but also through culture, art and shared passions. Photography, video, poetry and painting are just some of the areas in which the Commission encourages members to express themselves, discover different perspectives and share their stories. At some point, however, another question arose: What else could bring us closer together?

The answer turned out to be remarkably simple – food. Food is so much more than something we need every day.

It is tradition, history, family memories, a way of spending time together and an important part of our identity. The dishes we prepare often carry the stories of generations. They tell us a great deal about where we come from and what matters to us.

And so PolicemenU was born – a culinary journey around the world, guided by IPA members themselves. Since the beginning of the year, every Friday we have shared a recipe from a different country on IPA social media. Thanks to the involvement of IPA members from around the world, we discover traditional dishes, local ingredients and culinary traditions from different corners of the globe. Each recipe becomes a small invitation to visit another country – even if only for a moment, around our own table.

But PolicemenU is not simply a collection of recipes. It is a project about people. It is about trying something new, stepping outside our everyday habits and perhaps discovering a flavour we have never experienced before. Most importantly, it is about getting to know the people behind each dish –



PolicemenU Cont'

discovering what they cook for their families, which flavours remind them of home and which traditions they want to pass on to future generations. In this way, food becomes another language of communication. A universal language that can be understood regardless of whether we are in Poland, Greece, France, Albania, Lithuania, Peru or any other part of the world.

IPA has always been about building bridges between people. PolicemenU is another such bridge – this time built from flavours, aromas and stories.

The project also reminds us that personal and professional development does not end with improving our skills as police officers.



policemenU on the International website



Discovering other cultures, embracing diversity, being curious about the world and being willing to look beyond our own perspective all help us grow. They make us more open-minded, aware and better able to understand the people we meet – both in our professional lives and beyond. Every Friday's recipe is therefore much more than a suggestion for lunch or dinner. It is a small cultural lesson, an invitation to connect and an opportunity to meet one another. Because sometimes, to get to know another person, you don't need to speak their language. You simply need to sit at the same table. And if that table connects people from different parts of the world – even better.

Aneta Sobieraj
Arts & Culture Project Member, S.C.C.

Tree of friendship for a greener future - Sections Croatia and Slovenia planted a tree of friendship together

As part of the global environmental initiative Green IPA - Plant a tree, which is implemented under the auspices of the Socio-Cultural Commission, during the summer camp in Croatia, in Valbandon, members of the Croatia and Slovenia sections planted a friendship tree, which will grow from now on as a living symbol of friendship and professional solidarity.

The Service Unit of the Ministry of the Interior in Valbandon was chosen as the location of this activity.

This location carries strong symbolism - just as a young oak will grow and take deep roots, new knowledge will be developed in this place, experiences will be exchanged and police cooperation will be strengthened.

Next to the planted tree, a commemorative board was placed that will remind all future generations of seminar and training attendees of this joint action and IPA values.

IPA sections Croatia and Slovenia have shown that they share not only a common border, but also common values - care for the community, nature and professional friendship. In this way, their members showed that the cooperation of police officers goes beyond professional boundaries and contributes to the development of friendship and the strengthening of good neighborly relations.





The friendship tree will remain a permanent reminder of this activity and a living symbol of growth, stability and friendly ties between the two sections.

This event is not only a contribution to the preservation of the environment and a greener future, but also a concrete example of the catchphrase Servo per Amikeco.

The Socio-Cultural Commission and the IPA Green Team invite all sections of the IPA to join this wave of positive changes, by planting trees, nature cleaning actions, reducing the use of plastic, or in any other ecological way, because every step is important. Croatia and Slovenia set a great example - let's plant the seeds of a greener and better future for all of us.

Green IPA Project Lead -Biljana Dulović





IPA Games Poland 2026

IPA Games – More Than a Sporting Event

The IPA Games have become one of the most significant international events within the International Police Association calendar, bringing together members from different countries through sport, friendship and professional cooperation. While competition is undoubtedly at the heart of the Games, their true value extends far beyond the sporting arena.

For every National Section that accepts the challenge of hosting the IPA Games, the event represents a complex and demanding project. Organising multiple sports disciplines requires careful planning, dedicated volunteers, efficient logistics and close coordination between numerous partners. Every competition, venue, schedule and participant contributes to the success of an event that must meet both sporting and organisational expectations.
Yet, despite these challenges, the IPA Games remain, above all, a unique opportunity for the host country to showcase its identity.

Hosting the Games means becoming an ambassador for one's nation, presenting its traditions, culture, hospitality and values to colleagues from across the IPA family. Every opening ceremony, cultural programme, local excursion and informal gathering becomes an opportunity to create lasting memories and strengthen international friendships.
The event is, therefore, a harmonious blend of sporting excellence, cultural exchange, and social interaction. Athletes compete with determination and respect, while participants discover new places, experience local customs and build connections that often continue long after the Games have ended. This spirit perfectly reflects the IPA motto, Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship.

Equally important is the institutional dimension of the IPA Games. Such events foster cooperation between police organisations, public authorities, local administrations and community partners. They demonstrate the organisational capacity of the host National Section while reinforcing professional relationships and promoting the values of mutual respect, solidarity and international collaboration.

As the IPA Games continue to grow from one edition to the next, the International Police Association is now looking for the host country of the 5th IPA Games. This is an exciting opportunity for any National Section willing to take on the challenge and leave its own mark on one of the Association's flagship international events.

Recognising the increasing scale and complexity of the Games, the Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) and the IPA Sports Project Team are fully prepared to provide guidance and practical assistance to candidate host countries throughout the planning and delivery process. Their experience, accumulated over previous editions, is available to support future organisers in developing an event that reflects the highest standards of the IPA while preserving the unique identity and traditions of the host nation.

The legacy of the IPA Games cannot be measured solely by medals or rankings. Their greatest achievement lies in bringing people together, strengthening the bonds between National Sections and creating a platform where sport serves as a common language, culture becomes a bridge between nations and friendship remains the lasting victory.
Every National Section has a story to tell. Hosting the IPA Games is an opportunity to share that story with the entire IPA family while contributing to the continued growth of one of our Association's most successful international initiatives.

Mihai Tartareanu
Project Lead - Sports



IPA Games Portugal 2018



IPA Games Montenegro 2022



IPA Games Romania 2024



IPA Games Poland 2026

IPA GAMES

Could Your Section Host the Next IPA Games?

Expressions of Interest invited for 2028 or 2030

Could your IPA Section bring members from around the world together for one of the Association's most exciting international events?

The search is now beginning for a Section to host the IPA Games in either 2028 or 2030, and we want to hear from Sections who would like to take on this exciting opportunity.

The IPA Games are about far more than sport. They bring members together through friendly competition, international friendship and the shared values of Servo per Amikeco. They are an opportunity to meet colleagues from around the world, discover a new destination and create friendships and memories that last long after the Games have ended.

For the host Section, the Games are also a unique opportunity to showcase your country, region, culture and hospitality to an international audience.

Why host the IPA Games?

Hosting the Games is a significant undertaking, but it can be an incredibly rewarding experience for a Section and its members. It offers the opportunity to:

- Welcome IPA members from around the world and create an unforgettable international gathering.
- Showcase your country and region, including its culture, attractions, sporting facilities and hospitality.
- Promote the IPA locally and internationally and raise awareness of the Association.
- Build stronger international relationships with Sections and members worldwide.
- Involve local members, volunteers and younger members in organising and delivering an international event.
- Create lasting friendships and memories through sport, social activities and international exchange.

The Games can also provide opportunities to work with local authorities, sporting organisations, tourism partners and other organisations, creating relationships that can benefit the Section beyond the event itself.

Could you be our next host?

Every host brings its own identity to the IPA Games. Whether your Section has outstanding sporting facilities, a vibrant city, or beautiful countryside, we want to hear your ideas.

You do not need to have every detail decided at this stage. We can begin discussions about what would be required.

If your Section would like to submit an Expression of Interest, please contact: iac@ieb-ipa.org



GREECE

A journey through friendship, between Casas IPA, history and the sea

From Athens to Crete, passing through Thessaloniki and the mountains of Nymfeon, a travel proposal that crosses four IPA Houses and reveals different faces of Greece.

There are trips that are made to get to know places. And there are trips that are made to meet people.

Traveling through the International Police Association is to combine these two experiences: discovering new countries, cultures and landscapes, knowing that, along the way, there are doors that open and companions who share the same values of friendship and camaraderie.

Greece is a destination particularly suited to this philosophy.

Between the monumentality of ancient Athens, the energy of Thessaloniki, the tranquility of the Nymfeon mountains and the crystal clear waters of Crete, it is possible to build a route of approximately eleven days, using four IPA Houses as support points.

An itinerary that combines history, heritage, nature, gastronomy, beaches and, above all, friendship.



ATHENS – Where the story began.

The journey begins in Athens at Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport.

The Greek capital needs no introduction. It is a city where thousands of years of history coexist daily with a modern, dynamic and lively metropolis.

The first stage of the trip has the IPA House in Athens as a support point.
The visit to the city should start at the Acropolis, where the Parthenon continues to dominate the Athenian landscape. The visit to the Acropolis Museum then allows you to better understand the archaeological heritage that testifies to the importance of Greek civilization.

But Athens is not limited to the great monuments.

It is also to walk through the streets of Plaka, discover Anafiotika, stop at a terrace, walk through Monastiraki and feel the movement of the city.

At the end of the day, the best option will be to simply leave the map aside and get lost in the streets of the historic center.

From the Acropolis to the Mediterranean
On the second day, we can exchange the ancient stones for the blue of the Mediterranean.

The proposal is to follow the Athenian Riviera, passing through Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza, before continuing to Cape Sounion.

It is a journey that combines sea, landscape and heritage.
At the end of the route is the majestic Temple of Poseidon, erected on the cliffs of Cape Sounion.
If the schedule allows, it is worth staying until sunset.
It's one of those images that stay in the memory long after returning home.

Not to be missed: Acropolis, Parthenon, Acropolis Museum, Plaka, Monastiraki and Cape Sounion.

Suggested beaches: Vouliagmeni and Varkiza.

THESSALONIKI
A city facing the sea
From Athens we continue north.
It is about 500 kilometres to Thessaloniki, a journey that can be done by car and allows you to discover the diversity of mainland Greece.

The second largest city in the country, Thessaloniki has a personality of its own. The Casa IPA in Thessaloniki will be our starting point to discover the city.

The White Tower, the seafront promenade, Aristotle Square, the Church of St. Demetrius, the Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda are some of the must-see stops.



At the end of the day, the Ladadika district offers the perfect setting to sample the local cuisine in one of its traditional taverns.

Suggested beaches: Afitos, Kallithea and Sani.



NYMFEON
The Greece that few know

From Thessaloniki we head west, towards the Florina region.
The landscape begins to change.

The blue of the sea gives way to the green of the mountains and we enter a lesser-known Greece, quieter and deeply connected to nature.

We arrive at Nymfeon, a mountain village situated at an altitude of about 1,350 meters.

Here we find a traditional architecture marked by stone houses, cobbled streets and an atmosphere of tranquility that completely contrasts with the rhythm of Athens and Thessaloniki.

It is precisely this diversity that makes this trip so interesting.

The IPA House in Nymfeon allows you to stay two nights in the region and get to know a different side of Greece.



CRETA
The blue that ends the trip

The time has come to change the scenario again.

From Nymfeon we return to Thessaloniki, where we deliver the car and fly to Chania, in Crete. From here, the car is once again our travel companion.

The last IPA House on the route is located in Sternes, in the Chania region.
And the change is immediate.
The green of the mountains gives way to the deep blue of the Mediterranean.

FOUR CASAS IPA.
A SINGLE TRIP.

The great richness of this route is not only in the places visited, it is also in the possibility of crossing Greece with four IPA Houses as support points.

Atenas.
Thessaloniki.
Nymfeon.
Sternes.

Four locations. Four landscapes. Four experiences.
And the same network of friendship.

Casa IPA thus becomes not only a place to sleep, but a meeting point.
A place where a trip can start with a greeting and end with a friendship.

TRAVELING IS SERVING THROUGH FRIENDSHIP
There are places we visited once.
There are others to which we want to return.
And there are trips that leave something more important than photographs.
They leave people.
That's the true meaning of an IPA trip.

To get to know Greece through its IPA Houses is to discover an extraordinary country, but also to strengthen the ties that unite members from different countries.

From the Acropolis to the mountains of Nymfeon, from the streets of Thessaloniki to the beaches of Crete, this is a journey made of contrasts.

History and modernity. Mountain and sea. Tradition and contemporaneity. Discovery and friendship.

Because, for those who travel with IPA, the destination is important, but the people we meet along the way are what truly transforms a trip into a memory for life.

SERVO PER AMIKECO
Serving through friendship
Paula Borralho
Vice-President of the Portuguese Section , Travel Project Leader



Fërgesë is a traditional savory, sometimes slightly spicy cheese sauce made with gëzë, the Albanian ricotta cheese. This dish is a staple in Albanian households, especially in Tirana. It is prepared with roasted peppers, tomatoes, and salted gëzë, with regional variations adding different ingredients based on local ingredients.



Fërgesë is sometimes also prepared with meat in a version known as fërgesë me melçi , which includes liver or other organ meats to create a more protein-rich version of this classic dish. Usually served in clay pots straight from the oven, order this delicious dish on your next visit to Tirana to experience authentic Albanian cuisine!

Ingredients for 4-5 people
Pepper 8-10 medium pieces
Tomato 4-5 medium sized
Fat for frying
2 cups of coffee
Flour 1 tablespoon
Egg 2 grains
Garlic 4-5 cloves
Cottage cheese 4-5 tablespoons
Chili pepper as desired



Preparation

Peppers are cleaned of stems and seeds, washed and fried. In the remaining fat, add peeled and finely chopped tomatoes, sauté until the mixture thickens, remove from heat, add eggs, chili pepper, finely chopped parsley, cottage cheese or cheese. Place the mixture on a plate and place the fried peppers on top.

You can find all PolicemenU Recipes on the International Website

https://tinyurl.com/ipamenus

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

ROADPOL Shaping Autumn 2026 with Major Road Safety Events

An exceptionally active period for ROADPOL, the European Roads Policing Network is looming in the upcoming autumn with major road safety initiatives, professional training events, a road safety conference and a significant anniversary celebration.





Campaign

A key highlight will be the annual ROADPOL Safety Days (RSD) campaign, traditionally
taking place from 16 to 22 September 2026. ROADPOL has designated 17 September as the target day for achieving zero road fatalities across Europe. As the organisation's flagship Vision Zero initiative, Safety Days aims to demonstrate that deaths on the roads are preventable and to encourage all road users to adopt safer behaviour under the slogan #zeromeanslife.

This year's campaign will focus on pedestrian safety, recognising pedestrians as one of the most vulnerable groups on Europe's roads. ROADPOL hopes to unite governments, public institutions, businesses, educational organisations, NGOs, and citizens in raising awareness and promoting safer roads for everyone.

Master Class

ROADPOL will also continue its important educational mission through the Master Class on Smart Tachograph Fraud Prevention in October in Belgium. Held under the EU cofinanced STRIDER III Project, the advanced training brings together police and road inspection enforcement officers from across Europe to improve their ability to detect increasingly sophisticated manipulation of smart tachographs.

Combining lectures, demonstrations and practical exercises, the course strengthens cross-border enforcement cooperation while supporting fair competition and road safety in the transport sector.



Seminar

In October, the Spanish Civil Guard (Guardia Civil) will host the ROADPOL Seminar at its Traffic Police Academy in Mérida. This year's seminar will focus on "Technologies for Road Safety." As in previous editions, the seminar is designed as a collaborative event, built by and for the ROADPOL community. Its programme will consist primarily of presentations delivered by participating member countries, allowing police forces to share practical experience, innovative approaches and best practices in the use of technology to improve road safety and enforcement. Each participating police force will initially be offered two speaking opportunities, with final allocation depending on the number of registered countries and venue capacity.

Where programme capacity allows, leading industry companies will also be invited to present their latest products and technological solutions, creating opportunities for bilateral cooperation and providing participants with an overview of current innovations relevant to road policing and road safety.

Anniversary

And in between another major event on the ROADPOL calendar will be the celebration of the organisation's 30th anniversary on 8 October 2026 in 's-Hertogenbosch (Den Bosch), the Netherlands, hosted by the Dutch Police. Alongside reflections on the network's three decades of achievements and development, the occasion will feature a high-level road safety conference with speakers from law enforcement, academia and partner organisations from across Europe. Discussions will cover the latest developments in road safety, enforcement innovations, emerging technologies and future challenges, while providing an excellent platform for professional networking and the exchange of expertise among Europe's leading road policing professionals.

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ROADPOL General Secretary commented: "The coming months will be very busy for ROADPOL and will present valuable opportunities to strengthen cooperation, share expertise and advance our common goal of safer roads across Europe. From ROADPOL Safety Days and specialist training to our annual seminar and the conference, each event demonstrates the commitment of our members and partners to saving lives and improving road safety. I look forward to working together with colleagues from across Europe during this period."

International Relations Commission & ROADPOL

IPA MARKETING

The IPA Website – Connecting Our International Association

Last November, the International Police Association launched its brand-new website, introducing a fresh design, new branding colours and a more modern, recognisable identity for the IPA. Since its launch, this new visual identity has continued across our promotional materials, social media and communications, helping to create a stronger and more consistent international IPA brand.



But the website has not stood still. Since its launch, it has continued to evolve, with new features, information and resources being added to make it an increasingly valuable platform for our members, Sections and Regions.

Members can now discover upcoming international events, find information about seminars taking place at the education centre Gimborn, and explore IPA Houses around the world. The IPA Houses section provides members with an easy way to discover accommodation and hosting opportunities when travelling, while helping to showcase one of the unique benefits of being part of our international association.

Another important development is our electronic travel form. Members can submit their travel enquiry online, allowing the request to be passed their IPA Section to liase with the IPA Section at their destination. This provides an easier way for members to seek assistance with their visit, make contact with local IPA friends and, where possible, arrange meetings or support during their travels.

For Sections and Regions, we have also introduced a dedicated Sections Area of the website. Accessible via password, this provides a central online resource containing ready-to-use templates, important IPA documents, procedures and other materials to support Sections in their day-to-day work. The National Sections area also provides access to Section information and contact details where these have been provided, replacing the previous manual information guide with a resource that can be kept more accessible and up to date.

Visit Our Website

IPA Marketing

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The website also provides a window into the work taking place across our international IPA network. Members can learn more about the priorities and projects being developed by our Commissions and international project teams, discover opportunities to get involved and keep up to date with the latest initiatives taking place across the Association.

From international meetings and friendship events to competitions, seminars, cultural activities and member projects, the website provides a central place to showcase what is happening across the IPA. It also gives Sections an opportunity to share their activities and promote events to the wider international membership.

Importantly, the website is designed to continue developing. We are continually reviewing how information is presented, what members and Sections need and how we can make the website easier to navigate and more useful. New events, features, accommodation, resources and information are being added regularly, ensuring that the website remains a living and evolving platform rather than simply a place to find static information.

The new website has therefore become much more than a digital home for the IPA. It is increasingly a hub for communication, connection, information and international cooperation — helping members discover what is happening across our Association, connect with IPA friends around the world and make the most of the opportunities that membership provides.

As the IPA continues to grow and develop, so too will our digital presence, ensuring that our website reflects the modern, international and connected Association we are building for the future.

Hana Bower
Office Manager IAC & Member of International Marketing Team

Are you working for your section?
Do you need access to the Sections Area? Contact your national secretary general today for the password

Visit Our Website



69th IPA World Congress 2026 Colombo, Sri Lanka

The largest and most prestigious event in the IPA calendar takes place this month, from 20–25 October 2026, as representatives from across the world come together for the 69th IPA World Congress in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Hosted by IPA Sri Lanka, the World Congress provides an important opportunity for representatives from our Sections to meet in friendship, strengthen international connections and discuss the future direction of our Association.

Alongside the opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues from around the world, the Congress will feature a number of important discussions and decisions concerning the work and development of the IPA.

It is also an opportunity to look ahead, with representatives able to share new ideas, initiatives and proposals that could help shape the future of the Association and create new opportunities for IPA members worldwide.

Among the key discussions and decisions will be:

- **Activities and achievements –** reviewing the work and activities of the Association over the past year.
- **Financial position –** considering the current financial position of the IPA.
- **Motions –** discussing motions submitted by both the International Executive Board (IEB) and National Sections.
- **Future events –** considering hosts for major upcoming IPA events, including YPOS, SYMC and future World Congresses.
- **The IPA's non-political status –** discussions concerning the Association's position as a non-political organisation.
- **Statutes and governance –** considering proposed changes to the International Statutes and the development of roles and responsibilities within the Association.
- **Membership and affiliation –** considering the full affiliation of IPA Colombia and the provisional affiliation of IPA Seychelles as the Association continues to grow internationally.

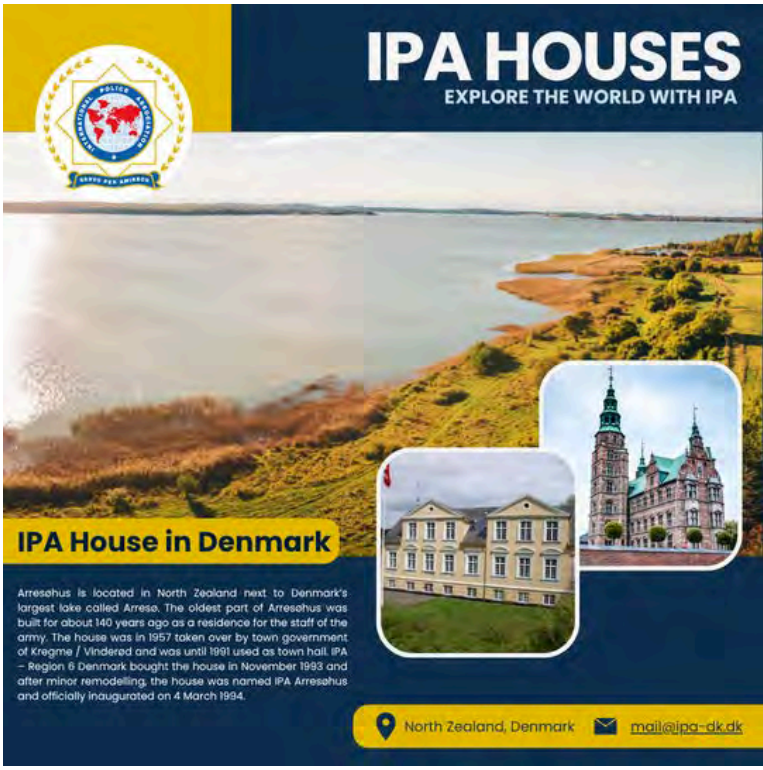
The World Congress is at the heart of the IPA's international governance and provides Sections with a valuable opportunity to contribute to the decisions that shape our future.

We look forward to welcoming friends and representatives from around the world to Colombo and to sharing the key outcomes, decisions and highlights from the Congress in forthcoming editions of IPA Connect.

IPA House Arresøhus

Denmark

Location:
Arresøhus is located in North Zealand next to Denmark's largest lake called Arresø. The oldest part of Arresøhus was built for about 140 years ago as a residence for the staff of the army. The house was in 1957 taken over by town government of Kregme / Vinderød and was until 1991 used as town hall. IPA – Region 6 Denmark bought the house in November 1993 and after minor remodelling, the house was named IPA Arresøhus and officially inaugurated on 4 March 1994.



Location: Frederiksværk, North Zealand

House Mnager: Aage Poulsen

Bookings: Aage Poulsen

International Code: DKAR

Accomodation: House

Sleeps: 50

Rooms: 14

Accommodation:
IPA Arresøhus is 258 square meters in 3 levels. On the ground floor there are 2 double bedrooms and 3 bedrooms for 4 people and 1 toilet. On the first floor there are 3 singles, 3 doubles and 2. 4-bed rooms, two toilets and one bathroom. In total 14 rooms with 35 beds and also 15 guest beds, so a grand total of 50 beds. On the ground floor there is a large living room with sofas, TV, video and DVD player and a laptop. There is a projector with a large screen, and for educational purposes a whiteboard. Wireless Internet access is available anywhere in the house. In the basement there is a dining room and cutlery for 50 people. There are good kitchen facilities with 2 ceramic stoves with ovens, 2 fridge / freezers and coffee makers and an industrial dishwasher. In the dining room there is a cosy bar with draft beer. Furthermore, in the basement there are separate bath and toilet facilities for both ladies and gentlemen.

For More Information on this house or other IPA Houses please visit The International Website:

https://ipa-international.org/ipa-houses/

Bosnia & Herzegovina

IPA meetings in Sarajevo – sport that connects colleagues and friends



The IPA Section Bosnia and Herzegovina – Club Sarajevo hosted another international gathering of members of the International Police Association. The Friendship Sports Games – Sarajevo 2026 were held from 13 to 16 August, bringing together 250 colleagues and friends from 8 countries in the region and beyond.

During the same period, the traditional Sarajevo Film Festival was held, which the guests of the IPA Club Sarajevo were able to visit and enjoy the atmosphere that adorns the city during those days.

Around 200 competitors competed in five sports disciplines – mini football 4+1, table tennis, bowling, 9 mm pistol shooting at 20 meters and a 5 km race. The sports part of the meeting brought a lot of excitement, fair play and good results, but, as befits IPA meetings, the result was secondary to socializing and making new friends.

A special part of the program was reserved for joint activities outside the sports fields. Participants had the opportunity to enjoy rafting, which was taken advantage of by 130 participants, with a shared meal and socializing, while for those who wanted something different, a trip to Tito's bunker or the pyramid was organised.

Sarajevo was thus once again a meeting place for police officers and IPA friends of different generations and backgrounds. Conversations, shared moments, sports competitions and evening gatherings were an opportunity to exchange experiences, strengthen existing ones and make new friends.



Bosnia & Herzegovina cont

This is precisely the greatest value of such meetings – that colleagues connected by the police profession get to know each other outside of official duties, through sports, socialising and joint activities. IPA Sarajevo and the hosts showed that sports games can be much more than competitions – they are a space for connecting people, strengthening international cooperation and the friendship that is at the heart of IPA's activities.

The participants of the Sarajevo meetings took home medals, awards and sports memories, but above all new acquaintances and friendships. Because, when it comes to IPA, the most important victory is not the one at the scoreboard – but the friendship that lasts even after the game is over.

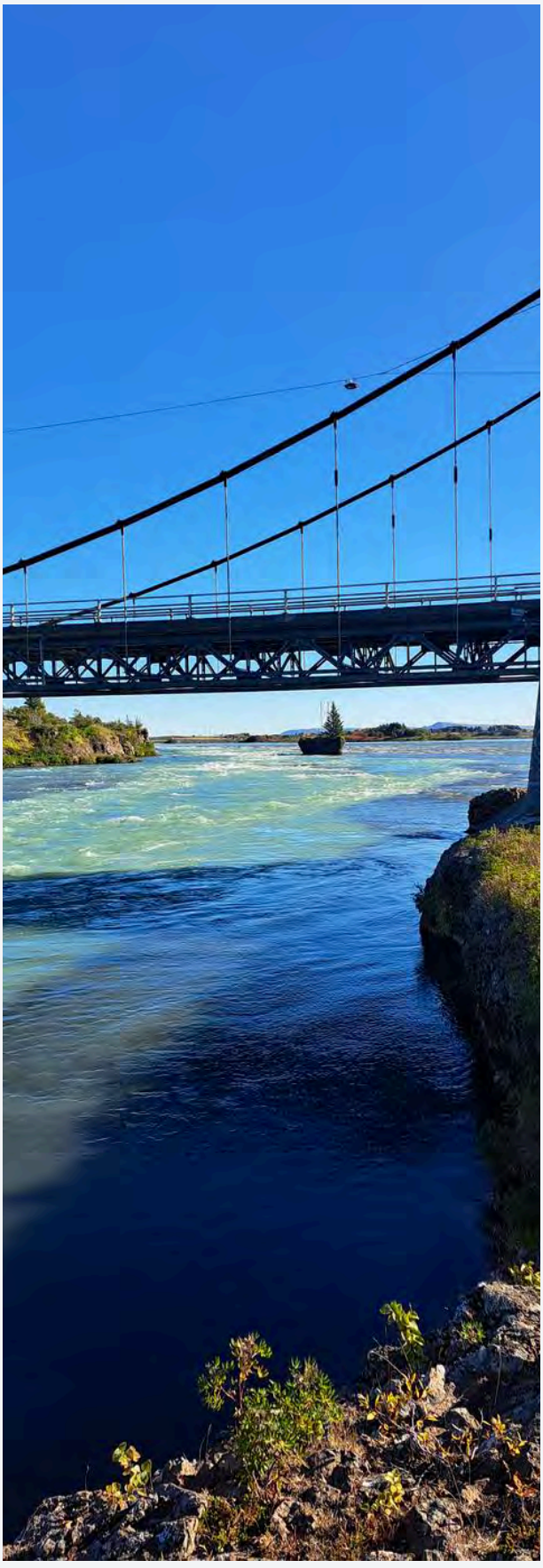
President of the IPA Club Sarajevo
Muamer Klino

IPA meetings in Sarajevo – sport that connects colleagues and friends





Iceland



Tactical breaching
Selfoss, Sept 8. – 9th, 2026

Section Iceland continued its cooperation with various agencies, police departments and police associations here in Iceland and offered training days in tactical breaching Sept 8th and 9th in the town of Selfoss in southern Iceland.

Using our extensive network we linked up again with Mr. Shane Foster at Guild Solutions Group that specialises in CQB and tactical breaching training. Shane has been to Iceland before but this time Jason Long came with him and together they brought a lot of experience and expertise in tactical breaching.

The training consisted of half day lecture and then hands on training after the lunch break. Weather always plays a key role in Iceland and what a gorgeous day we had Sept 8th. We will not discuss the weather on Sept 9th.

This was a multi agency cooperation. The fire department of Selfoss provided a venue, training door, two cars to work with and some tools. The Reykjavik fire department brought their training door and tools as well. Selfoss and Reykjavik police provided tools as well to make this a successful two days.



Iceland Cont

Tactical breaching
Selfoss, Sept 8. – 9th, 2026.



Early last year we started talks with the police association in Selfoss and asked for cooperation (mostly funding) in creating a couple of training days in their area using our network in finding the qualified personnel. With good planning we were able to make this happen and our first responders benefitted from these two days.

We are so very grateful for all the help and equipment provided by the cooperating agencies. Selfoss PD´s hospitality was outstanding with solutions to every challenge.

This kind of colaberation between Section Iceland and local police associations is in its 9th year and has lifted the IPA name in Iceland and attracted new members every time we host a training event.

This strategy is simple, effective and doesnt need long, costly and meaningless meetings, just action!

Yours in friendship

Baldur Olafsson
President
Section Iceland



Ireland

#SHEISIPA Hiking Weekend July 17th to 19th July 2026

Flashback to October 2025 a number of IPA Women gathered around a table in the tumbar having a couple of social drinks. It was the last evening of a very successful #SHEISIPA leadership seminar, talk turned to staying in touch and possibly visiting each other's countries. Invitations and contact details were exchanged and the idea of a hiking weekend in Ireland floated to the top. So often such good plans can stay behind in the bar or dissipate over time and or distance, but this group were so enthusiastic about heading to Ireland that actual plans soon took shape. Whatsapp groups were of course set up and numerous messages and memes were exchanged.

On arriving home I realised that I may have bitten off more than I could chew inviting an international contingent to Ireland so I reached out to my ever reliable IPA region 13 fellow committee members Dave Robinson, Kevin Fitzpatrick and Avril Foley.





Region 13 were proud to provide their mini bus and even commissioned a beautiful hiking mug to commemorate the weekend.

Marie Daly and Karen Duckworth of the #SHEISIPA committee helped to turn the weekend from an informal get together to an official #SHEISIPA event. James Codd and IPA Ireland provided much admired memorabilia and refreshments for all of the attendees 12 in all with #SHEISIPA members from Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Northern Ireland, England, Sweden and Norway.

Friday saw us visiting Bray, a beautiful seaside town in the North of Wicklow where we stopped for a quick dip in the sea, a trip on a Ferris Wheel and Lunch. Friday evening saw the whole group arrive and have dinner together followed by, of course by a few drinks but not too many as the thoughts of the following early morning hike saw most heading to bed early.

Ireland Cont

#SHEISIPA Hiking Weekend July 17th to 19th July 2026

Saturday morning we were extremely lucky to wake up to a clear sunny day and off we headed on our mini bus to the stunning Glendalough located in the heart of Wicklow. On arrival we were met by Anne Marie Larkin, Lorraine Wheatley and approximately 15 women for IPA Ireland hiking. We started out on the 10 kilometres loop walk of the Spinc Route and never was the ethos of Servo per amikeco better on display than here with water, hats, sunscreen, snacks, walking sticks and words of encouragement being passed around, the feeling of support and solidarity among this group of IPA women was tangible. At the end of the hike which everyone completed (despite some serious reservations) all of the #SHEISIPA participants were presented with impressive IPA hiking challenge coins. Next stop, Wicklow Wolf brewery located in Newtownmountkennedy were the participants were treated to a tour of the brewery with plenty of samples provided as well as a etched pint glass to remember their visit. Then back to the hotel for a sit down meal with beautiful presentations from #SHEISIPA committee to the Section 13 Wicklow Committee and IPA Ireland.

Sunday Morning saw a presentation to the little Blue Heros charity of a cheque from Money raised by the #SHEISIPA participants in April 2026. Then a trip to Wicklow town where the participants were brought on a whistle stop tour of Wicklow Garda station. After the tour we all took part in a Yoga and wellness session hosted by IPA member Laoise Traynor. It was the most energetic and much loved yoga class most of us had ever attended. After heating up in yoga it was time to cool down so a walk across the road brought us to Wicklow Harbour for a dip in the sea and a jump of the Harbour wall into the sea for the more adventurous.



Our last dinner together in the Bridge bar in Wicklow and talk turned to the location for the next #SHEISIPA adventure.....

Suzanne Ford
IPA Ireland





Japan

Participating in the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) 2026



From August 2 to 9, 2026, I had the privilege of participating in the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS), held at the LAFP NRW (North Rhine-Westphalia State Police Training Center) in Germany.
The theme of the seminar was “Future Meets Training – Digitalization in Police Operational Training.” A total of 52 police officers from 32 countries took part. Throughout the week, we explored different approaches to police work and training, experienced new technologies, and exchanged ideas.

One of the first activities was a group discussion on the future of IPA. We were asked to consider what we would do if we were in a position to lead IPA. It was an opportunity to exchange ideas with young police officers from different countries and consider international police cooperation from a wider perspective.

We then visited the police headquarters in Bochum and toured a riot police unit. Having served in a riot police unit myself, I was particularly interested in comparing their operations with those in Japan. I found many similarities, as well as some interesting differences. In particular, seeing mounted police manage demonstrations was a memorable experience, as this is not part of riot police operations in Japan.

At the Innovation Lab in Duisburg, we were introduced to an AI-powered translation system that translates spoken language and displays the results in real time. I was impressed by its potential to overcome language barriers and speed up communication. I also felt that AI could complement our own communication skills. By talking directly with each other and using AI when needed, we could communicate more smoothly and effectively, especially in international police operations.

Japan Cont

In St. Augustin, we visited a Federal Police battalion and learned about their work in dealing with disasters and terrorist attacks. We also heard about incidents that had affected public security in Germany. Although the circumstances in Germany and Japan are different, I found several similarities in the challenges faced by both countries.

The seminar also included practical training. A company specialising in police equipment and techniques provided instruction in arrest techniques, giving us an opportunity to learn and practice different approaches.



We also experienced virtual-reality shooting training provided by a company specialising in police technology and equipment. The system creates a realistic training environment without the need for a conventional shooting range. I was impressed by its potential and could see how digitalization may change police training in the future. Looking back, I gained a great deal from the experience. Comparing police work and training in different countries broadened my perspective and gave me new ideas for my own work. I also built friendships with police officers from around the world.

Participating in the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) 2026

We spent many hours together, sharing meals, talking about our work and everyday lives, and exchanging patches and coins. These informal moments were an important part of the seminar and helped us get to know each other better.

Although YPOS 2026 has ended, we remain in contact. Some of my new friends are already planning to visit Japan, and I look forward to welcoming them and continuing the friendships we began in Germany.
I would highly recommend the Young Police Officers' Seminar to young police officers around the world. If you have the opportunity to participate, I encourage you to take on the challenge and experience it for yourself. You will return home with valuable knowledge, fresh perspectives, and friendships that will continue long after the seminar ends.

I am truly grateful to IPA for giving me this unforgettable opportunity and to IPA Germany for organising such a meaningful and memorable seminar.

Shuto Sato
IPA Japan Tokyo Branch



Kazakhstan

International President Visits IPA Kazakhstan

On July 31, 2026, Mr. Martin Hoffmann, the International President of IPA, alongside his wife Angela and Mr. Kurt Walker, the 2. Vice-President of the IPA Regional Group of Salzburg and the Salzburg Regional Group Chairman, with his wife Barbara arrived in Almaty with a working visit. During the visit, Kurt Walker, the members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kazakhstan IPA Section, and the Regional Branch Directors took part in a conference, held under the presidency of Martin Hoffmann in the city of Almaty.

In the course of the conference, Martin Hoffmann reviewed the Association's performance, outlined the organisation's further objectives, and presented new developing projects of the IEB IPA. The president provided the participants with detailed and comprehensive answers to their questions. Following the results of the conference, Galym Beristemov, President of the Kazakhstan IPA Section, presented a «35 Years of the Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan» jubilee medal to Martin Hoffmann and Kurt Walker.





Kazakhstan Cont

Since the purpose of Martin Hoffmann's visit was an official meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the delegation departed for the capital of Kazakhstan, the city of Astana, where the meeting was to take place. The delegation was met upon arrival by Marat Nurgaliev, the chairman of the Section's Council of Elders. He kindly invited the delegation to the Kazakhstan Section Office, and then it was escorted to the International Affairs Department of the Republic of Kazakhstan, where the meeting with the representatives of the Kazakhstan IPA Section was held. In the end of the meeting, General Umurzak Bolsambekov and Marat Nurgaliev presented Martin Hoffmann and Kurt Walker «For Brotherhood in Police Service» medals.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs was represented by Colonel Olzhas Myrzabekov, Head of the Human Resources Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Colonel Zhanat Dilbarkhanova, Head of the Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Major General Umurzak Bolsambekov, the Chairman of the Council of Veterans of the
Ministry and the National Guard of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

International President Visits IPA Kazakhstan

The official meeting was conducted in a friendly atmosphere. Martin Hoffmann briefed the participants on new areas of practical experience exchange among police officers, upcoming seminars, and initiatives aimed at improving the practical skills of young police officers within the IPA. During the second part of the meeting, representatives of the host side demonstrated the training grounds and classrooms used for the practical training of students.

During his stay, Martin Hoffmann made a proposal for the Kazakhstan IPA-House in mountainous touristic areas. He also noted that his visit was aimed at promoting international police cooperation, professional exchange, and attracting active police officers to join the IPA. As a closing to the visit, Martin Hoffmann presented the medals to the representatives of the Ministry of International Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the representatives of IPA Kazakhstan in recognition of their contribution to the work of the IPA. We were pleased to participate in the informative meetings, conducted with the help of our guests.

Servo per Amikeco
G. Beristemov
President of the Kazakhstan Section





Kazakhstan

Supporting the Next Generation of Police Officers

Police veterans and the members of the Kazakhstan National IPA Section are actively involved in the process of preparing Kazakhstani youth for serving in the police force.

In July, Bogenbai Moldash, head of the Regional Group of the Kazakhstan IPA Section of Kyzylorda Region and the master of sports in hand-to-hand fighting, has been invited to join the committee evaluating applicants' physical fitness for admission to higher education institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. In his closing speech, he pointed out the participants' high level of physical fitness wishing them success in their studies.

G. Beristemov
President of the Kazakhstan Section







New Zealand

Japan to Canada!

I joined the IPA ahead a holiday for myself and partner, Bruce for my daughter's wedding in Japan then onto Canada. We never realised the experience and opportunities of joining IPA until this trip in May.

After first communicating on WhatsApp with a Japanese contact , we were met in Mt Fuji by Shintaro Mizuno,a traffic officer from the Kanagawa prefecture, Japan's second largest city with a pop of 3.9 mil. Other members from the Kanagawa /Yokohama IPA also wanted to meet with us but dates & timing didn't allow.

Shintaro ,took us to Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen Shrine dating back to 110AD and beneath Mt Fuji 🌉 surrounded by 1000 yr old cedars before an hour to the next stop, a Nagi (eel) restaurant.
There's nothing to envy about Shintaro's shifts, working 24 hours then having the next day off(repeat!)

We were extremely grateful to Shintaro's generosity taking his only day off to drive 120ks to spend the day with us.

A week later we were treated again by another 5 officers(retired and working) from Kameyama in the Mie Prefecture. We were met at Sekicho, (A protected historical town dating back to 200 A.D.) and driven to a local Traffic Police Base to meet Highway Patrol officers, look at their incredibly tidy, clean vehicles and crash van.



Japanese do not use radar or lasers to detect speed only a "pace check"
Officers are mostly 2up and again 24 hr shifts sleeping for 3-4 hrs in early am. They were very surprised to hear a female officer would work alone at night in a rural area such as my HP roster.

Bruce and I were then treated to lunch (wouldn't allow us to pay) and gifts from their Mie IPA , a kimono, chocolate, t-shirts, pens later dropping us at Kameyama Train Station.

New Zealand cont

Japan to Canada!



Before leaving NZ , we collected some relinquished police caps, badges from shirts, police dog notebooks, pens , key-rings and little jars of New Zealand manuka honey (almost half of my check-in weight) to reciprocate the incredible generosity of the Japanese IPA members.

It's no secret to the Western world that Japanese culture is very respectful, courteous and hospitable but experiencing it is something entirely different. Bruce and I were blown away by their generosity and kindness, they made you feel so welcome and treated almost like royalty.

Although we had no planned meetups with Canadian police , they were equally friendly and welcoming when we accosted these beat cops on the streets of Vancouver to swap badges (retired but called back to service for $200.000pa)

Nyanne Pollard
IPA New Zealand





New Zealand

YPOS Germany

This year the IPA Young Police Officers Seminar (YPOS) was hosted by IPA Germany from the 2nd – 9th of August 2026. The seminar consisted of 52 serving police participants from 31 different nations.

I had the privilege of being selected as the New Zealand IPA section representative to attend the seminar this year, staying at the LAFP Selm (Landesamt für Ausbildung, Fortbildungund Personalangelegenheiten der Polizei NRW) which is the main headquarters and training centre for the police force of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.
This year's theme was "Future Meets Training – Digitalisation in Police Operational Training" and was a training course that included high-level presentations, realistic training sessions, interactive workshops and discussion formats.

The first full day began with an official opening and welcome to the programme. We received an overview of the State Police of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), followed by a presentation and tour of the LAFP. The afternoon focused on the structure and work of the IPA, including its commissions and sections. The day concluded with a BBQ at the IPA House, providing an opportunity for further networking and international fellowship. We had the chance to exchange patches, pins and food items from our respective home countries.

Tuesday focused on operational policing and the challenges associated with public order and riot policing. We travelled to the Police Headquarters in Bochum, where we received a presentation and tour of the mounted police unit, followed by a further presentation and demonstration involving the riot police unit. The highlight for me was the demonstration of their water cannon truck which is used in riot situations. It iscapable of holding 10,000 litres of water with three mounted water cannons and able to shoot water at a pressure of 2,000 kPa. They allowed a few volunteers from the course to be sprayed which was a good cooldown on a 35-degree day.

The programme moved into the areas of policing innovation and international cooperation. At the LZPD NRW in Duisburg, we explored the digital strategy and future direction of policing in North Rhine-Westphalia. We then travelled to Düsseldorf before taking part in a guided tour of Düsseldorf's historic Altstadt. The day concluded with dinner at a local Brauhaus, giving us the chance to experience some traditional German culture and hospitality.



New Zealand Cont

YPOS Germany

Thursday provided an insight into specialist policing capabilities, beginning with a visit to the Federal Police in Sankt Augustin. We received presentations and demonstrations of specialist units and their operational capabilities, such as their air unit and tactical groups. It was eye-opening to compare the capability we have here in New Zealand. We had a display of one of their helicopters in action, and had the chance to speak to the pilots. They have over 90 helicopters in service, with the pilots being sworn police officers.

Friday was centred around modern policing technology and practical training. We experienced virtual reality technology as part of police training through AXON. This was a chance to train with the Taser 10 and a handgun using VR which was a new experience. We also took part in tactical handcuff training with the US-based company ASP. At the conclusion of the training, we became ASP certified handcuff instructors, all receiving a complimentary pair of handcuffs and a handcuff holder.

Saturday offered a change of pace, with us travelling to Münster for a cultural and sightseeing day. The group was welcomed by the Mayor of Münster before visiting the city's famous "Hall of Peace" and taking part in a guided city tour.



A key point that stood out to me was the saying by one of the speakers that crime has no borders. After speaking with the other participants, this statement could not be truer, in the sense that we all come from different cultures and backgrounds, however still face the same fundamental issues at home with policing.

After attending YPOS, I have made some great connections all over the world with fellow colleagues, and look forward to maintaining these connections moving forward. Following the seminar, I travelled to stay with one of the German participants and his partner at their home in Schwerin. This is an example of one of the many connections that was created during the seminar.

A special thank you to the IPA Germany section for being exceptional hosts and to the IPA Germany President Philipp Kurz for all of the hard work of putting this exceptional course together.

I am also very grateful to the IPA NZ section for the nomination to attend and the funding that was provided to make my attendance possible. I encourage anyone that is eligible to attend one of these events in the future to put their name forward as it was truly one of the best experiences I have had in my policing career. Sharing my experience with people at my local station has piqued the interest of many who were unaware of what the International Police Association is and the opportunities that are available.

Thank you,
Josh Watson
IPA New Zealand

Pakistan



One Journey, Many Friendships - IPA Friendship Beyond Borders

The International Police Association (IPA) is much more than an organisation of police officers. It is a worldwide family built on friendship, mutual respect, professional cooperation and cultural understanding. Its motto, "Servo per Amikeco — Service Through Friendship," reflects the true spirit of bringing police members from different countries together.

10th International IPA Friendship Meeting - Selm-Bork, Germany

The 10th International IPA Friendship Meeting, held in Selm-Bork, Germany, from 7–16 August 2026, was a memorable example of this spirit. The event was organised by IPA Bork e.V., in cooperation with the IPA Regional Group North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), with dedicated efforts from the organisers, including Mr. Konrad Bröker.
I had the honour of attending the meeting with my wife, representing the IPA Pakistan Section – Sindh Region-5. Meeting IPA friends from different countries provided an excellent opportunity to represent Pakistan, exchange experiences and learn about different cultures and policing practices.

FRIENDSHIP BEYOND THE MEETING HALL

The strength of the meeting was not limited to its formal programme. Friendships developed naturally through shared meals, journeys, conversations and cultural activities. Police members from different countries exchanged professional experiences, discussed investigations and policing practices, and shared ideas about common challenges.

The outdoor programme added another special dimension. Participants travelled together by bus to different destinations and enjoyed a seaside excursion and a cruise. Sharing food and spending time together on the boat created wonderful opportunities for international friendship. Even the rain became part of our memories. Participants continued enjoying the activities, taking photographs and sharing laughter. Visits to cafés and local places also provided relaxed opportunities to meet friends and experience the local environment.

NATIONAL PRIDE AND INTERNATIONAL UNITY

One of the most touching moments was the presentation of the national anthems of participating countries. Representatives stood respectfully whenever their country's anthem was played. When the Pakistani national anthem was played, I stood proudly with my wife holding the Pakistani flag.
This was a powerful demonstration of both national pride and international respect. Every country was honoured, while all participants remained united as one IPA family.

Pakistan Cont

Another memorable symbol was the International Friendship Chain, featuring locks bearing the names of participating countries. Representatives stood beside their respective country's lock, including Pakistan. It beautifully represented how different nations, cultures and languages can be connected through friendship.

A TREE FOR PAKISTAN — A LIVING SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Forest provided another lasting symbol of the meeting. A tree representing Pakistan became part of the forest alongside those of other participating countries.
Like a tree, friendship needs roots, care and time to grow. The Friendship Forest therefore represents relationships that can continue to flourish long after the meeting has ended.



GIFTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

The exchange of gifts and souvenirs was another memorable part of the gathering. Shirts, caps, pens, pins, badges, shields and other souvenirs were exchanged as tokens of friendship. Pakistan also received a friendship shield as a symbol of international goodwill.
Beyond these cultural exchanges, the meeting provided valuable opportunities for professional interaction.

ONE JOURNEY, MANY FRIENDSHIPS — IPA FRIENDSHIP BEYOND BORDERS

Members discussed policing, investigations and professional experiences, demonstrating how IPA can encourage learning and cooperation across borders.

FROM GERMANY TO A JOURNEY OF CULTURE AND FAITH

My journey continued after Germany. My wife and I travelled to Istanbul, Türkiye, where we spent two nights and visited Topkapı Palace and its renowned Sacred Relics collection.
We then travelled to Madinah, where we visited the Prophet's Mosque and offered our salutations during Rabi' al-Awwal.
From Madinah, we travelled to Makkah, performed Umrah and later returned via Jeddah to Karachi.

A MESSAGE TO IPA MEMBERS IN PAKISTAN

My experience has strengthened my belief that IPA members across Pakistan should make greater use of international opportunities. I encourage members from all regions to participate in International Friendship Meetings, Congresses, cultural programmes and professional events, and to form travel groups so that Pakistani IPA members can participate together and build stronger international relationships.
Every IPA international event is more than a journey. It is an opportunity to represent Pakistan, learn, create lifelong friendships and strengthen the global IPA family.

The 10th International IPA Friendship Meeting reminded me that although we may speak different languages and belong to different cultures, we share one powerful common language: friendship.

South Africa

International Police Association South African National Women's Day Celebration

Friday, 14 August 2026, Pretoria

The International Police Association South Africa (IPA SA) proudly celebrated women, friendship, empowerment and leadership at its National Women's Day Celebration, held on 14 August 2026 at the historic IPA Johann Rissik Guest House in Pretoria.

Organised in close partnership with the Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department (TMPD), the event honoured the courageous women of 1956 whose unity and determination helped pave the way for modern gender equality in South Africa. Under the theme "Empowering Women in Law Enforcement", the gathering provided a meaningful platform to celebrate the important role women play in leadership, decision-making, community safety, and transformation within the law-enforcement sector.

Opening and welcome were delivered by the Program Director and Master of Ceremonies (MC), Ms. Dineo Manzini (SAPS), which was followed by the National Anthem, performed by the solo artist,



Ms. Zintle Mbiyoza of the South African Police Service (SAPS), accompanied by the TMPD Band and Choir.



The opening address was delivered by the President of the International Police Association South African Section, Mr Hendrik Vos (Vossie) after which musical interludes and performances started this amazing day.



South Africa Cont

Mr Vos' powerful message was closed by his final words to all ladies present, by saying that they must stand tall, be proud of who you are, be proud of what you do, support the woman beside you, make a difference and never forget:

"You are stronger than the challenges you face! You are more influential than your rank suggests! And your legacy will live in the lives you touch!"

The celebration was further enriched by a series of inspiring messages delivered by the guest speakers from various fields, who shared powerful words of encouragement, motivation and hope with all women in attendance.



Each speaker highlighted the important and evolving role that women play in society - as leaders, as mothers, as caregivers, as professionals, mentors and agents of change.

Their messages encouraged women to recognise their own strength, embrace their unique abilities and never underestimate the positive impact they can have within their families, workplaces and communities.



Maj. Genl. Emily Mantsi- SAPS

The speakers also addressed the importance of self-belief, resilience and supporting one another. A particularly meaningful message focused on the importance of women uplifting other women by creating spaces of encouragement, friendship and mutual respect, women can help one another grow and become stronger together!

All guest speakers reminded the women that through empowerment, they can support and give opportunities for themselves, and other women, to flourish, transform and uplift communities and societies.

Keynote addresses were delivered by distinguished leaders, including the SAPS Major General Emily Mantsi and TMPD Chief of Police, Commissioner Yolande Faro, who encouraged women officers to stand firm in leadership, support one another and continue building an inclusive, representative law-enforcement environment.

The celebration highlighted the #SheisIPA initiative, which recognises and empowers women within the International Police Association and the broader law-enforcement community. The initiative celebrates women as officers, leaders, colleagues, mothers, spouses, mentors, protectors and friends.

South Africa Cont

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Jacques Loots, IPA SA Office Manager and Travel Secretary, for initiating and hosting this ground-breaking, first-of-its-kind South African National Women's Day event in support of the #SheisIPA project. The recognition also marked a historic moment, as he became the first male recipient to receive the certificate under the #HeForShe banner.



Mr. Jacques Loots – IPA South Africa

The day ended with a powerful message from IPA SA National Chairperson for Welfare and Wellness, Ms. Elbie Gore, in which she highlighted her gratitude, friendship and a shared commitment to continue recognising, supporting and empowering women, who serve their organisations, families and communities.



Supt. Pertunia Marageni- TMPD
Ms. Elbie Gore – IPA South Africa



Capt. Muriel Maluleke

Muriel Maluleke, member of the LOC, rendered the vote of thanks, after which everyone adjourned to a high tea spread, fit for the queens attending the day and a delightful networking opportunity between the respective agencies in attendance.

"It was an absolute privilege to bring this vision to life and honour the remarkable women in policing who serve our communities every day," said Jacques Loots, LOC Chairperson, IPA SA Office Manager and Travel Secretary.

He thanked the IPA South Africa NEC, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and everyone who contributed to making the celebration a resounding success.

The 2026 IPA South Africa National Women's Day Celebration demonstrated remarkable cooperation between agencies, with proud representation from South African Police Service, Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department, Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department, Ekhuruleni Metropolitan Police Department, Durban Metropolitan Police Service, and Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Police Department.

South Africa Cont

The central message echoed across all speakers, captured powerfully in the words of Major General Mantsi:

"But let us be clear: women do not need to prove that they belong in law enforcement. We belong because we are professionals, because we are capable, and because we have earned our place through service and sacrifice."

This special occasion will be remembered as a day of friendship, appreciation, empowerment, and unity.

It reminded all present that when women support women, and when organisations recognise and empower their members, stronger communities and lasting friendships are built.



IPA(SA) Head Office Personnel

The celebration concluded with a delightful high tea, offering every woman the chance to network, connect, and forge new bonds of friendship.

Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship.

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IPA National Women's Day Celebration
Local Organising Committee

Ukraine

The new leadership of the Ukrainian Section of the IPA has identified its priorities: supporting those who defend Ukraine, shaping a new generation of Section members, and expanding international cooperation.

On July 23, 2026, the XIV Reporting and Electoral National Congress of the Ukrainian Section of the International Police Association (IPA) was held in Kyiv. For the organisation, this was not simply another reporting forum. The Congress took place under martial law, against the backdrop of a difficult period in the life of the Ukrainian state, while at the same time it was intended to determine a new management structure for the Section and practical tasks for the coming years.

The delegates elected new leadership and identified priorities aimed at strengthening the Section, developing its membership, supporting its members, and further involving the Ukrainian Section in all areas of the international IPA movement.



The Congress was attended by Acting Head of the National Police of Ukraine Maksym Tsutskiridze, who conveyed greetings to the participants from Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Ivan Vygivskyi.

Ukrainian Section of the International Police Association Enters a New Stage of Development



In his address, the Minister described the Congress as an opportunity to "jointly outline the future of the organization," which brings law enforcement officers together around professionalism, mutual respect, and international partnership.

The message also emphasized the role of Ukrainian law enforcement officers in countering aggression and the importance of international solidarity for Ukraine. For the Ukrainian Section of the IPA, this is an important confirmation of the organisation's social and professional significance in wartime.

The most important personnel outcome of the Congress was the renewal of the leadership team.

Ivan Kutsyk, Head of the Patronage Service of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Police General of the First Rank, was elected the new President of the Ukrainian Section of the IPA.

Priority attention will be given to family members of those who were killed, wounded, or became disabled while performing service or combat duties. Supporting the children, parents, wives, and husbands of Section members must be an integral part of this work

Ukraine Cont

Therefore, for the Ukrainian Section, “Servo per Amikeco — Service Through Friendship” is not a declaration. It means, among other things, a readiness to remain alongside an IPA member and their family during the most difficult periods of life.

For this reason, the Ukrainian Section will continue developing social, humanitarian, and charitable projects aimed at supporting IPA members and their families, and will seek to involve international partners in such initiatives.
The second key area of activity for the new leadership will be expanding the Ukrainian Section of the IPA.

The development of membership will not be limited to police officers alone. The Ukrainian Section sees prospects for broader involvement of representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs system — in particular, the National Guard of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, as well as other structures and professionals who meet the IPA membership requirements.

Ukrainian Section of the International Police Association Enters a New Stage of Development

At the same time, the Section is interested in developing cooperation with representatives of other law enforcement agencies of the state in accordance with international rules and national legislation.

The task is to build a broad professional community united not only by a common profession, but also by the values of mutual respect, support, and friendship.

The more professionals join the Section, the more opportunities will open up for professional exchange, joint projects, training, international contacts, and mutual support.

This is precisely the approach of the IPA at the global level: developing an international network, exchanging knowledge and experience, professional development, and creating lasting ties among members of national sections.

The full-scale war has created a unique body of experience among Ukrainian law enforcement officers.



Ukraine Cont

This includes experience in performing official duties during missile and artillery attacks, evacuating civilians, working in de-occupied territories, documenting war crimes, searching for missing persons, responding to the consequences of large-scale destruction, and interacting with military personnel, rescuers, medical workers, and other services.

At the same time, Ukrainian law enforcement officers continue to perform their primary tasks of ensuring the safety of citizens, combating crime, investigating offenses, and protecting human rights.

This experience can be useful to our colleagues from other countries. The Ukrainian Section plans to expand professional exchange through conferences, training programs, international meetings, professional visits, and direct contacts among members of national sections.

Ukrainian Section of the International Police Association Enters a New Stage of Development

Ultimately, the Congress gave the Ukrainian Section of the IPA an opportunity to openly outline the existing problems and shortcomings in the organisation's work, as well as to adopt a corresponding resolution.

The new team now faces the practical task of turning the adopted decisions into systematic day-to-day work: strengthening regional branches, increasing transparency, more actively involving serving police officers, supporting those who defend the state, while at the same time preserving the international character and professional solidarity of the International Police Association.

It is by these results that it will be possible to assess not only the outcomes of the XIV Congress, but also the new stage of development of the Ukrainian Section of the IPA.

Ivan Kutsyk
President IPA Ukraine

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Ukraine

Service Through Friendship: The Ukrainian and American Sections of IPA Develop Cooperation

During his official trip to the United States, Yevhen Harkavtsev, a member of the National Executive Committee of the Ukrainian Section of the IPA and a combat veteran, held a working meeting with Joe Johnson, President of the American Section of the IPA.

The meeting provided an opportunity to communicate directly about the activities of the two national sections, exchange professional experience, and discuss prospects for further cooperation.

For the Ukrainian Section of the IPA, international cooperation is of particular importance. In the context of the full-scale war, Ukrainian law enforcement officers continue to perform their professional duties and are gaining unique practical experience of working in wartime conditions.

It is important not only to share this experience with colleagues abroad, but also to combine it with international practices, learn from the experience of law enforcement officers in other countries, and use it for the professional development of Ukrainian police officers.

It is through such direct contacts that opportunities are created for professional exchange, joint training, the implementation of international initiatives, and the development of new areas of cooperation.



The meeting between Yevhen Harkavtsev and Joe Johnson became another step toward strengthening cooperation between the Ukrainian and American Sections of the IPA. It is important that such contacts go beyond formal communication — they create a foundation for continuous dialogue, mutual support, and the exchange of experience.

The Ukrainian Section is open to cooperation with international colleagues, ready to share its own experience while also adopting the best professional practices of other countries.

After all, it is through interaction, professional exchange, and personal communication that the main principle of the International Police Association is realized — "Servo per Amikeco" — "Service Through Friendship."

Ivan Kutsyk,
President of the Ukrainian Section



💙 BLUE WALKS – PINK CAUSE 💗
Every step counts. Every voice matters.
This October, the Socio-Cultural Commission and the Professional Commission of IEB, through the IPA Sports Project and the #SHEisIPA Project, are joining forces to support BLUE WALKS – PINK CAUSE.
Our goal is to put a spotlight on physical activity, health and breast cancer awareness — and to encourage our IPA family around the world to take part.
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So, this October, let's move together, learn together and support one another.
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Join us. Be active. Raise awareness. Every step counts!
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IPA Sri Lanka 69th World Congress & Friendship Week 2026

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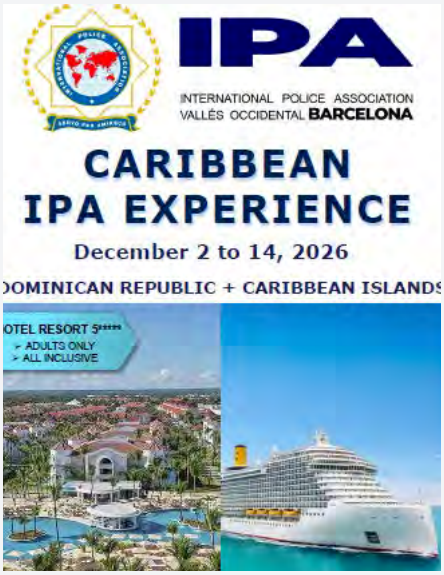
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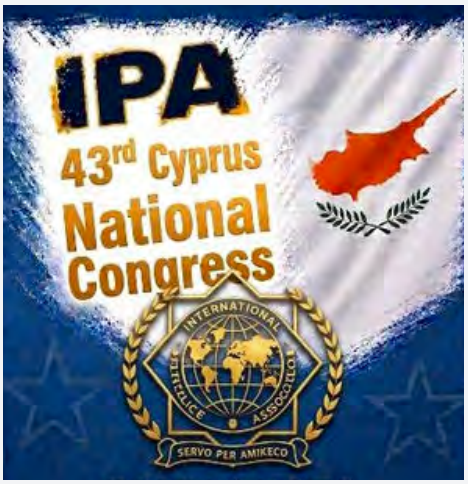
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