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## IPA Newsletter

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### ‘The power of ... a picture’



An imaginative entry from our 2014 IPA photo competition

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

International **POLICE** Association

I don't wish to create a controversy, but the question of membership in our association is often discussed. A pretty simple question: who should we accept or not as member of the IPA?

Many sections are already accepting people in a "category" that we could commonly call "Friends of IPA". They have no voting rights, cannot apply for any official position on a committee, but they are welcome to attend IPA events and to give support to the IPA in many ways. Some are even given a membership card, not the official international one, but an alternative version created by sections.

This situation has led some sections to request to see this category introduced officially in our IPA documents, stating as the main argument that these people are important for the association and are motivated to contribute to the development of the IPA.

Let me remind you what our official documents currently state:

## **INTERNATIONAL STATUTE**

### **Article 2 - Aims of the Association**

- 1. The IPA is an independent body made up of members of the police service belonging to National Sections, whether in employment or retired, and without distinction as to rank/position, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation.*

## **INTERNATIONAL RULES**

### **Article 2 - Membership**

- 1. There shall be the following categories and conditions of membership:*

#### *a) Ordinary Membership*

*Each Section shall determine for itself who is to be considered as belonging to the police service and who can be accepted as a member. Each Section may also restrict membership to police officers only. Conditions of membership, and any changes made to them, must be notified to the IEB.*

*Members of the police service, whether an IPA member or not, who transfer their residence to another country may be accepted as a member of that country provided they satisfy their conditions of membership. If they are already a member, they may choose to retain membership with their original Section. This shall also apply to members of a police service on secondment to another country.*

#### *b) Foreign Associate Membership*

*Members of the police service of a country where there is no IPA Section may be admitted to the membership of existing Sections as Foreign Associate Members. Such membership shall not be continued once a Section has been established.*

### *c) Extraordinary Membership*

*Sections are permitted to admit widows and widowers of members as Extraordinary Members. Extraordinary members will have the same rights and obligations as ordinary members. However, such membership shall not entitle them to hold any governing office.*

I am the first person to admit that the IPA needs changes, modernisation and more attractiveness in order to match the expectations of the younger generation. But at the same time, I also believe that we need to defend strongly the will of our founder, his ideals and his achievements, by defining the frame of the IPA and setting the fundamental principles.

It was not random that the word **POLICE** was part of the official name of the IPA, and still is. The aim and target since the very beginning has been to gather and unite members of the police from around the world. Our international documents gave a certain degree of freedom to sections as to 'who is to be considered as belonging to a police service and who can be accepted as a member'.

While we justifiably can be proud to state today that our membership has reached more than 400'000 members, let's not sit and rest. The potential to recruit new members within the police service is immense. Although it can be easier sometimes to involve friends and open our door to them, the real challenge - to keep our association growing in the true spirit of our motto and in the footsteps of our founder - is to enrol young members of the police. Only then will we ensure a bright future for the IPA.

Here is my dream: that each IPA member will recruit a colleague over the next 2 years. We would then double our membership and then .... roll snowball, roll ☺

Let's make it happen.

Servo per Amikeco

***Pierre-Martin Moulin, International President***

## **AROUND THE WORLD**

### **IPA Section Ireland Celebrates 60 years of IPA Membership With a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Friendship Week**

For the past year, Section Ireland has been preparing special events to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Section. While the actual Anniversary of Affiliation of the Section falls in September, in line with a number of other Sections, we decided to have an International Friendship Week as the main celebratory event and to hold it early in the year so that its concluding weekend coincided with our National Congress weekend, and what a great idea that was!

Vice President Pat Nunan, Chair of the National Social Commission, ably assisted by Social Commission members, Social Secretary Donal Sweeney, Assistant Social Secretary Seamus Treacy, Travel Secretary Declan O'Byrne and House Secretary Eamonn McCarthy had the responsibility of organising this special event. The members of the National Cultural Commission headed by Vice President Noel Geary, including Supplies Secretary Liam Niland, Hobbies Secretary Aidan Curtin and Editor Joe Lynch were also very much involved in the preparations, providing assistance as needed.



*Assistant Garda Commissioner Fintan Fanning with  
IPA President Denis Dunne and  
Friendship Week group at Garda Headquarters*

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April we welcomed 78 international guests to Dublin. A special reception committee which included many members from the Regions in the Dublin area and Noeleen and Breda from the IPA Office were on hand to welcome our visitors on their arrival. A reception function took place that evening in Bewleys Airport Hotel where all members of the National Executive Committee were on hand to extend that special welcome to our IPA friends from the many Sections in attendance. Seamus Treacy was the eloquent Master of Ceremonies for

this opening event. The Chairperson of this Dublin Region, Phyllis Nolan in welcoming everyone to the Region was followed at the podium by National IPA President Denis Dunne who gave a “Céad Míle Fáilte”, a “Hundred Thousand Welcomes” to our guests who had travelled from far and wide across the Globe.

The following morning, our Friendship Week began with a tour of Dublin city followed by a reception in the Officer's Club at Garda Headquarters [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) where a warm welcome was extended by Assistant Garda Commissioner Fintan Fanning after which everyone enjoyed the music of the Garda Band, as they made their way through the various displays put on by a number of the Garda special units. Following a hearty lunch in the restaurant at Garda Headquarters, it was time for a tour of the Guinness brewery, before heading west to the Sheraton Hotel near the banks of the river Shannon in Athlone town, which would be the 'base' for our visitors for the duration of this special event. Over the days that followed, our guests visited some of the many highlights that Ireland has to offer accompanied by IPA guides, including the City of the Tribes, Galway [www.galwaycity.galway-ireland.ie/tribes-of-galway.htm](http://www.galwaycity.galway-ireland.ie/tribes-of-galway.htm) where IPA Treasurer Mick Walsh welcomed the group, Bunratty Castle [www.shannonheritage.com/BunrattyCastleAndFolkPark](http://www.shannonheritage.com/BunrattyCastleAndFolkPark) and the Cliffs of Moher in Clare [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie) where Immediate Past President Billy Saunderson and Regional IPA member Mary Birmingham led the way, and the ancient monastic settlement of Clonmacnoise [www.heritageireland.ie/Clonmacnoise](http://www.heritageireland.ie/Clonmacnoise) along the river Shannon, where local IPA members Matt Harte and Jim Donlon assisted. IPA member Grainne O'Sullivan from Cork accompanied the group as guide on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Of course a visit to Ireland would not be complete without a visit to an Irish whiskey distillery and many other notable places, including the stately home of Belvedere House [www.belvedere-house.ie/Events](http://www.belvedere-house.ie/Events) where former Editor Brendon Colvert addressed the group, telling all about this fine place.

On Friday, Delegates representing their respective regions of IPA Ireland arrived at the Sheraton Hotel in Athlone for the IPA National Congress. We also welcomed many national and international guests to the National Congress including the International President Pierre-Martin Moulin (Switzerland), International Assistant Secretary General Stephen Crockard (United Kingdom) and his wife Dianne, International Treasurer Romain Miny (Luxemburg), International Auditor Demetris Demetriou (Cyprus), IPA President Section UK, Mick Luke with his wife Sara, Vice President Section UK, Mark Kernohan with his wife Mandy and Chairperson of Region No. 2, Section UK, Carole Spence with her husband Andy.

A very enjoyable Opening Ceremony for the Congress was attended by everyone on the Friday evening, where IPA President Denis Dunne was joined by the Mayor of Athlone, Frankie Keena in addressing the gathering. This added significantly to the already lively atmosphere that was so much a part of this week long event. The



*Friendship Week group with Garda Band*

weekend's atmosphere was further electrified because of this being an election year for the members seeking office on the National Executive Committee (NEC). The usual expectations that come with election fever were further heightened this year because of a decision taken at the last National Congress to reduce our NEC from 17 to 13, including in that number an Immediate Past President, when such a position is relevant. In effect, it meant that this year we would go from an Executive Committee of 17 members to one of 12 members following the elections which took place at the end of the Congress and in which we said farewell to seven members who had served on the National Executive Committee, some for a great many years and we wish them well for the future, trusting that they will continue to play a significant role in the management of their Regions and be very much part of their Regional activity.

The closing Banquet on Saturday night was a fabulous affair with an attendance of almost 350 people, including many guests from An Garda Síochána, including Assistant Garda Commissioner Fintan Fanning and local community leaders. This provided the perfect setting to say our farewells to our IPA visitors. We trust that the memories generated in that week of friendship and camaraderie will stand the test of time and will live with everyone who was in any way connected with our festivities. We say a sincere thank you to everyone who helped out and most especially to our guests who travelled to be with us as we celebrated 60 years of membership of the largest and the best police organisation in the world.

We would like to invite you to have a look at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the IPA Journal Ireland at [www.ipaireland.ie/journal.php](http://www.ipaireland.ie/journal.php).

**Joe Lynch, Editor IPA Ireland**

## IPA Poland takes part in police equipment trade fair in Warsaw



*IPA Poland information stand at the trade fair in Warsaw*

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Trade Fair of Technology and Equipment for Police and national security forces, named EUROPOLTECH, took place in April 2015, and IPA Poland played an active part in this event.

The trade show was a highly specialised event, aimed at professionals: police officers as well as civilian and military units of the national security. The event was visited by politicians and civil servants dealing with security issues. Participants of the 7th International Police Conference and

numerous foreign delegations also attended the fair. Over 170 exhibitors were present, amongst them Section IPA Poland.

The Polish Police Collectors Club, which has been under the auspices of IPA Poland since 2004, consists of over 110 members who support IPA events by attending exhibitions of police insignia or equipment. Collector Tomasz Balkiewicz and the Secretary General of IPA Poland, Arkadiusz Skrzypczak, informed visitors about our Association and distributed newsletters and booklets.

The trade fair was organised by the Polish National Police HQ in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence, under the honorary patronage of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mrs. Teresa Piotrowska.

***Arkadiusz Skrzypczak, Secretary General IPA Poland***

## IPA Latvia share their experience in preventing juvenile delinquency

The Latvian section of the International Police Association (IPA) is launching an international project for police officers: 'Non-formal education. Social inclusion. Youth crime prevention.' This activity is taking place from 2 March until 2 June 2015.

The main topics are non-formal education and social inclusion in the field of prevention of delinquency, as well as the benefits of outdoor and indoor activities (including sports) in work with youngsters from at-risk groups.

The President of IPA Latvia, Ilze Ungure emphasises: 'Young people can lose the ability to understand their life's direction if



*Seminar participants from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Norway*

they feel a lack of support from their family members or equals. In this situation it is easy for them to get confused in their surroundings, by different information sources, or by the various temptations that may occur. At worst, a youngster can get drawn into different addictions that can escalate in breaking the law. This is a growing problem in every country. When we encounter a situation where we find a youngster 'at a crossroads' with the possibility of a worse outcome, our main task is to help this person understand that the path he is about to choose will end in prison, that there is so much more he can do with his life, other ways to find some value in it. This is the aim of the project – to learn about and from existing methods to prevent juvenile delinquency, to find new ones, while also sharing different experiences.'

Police forces from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Norway took part in a seminar for the project in Valmiera from 13 – 18 April 2018.

The project 'Non-formal education. Social inclusion. Youth crime prevention', an Erasmus + programme, is funded by the European Commission and implemented with the support of the Latvian Section of the International Police Association (IPA), which is located in Valmiera. IPA Latvia's work is mainly focused on the young people, organising various camps focusing on police work and a healthy lifestyle, as well as enabling children and young people to focus on self-education through participating in various national and international events. The main objectives of the association are to develop cooperation in the professional, cultural and sports fields through the members of the Association in the whole world.

***Ilze Ungure, President IPA Latvia***

## Experience the famous 4 Days Marches with IPA Netherlands



The Dutch section of the International Police Association from district Nijmegen would like to bring the Four Days Marches of Nijmegen to your attention.

The Four Days Marches of Nijmegen, officially called "The International Four Days long distance Marches of Nijmegen" is an annual event, that starts on the third Tuesday of July. It is the largest walking event in the World, involving over 40.000

participants and welcoming over one million visitors during this week of festivities.

Participants of the marches can choose to take part in the 30, 40 or 50 kilometer (19, 24 or 30 miles) routes, all of which will take you through the rural surroundings of Nijmegen.

Nijmegen, a city with approximately 165,000 inhabitants, is located in the east of the Netherlands, 20 kilometers south of the city of Arnhem. Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, established in the Roman era over 2000 years ago.

Since 1928, the event has traditionally been opened with the flag parade, to which all participants of the marches are welcomed. Since 1951 it has been held in the stadium of the Nijmegen football club NEC.

Participants from all over the World, many of which are policemen and -women, have turned the marches into a global event. Last year we were able to welcome colleagues from the UK, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Denmark and Russia. The IPA district of Nijmegen has been hosting many of our colleagues throughout the years.

These colleagues are accommodated by IPA Nijmegen in the sports centre "de Kwel" (which translates as "the squalor", but please don't take this literally!) in the nearby town of Cuijk.

IPA colleagues and IPA Nijmegen traditionally end the four day marches with a barbecue and a so-called 'national achievement'. This means that a selection of food and drinks from the originating countries will be presented.



The entries for the 2015 four days marches opened in February. The marches itself will take place from 21 until 24 July. Further information about the marches, as well as application forms, can be found on the official site, [www.4daagse.nl](http://www.4daagse.nl)

If you are interested in participating and have gained a place, you can contact IPA Nijmegen with questions about accommodation. Please send an email to Adrie Daniëls, at [4daagse-nijmegen@ipa.nederland.nl](mailto:4daagse-nijmegen@ipa.nederland.nl) .

***Adrie Daniëls, IPA Netherlands***

## LAST WORD

I recently had the opportunity to accompany my son Ben to a sports charity workshop, organised by a local organisation, which has chosen to support 50 budding young athletes in their sporting ambitions. An informative and fun day with lots of training. The highlight for me was without doubt meeting a 2012 Olympic gold medallist, who took the time to share his experiences and advice with all of us. What impressed me most was his explanation about what helped him to achieve his goal of winning a medal at the Olympics. His strategy? 'Give it my best'.

Self-explanatory, you might think. Personally, I think there is more to it than that. To go into the most important competition of your life with such a seemingly simple strategy means to have an open mind-set, giving you the freedom to react in different ways to the challenges thrown at you while trying to achieve your dream.

What has all of this got to do with the IPA? Many of you give up a vast amount of your spare time for the IPA. Reading the articles in this Newsletter alone, I can only imagine how much effort it takes to arrange an entire friendship week, how much dedication to spend hours on a trade fair stand to publicise the IPA, how much passion to help young offenders improve their chances in life, and how much

willingness to show friendship when offering to find accommodation during an extremely busy event.

The goal in all of these activities is clear, but I am pretty sure that for the majority of IPA members involved in the organisation of all these events, an open mind with the willingness to change is required, especially when things do not go well and alternative solutions are needed quickly... 'To give it your best' seems to me a good strategy not only for top-level athletes, but also for volunteering in the IPA.

*Elke*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Date</b>                         | <b>Event</b>  |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Austria        | 8-10 May 2015                       | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Villach  |
| Croatia        | 9 May 2015                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1-day Tourn. of precise shooting, Stobreč                         |
| Croatia        | 9 May 2015                          | Championship in Sport Fishing, Mali Erjavec                                       |
| Greece         | 11-17 May 2015                      | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Week, Chalkidiki                          |
| Germany        | 14-17 May 2015                      | 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Berlin   |
| Portugal       | 19-23 May 2015                      | Copa del Mar Football Tourn., Loulé   |
| Poland         | 22-24 May 2015                      | International Windsurfing Regatta, Kalisz   |
| Spain          | 28-31 May 2015                      | IPA Motorcycle Tour, Pyrenees   |
| Poland         | 28-31 May 2015                      | XVI Int'l Football Tournament, Poznan   |
| Canada         | 28 May-6 Jun 2015                   | Friendship Week Niagara Falls   |
| Italy          | 3-7 Jun 2015                        | 16 <sup>th</sup> Troph. dell'Adriatico Footb. T., Giulianova                      |
| Bulgaria       | 4-7 Jun 2015                        | 17 <sup>th</sup> IPA-Conf. Mediterranean Region, Varna                            |
| Poland         | 11-13 Jun 2015                      | IV IPA Int'l Football Champ., Gdynia  |
| Germany        | 11-14 Jun 2015                      | 17 <sup>th</sup> IPA Flyin, Schwäbisch Hall                                       |
| Italy          | 11-14 Jun 2015                      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Motorcycle Rally, Dolomites                                       |
| Belgium        | 15-22 Jun 2015                      | 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Charleroi  |
| Spain          | 17-20 Jun 2015                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Football 7 tourn. for police, Lleida                              |
| Spain          | 20 Jun 2015                         | Police Collectors' Fair, Valencia   |
| Estonia        | 15-19 Jul 2015                      | Estonian Summer Days  |
| USA            | 15-25 Jul 2015                      | Region 57 See America Tour  |
| Poland         | 19-26 Jul 2015<br>26 Jul-2 Aug 2015 | Young Police Officers Seminar, Legionowo<br>Friendship Week for YPOS participants |
| Netherlands    | 21-24 Jul 2015                      | 4 day marches, Nijmegen   |
| France         | 27 Jul-2 Aug 2015                   | Friendship Meeting Rhône-Alpes  |
| Luxembourg     | 30-31 Jul 2015                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> European Golf Tourn. for police officers                          |
| Spain          | 1-15 Aug 2015                       | International Youth Gathering   |
| UK             | 8-15 Aug 2015                       | Friendship Week – A Taste of Scotland   |
| Germany        | 21-23 Aug 2015                      | 16 <sup>th</sup> International Biker Meeting, Speyer                              |
| Poland         | 23-31 Aug 2015                      | XV World Ind. Soccer Police Ass. T., Krakow                                       |
| Italy          | 17-20 Sep 2015                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riviera delle Palma Trophy, Grottammare                           |
| Austria        | 17-20 Sept 2015                     | Biker Meeting, Steiermark   |
| Austria        | 18-20 Sep 2015                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Leibnitz                               |
| Austria        | 20-27 Sep 2015                      | Hiking Week, Nassfeld   |
| Netherlands    | 12-16 Oct 2015                      | World Police Indoor Soccer Tourn., Marveld  |
| Cyprus         | 12-18 Oct 2015<br>18-25 Oct 2015    | XXI World Congress, Limassol<br>Friendship Week                                   |
| Greece         | 8 Nov 2015                          | Athens Classic Marathon   |
| Spain          | 28 Nov 2015                         | XV Int'l Trader Show, Barcelona   |
| Austria        | 4-6 Dec 2015                        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oberkärnten + Krampuskr.                             |
| USA            | 3-10 Apr 2016                       | Pacific & North-West California Tour  |
| USA            | 10-17 Apr 2016                      | Trains, Wineries & Treasures of California T.                                     |

## FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

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

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

[www.ibz-gimborn.de](http://www.ibz-gimborn.de)



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|----------------------|---|-----------|
| 08-12 Jun 2015       | Bezpieczenstwo bez granic? - Miedzynarodowa wspólpraca transgraniczna Policji w Europie - Przyklad Polska – Niemcy<br>Sicherheit ohne Grenzen? – Internationale, grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit der Polizeien in Europa – Bsp. Polen - Deutschland | G and Pol |
| 15-19 Jun 2015       | Terrorismus – politisch und religiös motivierte Gewalttaten in Europa   | G         |
| 22-26 Jun 2015       | Violenza Intorno alla Partita di calcio – Contro il teppismo (hooliganismo) e la Scorta della Polizia e di organizzazioni<br>Gewalt im Spiel – Gewalttätigkeit und Kriminalität im Umfeld von Fußballspielen  | G and I   |
| 12-18 Jul 2015       | ASP Instructor Course   | E         |
| 10-14 Aug 2015       | Police and Media<br>Polizei und Medien  | E and G   |
| 17-19 Aug 2015       | Erfolgreich Führen und Motivieren – best practice   | G         |
| 24-28 Aug 2015       | Cybercrime – Kriminalität in den elektron. Medien<br>Delitos informaticos – la criminalidad en los medios electrónicos  | G and S   |
| 31 Aug - 04 Sep 2015 | Cybercrime – Crime using digital media  | E         |
| 31 Aug - 04 Sep 2015 | Kinder und Jugendliche als Täter und Opfer  | G         |