

ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP 2015
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I am Mvuselelo "Vusi" Mcaba from West Coast region of IPA South Africa. I have been IPA member since 2007. I am employed as a Police Officer and stationed at Crime Intelligence Collection, Vredenburg Cluster, in the Western Cape Province.

During the course of 2014, I applied for Arthur Troop scholarship as I intended to attend one of the seminars at Gimborn in Germany. At first I was unsure whether to apply or not for fear of unknown since I never travelled outside the borders of my beloved country. Towards the end of 2014, I received an email informing me that my Arthur Troop scholarship application has been successful and have to attend a seminar of my choice.

I then chose to attend a seminar titled "Evidence Based Policing". In short, Evidence based policing is a review of how research undertaken by the Police produces interesting outcomes for the Police Officer and the Citizen.

After obtaining my visa, I left RSA for Germany via Namibia to attend the seminar at Gimborn. I left on 2015-10-03 from Cape Town international airport and arrived at Frankfurt international airport Germany on 2015-10-04. From Frankfurt I took train to Cologne and a taxi got me at Cologne train station and transported me to Gimborn. I got my room keys at Schloss hotel and proceeded to my room in the Castle.

On 2015-10-05, the seminar started and it was chaired by May-Britt Rinaldo, a Superintendent at Gothenburg, Sweden. She gave us time to introduce ourselves to each other. We then started with the business of the day.

During the course of the seminar we had an opportunity to get presentation from the following great people:

1. May-Britt Rinaldo (Chair of the Seminar) from Sweden
2. Alexander Murray, Chief Superintendent, Birmingham, England
3. Daniel McDonald, Senior Constable from Victoria Police, Australia
4. Dr Fiona Brookman, Professor of Criminology, University of South Wales
5. Henry Kopar, Police Officer from Netherlands
6. Andreas Bachmann, Prosecutor in Bochum together with Katharina Dinchel, M.A. Ruhr-University of Bochum
7. Dr Timothy Coupe, Cambridge University, England
8. Mary Doyle, Msc, Örebro University, Sweden

The seminar was a great success and an eye opener. I made friends with all those who attended the seminar and exchanged contacts. All the people who presented gave us useful contacts in case one intends to enhance knowledge through studying.

Afforded the opportunity, I intend to attend other seminars in future to enhance my knowledge.

I would like to thank all those who made it possible for me to attend the seminar ie IPA West Coast region RSA, IPA RSA and the mother association International Police Association. And I would like to give special thanks Me Elbie Gore from IPA West Coast, she is always of great assistance as she shares all information she has and may her star keep shining.

I will forever be grateful to IPA for the opportunity I got and will always recommend people to attend the seminars. And I hope the number of scholarships will be increased and so more people can attend the seminars.

IPA greetings
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