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Dear IPA friends all over the world,

July the 30th is International Friendship Day!

More than seven decades ago, the International Police Association was founded by Arthur Troop and soon became the biggest police organisation in the world, inspired by the fundamental value of friendship.

Friendship is being on a journey with someone while enjoying it together, supporting each other, providing comfort, encouragement, and unconditional love. It's about sharing a part of your lives and allowing friends to add something to your current personality and beliefs as you spend time with them. Doing these things together makes it such a wonderful experience.

On Sunday July 30, 2023, the Socio-cultural commission is organising a global event with the aim of promoting IPA globally to local communities and at the same time bringing our colleagues, their families and friends closer together.

More specifically, the idea is for all IPA members around the world to gather in groups in their regions, find a walk, or organise their own and decide on a distance to walk. The moto of the event will be: **"WALK THE WORLD FOR BLUE FRIENDSHIP"**.

There is no limit in the distance you should cover during your walk, we encourage you to walk as much as you can. However, local organisers may set a minimum route of 2 kms. As part of the event, we propose that sections arrange some fundraising or make donations for local causes of their choice.

The event will take place all over the world (in all 68 IPA Sections) on Sunday 30 July 2023 09.00 am, local time.

Sections may print merchandise to support the event such as, t-shirts, banners, balloons, badges or any other promotional items, using the new IPA emblem and the moto "WALK THE WORLD FOR BLUE FRIENDSHIP" Sections should print the moto in English and in their own language if they wish.

Please share your photos and videos of the event by email to SCC as we will be creating a beautiful video, to be presented during the World Congress in Athens.

Please also provide us with the following details:

- Number of members participated
- Amount of money raised
- Local causes that receive the donations

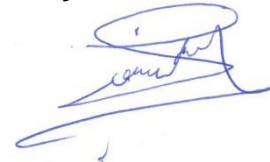
Special recognition will be awarded to sections with the greatest number of participants.

Let's gather together in friendship for walks all over the world, spend time together, raise money for local causes and finally to promote the ideas and values of IPA.

Please send your reviews, photos, videos (via we transfer) to ipawalktheworld@gmail.com before 30 August 2023. The SCC member in charge Dr.Eran Israel, will be very happy to receive them.

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