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# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) NEWSLETTER

## IPA IN THE VATICAN TO SEE POPE FRANCIS



On the 15th May, over 2000 members of the International Police Association and their members visited St Peter's Square to meet Pope Francis.

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Join the seminar at IBZ Gimborn 7-11 October 2024.

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# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## TREASURER SOCIAL AFFAIRS - JEAN-PIERRE ALLET



Dear IPA friends,

### **"Friendship doesn't have to be perfect, just real..."**

A few months have now passed since the elections to the IEB and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your support. It is a commitment that I am very proud and happy to hold. You have made it possible for me and I am happy to "serve you in friendship"!

Shortly after the elections, the IEB met for its first meeting and set the course early on for a hopefully positive future for our association. I can guarantee you one thing, the cooperation in the IEB is excellent, everyone pulls together and everyone does their best for a bright and good future for the IPA. We are a great TEAM!

There is a lot of work waiting for us, we are aware of that and are not afraid to take on this work. After all, we were elected to this honourable commitment to make a difference. Even if not all of us are always visible on social media, because our figurehead is our President Martin, we are always on the ball and support him in the background.

A president is only as strong as the team behind him and believe me, Martin is strong!

In my role, it is difficult to feel the pulse of the various sections precisely, so I am dependent on your help. As Treasurer for Social Affairs, I usually come into play when there is bad news. If you need support from us, I would be very grateful if you would contact me by email so that your request can be dealt with. Without your help, we are powerless and cannot offer any social support.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, I am also responsible for coordinating the IEB meetings throughout the year, as well as reimbursing expenses for your participation in the annual World Congress (delegate). I collect all the travel information from my colleagues and then plan the upcoming meetings. It's like event management, something I really like and I've already had a lot of practice with. A man who works in the background.

Another quote, I would also like to thank my family for their support. There is nothing more important than support for each and every one of us. I have this and I am extremely grateful and happy for it because love belongs to our families and loved ones.

### **"Some friends are not friends, they are family..."**

With this in mind, I wish you all good health and look forward to meeting you all in person again at the next opportunity.

Stay or get well - in friendship your Treasurer Social Affairs

**JP**  
**Jean-Pierre Allet**  
**IEB Treasurer Social Affairs**

# IPA AUSTRIA - XXI NATIONAL CONGRESS

After the difficulties caused by the coronavirus at the last congress, this year's event could be held in the usual manner from May 9 to May 12, 2024, at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Salzburg. The former ski racer and police athlete, Alexandra MEISSNITZER, moderated the opening ceremony and welcomed numerous distinguished guests, such as the Provincial Police Director HR Mag. Dr. Bernhard RAUSCH, MBA, the Director General for Penal Institutions Mag. Friedrich KÖNIG, as well as the International IPA President Martin HOFFMANN, the International Vice President and Treasurer of Finance Michael WALSH, and an ensemble from the Salzburg Police Music.

In addition to the Federal Executive Board and the 80 delegates from all nine federal states, representatives from a total of 25 sections from several continents were present, including 15 IPA presidents. The officers of the Federal Executive Board reported on their activities over the past four years, and the auditors presented the financial situation of the association. Consequently, the managing board was relieved of its duties by the delegates.

Several amendments and adjustments to the statutes and three honorary memberships were decided upon. Numerous officials from all federal states were honored for their services to the IPA.

The delegates elected the new managing Federal Executive Board and the auditors:

- President: Robert Neumann  
1. Secretary-General: Walter Rosanits  
2. Secretary-General: Valentin Tunner-Turrach  
Treasurer: Gabriele Strasser  
Secretary: Fabian Payr  
ICT Administrator: Gerald Hatzl  
Public Relations Officer: Kerstin Reh  
Education Officer: Peter Schweiger

At the subsequent constitutive meeting, the vice-presidents and the representatives of the managing board were elected:

- 1st Vice-President (Professional Commission): Dr. Wolfgang Gabrutsch
- 2nd Vice-President (Social Commission): Kurt Walker
- 3rd Vice-President (Cultural Commission): Elke Strohmeyer.

A special tribute was paid to the outgoing President of IPA Austria, Martin HOFFMANN, who was elected International IPA President in October 2023, during the gala evening. He was awarded the honorary presidency and honorary membership. The laudation was given by the new President, Robert Neumann.

Special thanks are due to the Salzburg regional group for the organization and hosting of the XXI National Congress of the IPA Austrian Section and to the moderator Alexandra Meissnitzer, who skillfully guided the opening and gala evening.

## Walter Rosanits Secretary-General



# IPA ITALY - IPA IN THE VATICAN TO SEE POPE FRANCIS

POPE FRANCIS: "GREETINGS TO IPA, ENCOURAGING A  
GENEROUS COMMITMENT TO FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY."



ROME - They came from all over the world to St. Peter's Square on Wednesday 15th May and a generously sunny Rome welcomed them. We are talking about the 2000 policemen and their relatives who are members of the International Police Association, the association which, with its 400,000 members spread across the five continents, brings together members of the police forces from 68 nations, who have come to the capital of Italy to meet Pope Francis. There had to be a meeting and there was a meeting. The IPA caps coloured the stalls blue, the square framed by Bernini's colonnade, almost reflecting the blue sky that characterized the Vatican morning. The faces of the participants, starting with the international president Martin Hoffmann and his wife, international vice president Michael Walsh, together with the national president Nicolangelo Pezone, the deputy president Alfredo lasuozi and the vice president Antonio Molinaro, remained visibly sculpted by emotion at the moment in which the Pope announced the name of the IPA describes the Mission and conveying to all members what it is not belittling to say was a special Urbi et Orbi blessing limited to the world of the armed forces. "Greetings to the International Police Association, encouraging a generous commitment of fraternal solidarity." It is with this sentence that Pope Francis took leave of the IPA participants.. Almost as if he had instilled in his soul the existential verb of an association such as the one founded by Arthur Troop who bases his belief on solidarity. In short, a truly beautiful day to be framed in the memory of those who were lucky enough to participate. A memory that the Pope will also make his own thanks also to the work prepared by the artist Raffaele Mazza of Lamezia Terme and which will remain in the Vatican premises as a seal of this unforgettable meeting.

**IPA Italy**  
**Editorial Director Mauro Nardella**

IPA MÜNSTER GERMANY -  
INTERNATIONAL BIKER  
WEEKEND 2024

**International  
Biker Weekend**  
IPA Münster (D)  
16.-18. August 2024



IPA Münster, Germany invite you to join their International Biker Weekend from 16-18 August 2024.

The full programme including accommodation information can be found in the document below:

[AusschreibungDeutsch2024](#)

[AusschreibungEnglisch2024](#)

To apply or for more Information contact:

[muenster@ipa-nrw.de](mailto:muenster@ipa-nrw.de)

# IPA BRAZIL - GREEN IPA

This April 2024, the Brazilian Section of the IPA celebrated its 62 years as a member of the largest police association in the world, the IPA. The Christmas celebration chose to promote events topped by the Project: “IPA Green”, declining the traditional Celebratory Dinner.

On April 20, 2024, the Brazilian Section of IPA participated in the IEB/ IPA deliberation, celebrated its anniversary and also the project: “IPA Green”, in the area of its historic headquarters, with a beautiful and special ceremony that took place during the planting of three trees



that are part of our environmental environment, which are: The “Tree of Happiness”, which is associated with abundance and growth and known in regional culture as being the amulet of good fortune; “Ipê Rosa”, considered the symbol of strength and beauty, associated with the connection between human beings and nature, spiritual renewal and emotional healing; “Yellow Ipê”, related to strength and vitality, representing perseverance and resilience. Finally, emerald grass seeds were distributed to everyone present to throw into the ground, as it is a perennial plant that forms a dense and soft lawn, symbolizing the union of everyone with the Earth, accompanied by a gift, the little plant: “succulent”, considering them as guardian plants.

The event was attended by authorities at national and international level, such as the presence of the ambassador of peace in Brazil, Dr. Carlos Cruz, at which time a partnership was created between both institutions, and also with the presence of diplomatic and government, IPA members in Brazil and family members.

However, the Christmas festivities were not restricted only to the official Earth Day event, the theme of the celebrations related to the anniversary of IPA Brazil, as they also extended to other commemorative fields, for example:

Cocktail commemorating the 62nd anniversary of IPA in Brazil, Planting of the book tree within the “Book Case” Project, in celebration of National Children’s Book Day (18/04) and World Book Day (23/04) IPA Green at IPA Brazil – Taguapark, and launch of the project : Recovery of the Riparian Forest, and culminating with the graduation of the IPA Brazil Academic Center class in 2023.

In the official Christmas word, the president of IPA in Brazil, Dr. Joel Zarpellon Mazo, concluded: “... we hope that as we continue in the year

2024, we will continue to follow together this path that we can assure as being the right course and plumb for the our national and international association. Long live IPA Brazil. Happy birthday. Servo Per Amikeco.

## IPA Brazil



**We have been overwhelmed with the articles submitted for the Green IPA - Plant a Tree Project. Unfortunately, we have not been able to feature them all but please see page 5 for a link to all of the photos submitted by our sections!**

# GREEN IPA - PLANT A TREE EVENT

## THE SUCCESS STORY OF SCC GREEN IPA PROJECT

Earlier this year, during the strategic planning meeting held in Nottingham, UK, the IEB identified several key strategic pillars that represent the priorities for the IPA over the next four years.

A total of 12 projects were identified, and the Green IPA Project was one of them.

The Green IPA Project aims to: contribute to combat climate change, work towards creating a safer, more sustainable world for everyone, engage with external stakeholders to collaborate on mutual goals, and educate our members on the importance of environmental sustainability.

Under the Chairmanship of the SCC Chairperson Mr. Christos Parginos, the IPA Green Project Committee members comprising Biljana Dulovic (Project Lead), Jared Ojuok, Deirdre Mahony, and Asim Ali immediately embarked on the process of planning for the project implementation. After the deliberations, the committee settled on the modalities of implementation and dates and effectively communicated the same to all Sections.

The global event "PLANT a TREE-GREEN IPA" to actualise the GREEN IPA Project globally was conducted from April 14th, culminating on April,22, Earth Day.

Organised by the individual Sections/Regions, the Green IPA Project brought together local communities, schools/colleges, government and non-governmental organisations, police officers and their families, and friends together to participate in tree planting.

Under the motto, "PLANT a TREE- GREEN IPA" the idea was for all the 372,000 IPA members around the world to plant at least one tree in their regions, in partnership with the local communities.

Several Sections printed merchandise to support the event, including T-shirts, banners, badges, and other promotional items, using the new IPA emblem and the project Motto, 'PLANT a TREE-GREEN IPA'.

After the event, they shared photos and videos of the event with the Socio-Cultural Commission Office.

The S.C.C will be creating a beautiful video, which we hope to present during the World Congress in Ohrid, North Macedonia.

Similarly, special recognition will be awarded to Sections with the greatest number of participants.

So far, our records indicate that a total of 23 countries participated in the exercise which has so far seen the planting of well over 1,000,000 seedlings.

The countries that have reported activities include: Albania, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Italy, Kenya, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and members in Thailand.

Additionally the event was registered and joined the Generation Restoration Movement for Reviving Lands for a better future and IPA will be certified as a participant.

More, the Commission followed all procedures to UN Environment Programme and IPA will be a nominee for the Champion of Earth Award.

We look forward to more reports as the activity is continuing in other parts of the globe, with the promise of a greener, better earth for all of us.



We would like to thank all of you for supporting the event.

A Green world is a better world.

**Christos Parginos**  
Chairperson International Socio-Cultural Commission

**View the photo gallery here:**

**GREEN IPA**  
**SECTION**  
**PHOTOS**



# EU PROJECT - GAMING ECOSYSTEM AS A MULTI-LAYERED SECURITY THREAT (GEMS)

Are you a police officer who is (occasionally) involved in working online and/or police officer who (occasionally) works in a multi-agency setting? If so, the EU project GEMS is looking for your help.



The EU project GEMS (Gaming Ecosystem as a Multi-layered Security Threat) focusses on (preventive) approaches to radicalisation in the online gaming world.

Through early detection (supported by AI techniques), multi-agency prevention and training for police officers.

In this project academic researchers, AI specialists, policy experts and a range of police authorities from across Europe are involved. More information about the project you can find at: <https://www.projectgems.eu/>

An online assessment which will take less than 15 minutes to fill has been developed. Please click the link below or scan the QR code to access the survey.

Your support will be much appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jxbcwjB4rK>



## Rob Out

Head of Department Police Research | Police Commissioner ret.  
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## IPA UK - IPA TARTAN ORDERS

Did you know that you can purchase IPA Tartan via IPA UK?



**Tartan** is a patterned cloth with crossing horizontal and vertical bands in multiple colours, forming simple or complex rectangular patterns. Tartans originated in woven wool, but are now made in other materials. Tartan is particularly associated with [Scotland](#), and Scottish [kilts](#) almost always have tartan patterns. IPA have their own tartan design available for purchase.

If you wish to purchase IPA Tartan garments, this can be arranged by emailing IPA UK Vice President of Social & Culture Karen Duckworth [karenduckworthipa@outlook.com](mailto:karenduckworthipa@outlook.com)

# IPA ITALY - FORUM ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ITALY



## FORUM IPA ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN ITALY. FOR THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT PEZONE AND LA SCALA IS AN EXCELLENT FORMAT

**BARI** – The first national edition of the National Forum of Public Officials promoted by the president of the arbitrators Avv. Antonio Maria La Scala was held in the crowded Nicolaus Congress Center in Bari. A full immersion training aimed at all managers, officials, public officials and those in charge of public service and through which it was possible, thanks to the presence of illustrious speakers, to take stock of important issues such as those of crimes by public officials against the Public Administration, public procurement and the responsibilities of public employees in the exercise of their duties. There were several speakers including illustrious magistrates, experts in crimes against the Public Administration, officials of the Anti-Mafia Investigation Directorate of Bari and public officials who discussed topics of interest to all public employees.



The institutional greetings of the president of the International Police Association Nicolangelo Pezone whose association sponsored the event together with Anci Puglia, Anfi, Anvu, Gens Nova and numerous private partners, were followed by speeches by Adele Dr. **Ciro Agellillis**, Deputy Prosecutor at the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Bari who indoctrinated those present by talking about the trafficking of illicit influence in light of recent legislation and jurisprudence.



It was then the lawyer's turn. **Antonio Maria La Scala**, President of the college of magistrates of the IPA as well as being a Criminal Lawyer of the Bari Court expert in Crimes of Public Officials against the Public Administration who with the report on the new criminal cases typical of Public Officials wanted to make an excursus on the disturbed freedom of auctions and illegal access to databases. Lieutenant Colonel **Aldo Cavallo** of the Anti-Mafia Investigation Directorate of

Bari spoke instead of the economic dimension of the mafia phenomenon and risks connected to money laundering. Finally, **Celestina Barile**, Lawyer of the Bari Chamber of Commerce, offered a very valid speech on transparency and corruption prevention measures as well as on the risks and opportunities in the fight against corruption in the time of big data and artificial intelligence. Dr. moderated everything. **Nicola Leone** Local Police Officer/Commander. The organizers and the president of the IPA were very satisfied and he, together with the lawyer Antonio La Scala, said he was ready to support, always with the patronage of the IPA, any re-proposals of what has all the useful elements to be defined as a 'excellent opportunity for training and therefore crime prevention.

### **Mauro Nardella**

The Editor Director of Italy's Magazine



# IPA UK - PSSA LAUNCH AT TULLIALLAN

## *"Policing is one big family"*



9 Region were honoured to attend the launch of the Police Scotland Sikh Association (PSSA) at Tulliallan Police College. As chair of 9 Region, I was approached by the committee of the newly formed PSSA earlier in the year to see if the region could assist with supporting their launch event by gathering videos from IPA members around world sending their best wishes for the launch of the association.

9 Region gathered videos from fellow IPA members in the Netherlands, Ireland, Germany and the UK. Many more videos of support were sent in from IPA members around the world including our own Vice President Karen Duckworth.

These videos were put together, producing a compilation that was played at the launch event. The final video included support from all areas of policing and the armed forces It was a wonderful to the IPA so well represented across this message.

The launch event took place at Tulliallan Police college on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The event was a huge success and was very well attended. Present were representatives from a number of police forces and police associations. It was a pleasure to meet representatives from the National Sikh Police Association and the many Sikh Police Associations that sit under their umbrella.

The IPA was represented in person by myself accompanied by Brandon Fairbrother-Clarke (9 Region Secretary) along with Yvonne McGregor and Andy Wright from 1 Region (Scotland).

Both the event itself and the support provided the IPA were a true illustration of what can be achieved when the world of policing comes together. The Police Scotland Sikh Association has got off to a great start and I am extremely proud that the IPA has played a part in this piece of history. Once again, I speak on behalf of 9 Region in wishing the PSSA all the success in the future we look forward to working with them on future projects and endeavours. The hard work and dedication of their committee is truly admirable.

**Owen Doherty**  
**Chair 9 Region**  
**IPA UK**



# IPA AUSTRIA - HELP UKRAINE CHILDREN



The fact that a small idea can become a great thing has already been proven by the "Help Ukraine Children" initiative in December 2023. The sections of IPA Romania and IPA Austria have made it their mission to support families of police officers whose fathers and/or sons have died in the fighting during the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia.

Since the beginning of 2024, the two initiators and those responsible, the Vice President of the IPA Section Romania Marius Muresan and the President of the IPA Styria Elke Strohmeier, have been planning a new aid campaign. This second phase of "Help Ukraine Children" took place in Vicovu des Sus from 08-10 April 2024.

In the presence of the IPA President of the Romanian Section, Mihai Tartareanu, and the Vice-President of the IPA Section Austria, Kurt Walker, seven families of deceased or missing police officers were helped. Once again, a considerable sum of money was raised from the Austria, Romania, and several Styrian local groups to buy notebooks, food, and clothing for the bereaved. At the same time, the IPA Moldova section, led by President Mihai Cebotari, also joined the relief effort.

On the part of IPA Suceava, under the responsibility of Vice-President Petru Patrauceam, a ceremonial handover was held in the Ukrainian city of Crasna in the historical region of Bukovina. In the presence of the Secretary General of the IPA Section Ukraine Viktor Osiannykov, the Mayor of Crasna and Vicovu de Sus, the delegation from Romania, Austria and Moldova was warmly welcomed in the auditorium of the local high school.

A 4th grade class of an Austrian middle school from Burgenland also took the "Help Ukraine Children" campaign as an opportunity to send 14 nicely decorated and bulging shoe boxes to Ukraine to bring joy to local children.

"Help Ukraine Children" not only shows what IPA sections of different countries can do together, it also reflects the spirit of the International Police Association, true to the motto "Servo per Amikeco".

Finally, the initiators would like to express their gratitude for the renewed support and promotion of this unique aid project and hope for a continuation and, of course, an early end to these terrible hostilities.

**Elke Strohmeier**  
**Chair of IPA Austria**  
**Region Styria**



# INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION

## YOUNG MEMBERS

Following the development of the IPA strategy, a number of projects were identified to help the IEB operationalise the strategy, and achieve the vision to inspire the IPA world by building sustainable friendships.

As part of the Professional Commission, a Young Members Project Team was established and a number of dedicated individuals were appointed to help co-ordinate and manage the Strategic Young Members Conference (SYMC), the Young Police Officers Seminar (YPOS), and other related opportunities.

The IPA are committed to supporting the next generation of members and this will be achieved through our young members' projects.







This project is also open to exploring all avenues to promote IPA to young members.

The aims of these projects are to:

- Sustainably strengthen young members in responsible positions within the International Police Association worldwide
- Strengthen bonds between the represented sections
- Encourage exchange and meetings between International Young Police Officers
- Recruitment and Retention of members
- Identify promotion possibilities
- Provide opportunities for exchange of knowledge and best practice between serving police officers

## MEET THE TEAM

**PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION  
YOUNG PERSONS**

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|  <p>Diego Trolese<br/>Chairperson<br/>Professional<br/>Commission<br/>Italy</p> |  <p>Philipp Kurz<br/>Project Lead<br/>Germany</p> |  <p>Yvonne<br/>McGregor<br/>UK</p> |  <p>Joyce o'Grady<br/>Ireland</p> |  <p>Mirco Ciccarese<br/>Italy</p> |  <p>Vesna Žnidarić<br/>Bolarić<br/>Croatia</p> |
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IPA SUPER TOUR 2025  
PERSIAN GULF CRUISE AND  
AFRICAN SAFARI

IPA Spain, on behalf of its IPA Catalonia Delegation, invites you to participate in the IPA SUPER TOUR 2025 - PERSIAN GULF CRUISE + GREAT KENYA SAFARI, organised by the IPA Vallés Occidental group

You can find more information from the Schedule attached or visit the official event website here:

[https://  
www.ipasupertour.com/](https://www.ipasupertour.com/)



## IPA NETHERLANDS - EXCHANGES BETWEEN IPA THE HAGUE AND LONDON

In order to properly arrange the exchanges between the Metropolitan police in London and the police unit The Hague, Johan Heijne from the IPA district The Hague and Kees Jongh from the National Administration went to London on April 30, 2024.

The exchanges fit in with IPA Netherlands' policy whereby a district is linked to a foreign district. This means that people get to know each other well.

Early in the morning we took the plane to London where we were received by Alex Williams of the London police. Alex is a detective sergeant and particularly active in arranging exchanges for the IPA.



The starting point was to arrange three visits for two people to London and also three visits for two people to The Hague. The plan is for the autumn of this year. Naturally, the necessary agreements were made about the times and content of the programs, where it is very important that IPA members in active service can learn from each other's experiences.

It was particularly pleasant to experience that we were quickly on the same page. After a hard day of work, we left for home at the end of the afternoon. It was worth it!

In the not too distant future, IPA members within the The Hague district will be invited to register for a visit to London. These are members in active service and not older than 40 years.

In this way, people can learn from each other and make friends for life, which fits within the objectives of the IPA!

**Johan Heijne and Kees Jongh**

# IPA PERU - OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2026 AT THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

On Thursday 25th April 2024 the members of the Board of Directors of IPA Peru 2024-2026 formed by Carlos Velásquez Salazar, president, Sergio Monar Moyoli, socio-cultural member, Alejandro Ismodes Mezzano, past president, Francisco Andrade

Kinosita, public relations member, Angélica Tapia Aguilar, treasurer and Javier Gamero Kinosita, professional affairs member, presented the protocol greeting in private meetings to the Minister of the Interior Walter Ortiz Acosta and the Vice-Minister of Public Security Julio Díaz Zulueta. In the two meetings, the high authorities, both generals® of the National Police of Peru (PNP), were incorporated into the great IPA family, and the institutional badge was presented to them.



Topics on the agenda were the projection of the IPA Peru section within the Peruvian police force, the upcoming visit of IPA International President Martin Hoffmann to Peru and the upcoming international seminar "Citizen Security and Governance in the Modern Rule of Law" organized by IPA Peru with the United Nations (UN) and the Ministry of the Interior in Lima. Both authorities were also committed to promoting and participating in the IPA International Socio-Cultural Committee's Earth Day Initiative, which promotes all IPA sections in the world to promote the planting of IPA trees, as is being done in the 68 countries in which our organisation has a presence.

## IPA Peru



# INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION –

## CHALLENGES OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION

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### Content

This seminar will look at the causes of flight and refugee movements into the EU over the last 10 years. Border security strategies will be presented and discussed. The introduction of stationary border controls within Europe and their impact on irregular migration movements will be illustrated using the example of Germany.

The situation of the countries on the external borders of the EU will be illustrated with the example of Greece. The situation in the camps on the Greek islands of Lesbos, Samos, Kos, Chios and Leros will be discussed.

## International Seminar

**7 Oct. - 11 Oct. 2024**

IBZ Castle Gimborn, Germany  
[ibz-gimborn.com](http://ibz-gimborn.com)

495 € | IPA Members 365 €  
incl. catering and accommodation

**BOOKING and more information**

[tinyurl.com/ibz-seminar](https://tinyurl.com/ibz-seminar)



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# IPA SPAIN - TACTICAL POLICE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS



IPA Spain, through its IPA Avila group, organises the second edition of this Police Congress, which is getting bigger every year.

- Registrations had to be closed in less than 4 minutes from the opening due to more than 400 registrations, having only 250 places available.
- This year, 24 instructors from the IPA Tactical Police group attended the congress and it was finally possible to increase the number of participants to 300.

The second edition of the International Congress of the IPA Tactical Police Group of Spain took place on the 6th of April in the National Police School of the city of Avila. Two consecutive years organising an event where seminars and lectures on police intervention are held. Always looking for the best training for our police officers, tools are used to carry out their work professionally, safely and efficiently, and in accordance with the laws in force.

The reason for organising this event is to provide a meeting point for all police officers in Spain interested in training in police operations from a professional and technical point of view. It is aimed at professionals who patrol the streets on a daily basis. To this end, the IPA Tactical Police Instructors have the most complete curriculums of those presented from all the

Autonomous Communities belonging to IPA Spain. And following the motto that gives meaning to IPA "Servo per Amikeco", this event was totally free for all the attendees.

The morning started with the presentation of the Congress, taking the floor first of all Mr. José R. Madera, Secretary of IPA Ávila and in representation of the National Police School, inaugurated the Congress, thanking the School and its Management for opening its doors to this second edition. He also thanked the sponsors who made it possible for the event to go ahead with their contributions, and all those present for their confidence in the IPA. Finally, he reminded everyone of the internal rules of the School so that the event could run as smoothly as possible. The President of IPA Avila, Mr. David Lopez, then continued by briefly informing what the International Police Association is all about, thanking the other speakers at the opening table for their hard work in coordinating and organising the Congress, and finally he gave a brief presentation of the seminars and talks and how they would be developed.

He ended by giving the floor to the IPA Avila Training

member Mr. Santiago Jimenez who informed about the IPA Tactical Police group, encouraging those present to have a good time and to make an effort to take advantage of the great training experience of the Instructors who would be giving the seminars. Finally, Mr. Ángel Cantalapiedra, president of IPA Castile and León, spoke on behalf of the entire Delegation to which he belongs, and presented the Secretary of the IPA Ávila with a medal of thanks

to the Management of the National Police School for their involvement in the Congress.

The event was organised in training blocks where all attendees attended a 3-hour seminar in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. police batons and shackles, Transition of weapons, Non-lethal means of arrest and Entry and search.



# IPA SPAIN - TACTICAL POLICE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

It was coordinated in blocks so that the training received in the morning could be continued in the afternoon. In this way, 6 simultaneous training blocks were organised with a minimum of 2 instructors per seminar, as follows: In the morning, the following seminars are held: Health Tactics, Handling of short weapons, Handling of extendable police batons and shackles, Transition of weapons, Non-lethal means of arrest and Entry and search.

In the afternoon, the following seminars were held: Progression in CQB buildings, Intervention in vehicles, Self-protection, Arrest techniques, Reduction of violent persons, Intervention with a knife, Blackman and Tactical pen.

The morning and the afternoon were headed by two lectures, "Detention practice" in the morning and "Stress in armed interventions" in the afternoon, where thanks to the capacity of the colossal Auditorium of the National Police School all attendees were able to attend at the same time. The afternoon presentation brought one of the emotional moments of the day, with the intervention of Carlos, Mosso D'Escuadra, who was shot in the line of duty in his forearm during an armed intervention. The attendees asked numerous questions from which it was possible to draw the conclusion that a good job is being done with the organisation of this Congress and the training provided. In addition, Carlos, as a final conclusion, claimed that it was precisely more training for our police officers that should be demanded, for more and more frequent cases where the integrity of those who act or that of the citizens to be protected is at stake.

As an anecdote, it should be noted that the expectation in this Congress was such that, in less than 4 minutes from the opening of registration, the 300 places of the maximum capacity available were filled. This year there were more IPA members from all over Spain who travelled to Avila to attend the event, exactly 48 IPA members, some of whom travelled more than 1000 kilometres to attend the Congress. The rest were students from the School who are training to join the National Police. In addition, this Congress has tripled the number of students who become members and want to

belong to this great IPA family, benefiting from the advantages of belonging to the largest Police Association in the world.

The closing ceremony took place at 9 p.m. in the Auditorium where different raffles were held by our sponsors who gave away products and products of the brands they represented. We started with the delivery of 25 pairs of anti-cut gloves by the company Ansell, 4 shooting glasses by Bollé Safety, 30 patches and 2 commemorative coins of the Bicentenary of the National Police by Mr. Policía, 1 tactical belt and 3 caps by Iberican Armor and a double lock Ultimate shackle by TCH Spain.

In addition, there was one more surprise, as the author of the book "Sobre la violencia policial" Lucas Canteras, an IPA member, attended the Congress as a student and wanted to contribute 3 copies of his book to be raffled among all the attendees.

This year we have also improved the presence of the Sponsors, the cornerstone of the Congress, without whom it would be unfeasible to hold it. We have counted on:

- GOLD Sponsors: Caixabank, Mr. Policía, UCAV, TCH Spain, Adaro Shop, USP Suministros, Iberican Armor, Institute Defensa Verbal, Suministros Manzanal and Bollé Safety.
- SILVER Sponsors: Focus Kydex Holster, GTS Electrónica, Cobra Safes and Drag software policial.
- BRONZE Sponsors: Cest el Enclave, Club Deinpol, Club karate Corvera, Club de Lucha Jumilla and Ansell.





# IPA SPAIN - TACTICAL POLICE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

It should be noted that the Catholic University of Avila, UCAV, certifies the work of the Tactical Police Instructors with an Academic Certification and also the Diploma of attendance that is given to all IPA members attending the Congress.

And finally, thanks to IPA Castilla Leon and IPA Spain for their collaboration and unconditional support to IPA Avila and the Tactical Police Group for the organisation of the Congress, making the IPA family much bigger.

## THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IS INTERNATIONAL

Why is this said? Well, because both in the previous edition and in this one, two members of IPA Portugal were represented and attended the congress. And of course, at the end of the event, the popular exchange of patches between the Portuguese police officers and the organisation of the Congress took place.

One of the goals of the IPA Tactical Police group would be to have the presence of more IPA countries in future editions in order to have round tables where to exchange experiences and ways of proceeding of the different Police from all over the world in front of police interventions.

## BUT... WHAT IS IPA TACTICAL POLICE?

It is a project of 2 members of IPA Spain, Instructors of Tactical Health and Police Operations who got down to work to ask all the IPA Spain Groups and Delegations for those members interested in forming part of this group called IPA Tactical Police. Therefore, a multitude of CVs were received from police officers from all over Spain, selecting the best who had training and experience in operational positions, and creating a team of 30 instructors from IPA Spain.

It took much more than 2 years to organise the Group, but in the end it has borne fruit with two successful Congresses already held.

We are already working and coordinating the III IPA Tactical Police Congress, which will be full of excellent specialised training and good times in a unique police environment. In addition, we will try to get more countries interested in this project so that it can grow and become bigger and bigger every year.



# IPA MALTA - 60TH ANNIVERSARY



During their formal meeting both the C of P and Mr Hoffman exchanged gifts.

The Gala Dinner was held at the Urban Valley Resort, Kappara. Initially a 60th Anniversary mass was celebrated by Father Raymond, the Police's chaplain. The International President was introduced to the Maltese National Committee. The Gala dinner started with speeches from both the International President and the National

This year IPA Malta Section celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary since becoming a full member of the International Police Association during the World Congress held in Blackpool, UK in 1964.

For this special occasion, Section Malta invited the International President Mr Martin Hoffmann as a Guest of Honour during these celebrations.



President. During the buffet dinner, Mr Hoffman spoke to a number of IPA members who came over for this special occasion. Gifts of commemoration were exchanged, and Section Malta was given a certificate for its 60th Anniversary.

**Joseph Borda**  
**National President**  
**IPA Malta**

On his arrival at the Malta International Airport, the National President Mr Joseph Borda and the Vice President Miss Janet Zammit welcomed Mr & Mrs Hoffman. Upon their arrival, Mrs Angela Hoffmann was greeted with a bouquet of flowers.

During their stay, President Hoffman together with his wife, were taken to various places of interest around the Island. These include the tour around Capital City of Valletta where they visited the Grandmasters' Palace, The Armoury, The St. John's Co-Cathedral. The couple visited our former Capital City of Malta Mdina as well where they had a tour around The Cathedral Museum, they entered the St. Paul's Catacombs, and other places of interest.

A cordial meeting with the Police Commissioner Mr. Angelo Gafa was held, where various aspects and issues regarding IPA were discussed.



## IPA UK - MEETING IPA MEMBERS WHILST ON A CRUISE



On the 25th March Val and I embarked on a cruise around the Iberian Peninsula aboard the Sky Princess so I'd arranged to meet some IPA members in our ports of call. Our first visit was to be in Lisbon, Portugal after two days at sea. Whilst at sea we had no contact with the outside world but when we were in port our mobiles came to life and amongst the messages was one from Armindo Reibeiro, the Portuguese IPA rep who had arranged to meet us. His message stated he was sick but couldn't meet us but nevertheless had arranged something and gave us an address to where we were to take a taxi. We hailed a cab and we drove and drove some more, there was no meter so I was beginning to get concerned. In the end it was only ten Euros. We arrived at this building with an officer at the gate. We were then introduced to the IPA member Julio Oliveria. This was the home of the Unidade Especial de Policia, which according to Google translates to Special Police Unit. We were taken to a lounge where an overview of their role was given. We were then taken outside and witness what you and I know as Public Order Training. Very similar except for the number of firearms visible. We were then shown around the complex which reminded me of a small Mediterranean town, not that Lisbon is in on the Med.

I imagined all sorts of scenarios in the narrow streets. When it was time to leave the officer in charge of the complex came to meet us and arranged for his car to take us back. Arriving back in marked police caused some heads to turn.

Our next port of call was to be Cadiz but unfortunately the inclement weather prevented us from docking, fortunately I had no IPA arrangements there. We went directly to Gibraltar where as a result of missing Cadiz we spent two days. I had arranged an IPA meeting but, what with it being Easter, they couldn't accommodate us as they would have liked. They were either on leave with their families or working. Nevertheless, despite being on duty we did meet an IPA member who turned up in his armed response unit to see us. More head turning. We continued our cruise with the next stop being Malaga and whilst there was no official IPA connection we dis engage in conversation with an office from the Guardia Civil.

We continued along the coast of Spain and on 5th April arrived in Bilbao. We received a message and were told to exit the port complex and look for a man holding a board bearing the IPA logo and my name. Here we met with two IPA members. We climbed into their car and drove the 34 km through beautiful countryside to the town of Guernica. This town is very important to the Basque community and is where the seat of the local government sits. We were shown around the assembly rooms and the tree under which proclamations are made.



## IPA UK - MEETING IPA MEMBERS WHILST ON A CRUISE

As we were leaving, I noticed a vehicle that was obviously a police vehicle but it didn't bear the word Policia but Ertzaintza. It was explained its Basque and means police but the literal translation is care for the community and is the regional police. We then taken back to Bilbao and taken on the tourist route. We then came across the Bilbao version of my weekend town centre patrols. where I had a photo op. We then went to lunch where I offered to pick up the tb and was told in no uncertain terms that I was in Basque country as their guests, therefore I must not even consider paying. We were then taken back to the ship.

Our next port of call was to be Bordeaux where I'd arranged another IPA meet

but it would appear Princess cruises went to the Ryan Air school of geography and we docked at Veron-sur-mer. Some 100 km away.

Which is bit like saying we're going to London but docking at Tilbury. Transport was provided but cost prohibitive, so I was unable to meet France's IPA rep.

It was a lovely cruise; the weather was not so good but the IPA did allow us to see different things and make new friends.



Bill Butcher - IPA UK

## IPA MOLDOVA SWIMMING COMPETITION

On April 13, 2024, at the "Chisinau Arena" complex, the "Masters" swimming competition took place at distances of 50 meters in freestyle, dolphin, backstroke and breaststroke.

Thus, the community of swimming lovers from the Republic of Moldova was challenged to participate in a sports event that promotes a healthy lifestyle, continuous sports improvement and a life as active as possible.

A member of the IPA "Fulger" Office - Republic of Moldova Section - Maxim Galuşca, who trains at "Premier Fitness", also participated in this event.

Although he is at the beginning of his journey and is only an amateur who wanted to test his skills, at the end of the competition he ranked 3rd in the swimming race and 5th in the age category ranking.



Link: [IPA Moldova Swimming Competition](#)

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Do not miss the opportunity to register for the #SHEisIPA seminar to be held at IBZ Gimborn from 1-5th November 2024.

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# IPA BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA WEST HERZEGOVINA COUNTY CLUB CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY



The IPA Regional Club of the West Herzegovina County (IPA ŽZH) held its Annual Meeting on 19 April and celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary from 19–21 April 2024 at the Agro-tourism Marića Gaj in Grude.

Our dear guests arrived on the day of the Annual Meeting and were welcomed at the Kiwi Motel in Grude, where we enjoyed delicious meals in a nice atmosphere and exchanged our professional experiences as well as those from our IPA clubs. Our guests came from regional clubs and regions from IPA Sections Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Looking at the projects made under the motto “Servo per Amikeco” during these 10 years, one can see that a lot of service for the benefit of the community has been done. Confirmation of this in West Herzegovina County is the arrival of prominent officials, not only from this county but also from the whole country and from abroad. The event was attended by Grude Mayor Ljubo Grizelj, as the host of the meeting, as well as three county ministers of the interior: Mladen Bebek from West Herzegovina County, Marijo Marić from Herzegovina-Neretva County to Mario Lovrić from Herceg-Bosnia County, head of the Dubrovnik-Neretva Police Department Ivan Pavličević, then the police commissioner of the Ministry of the Interior of the West Herzegovina County Ivan Brkić, head of Grude Police Department Silvio Bogut and the director of the Penitentiary Mostar Ivan Lončar was also present.

There were representatives of IPA clubs from various counties, such as President of IPA Brodsko-Posavske Milan Budimir, President of IPA Splitsko-Dalmatinska Marko Doljanin, IPA Dubrovnik represented by Ljubica Bibić and Katica Vukušić, IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina whose President Šero Družić is also the President of IPA Unsko-Sanska, then

President of IPA Doboj Nedo Savić, Tino Krivić President of IPA Herzeg-Bosnia County, Branko Relota President of IPA Srednjo-Bosanska, representatives of IPA Bijeljina and IPA Zenica-Doboj Club. Our guest was Ivica Leutar, the son of the late Jozo Leutar, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who was assassinated 25 years ago.

Certificates of Appreciation and gifts were given to deserving IPA members, IPA friends, businessmen, entrepreneurs and everyone who supported our club. Entertainment for over 150 participants continued late into the night, and all present were entertained by the band ‘Stari Fenjer’.

The next day, our guests went sightseeing. We showed them the sights like the Adventures Park Peć-Mlini with the longest zip-line in BiH, ferrata, the waterfall, remains of old mills on the river, then they visited Ravlića Cave which was inhabited from the early Neolithic to the late Bronze Age. On the plateau in front of the entrance to Ravlića Cave the lunch was served with the outstanding view on the scenic nature. After lunch, we visited the church of St. Catherine in Grude, built in the neo-Romanesque style, which was included in the list of National Monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina due to its beauty.

We could not have prepared such a celebration without support from the Minister of the Interior of the West Herzegovina County and local mayors who recognise and appreciate our hard work as well as IPA friends, supporters and donators. We are grateful for their generous help.

IPA ŽZH once again would like to thank everyone for coming and for the wonderful friendship, hoping that we will continue to work with the same intensity, and beyond, because all of us are joined by the motto ‘Servo per Amikeco’!

**Damir Pandžić**

**President IPA of the West Herzegovina County (IPA ŽZH)**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 2024

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| 3   | 4 <a href="#">IPA UK - National Golf Competition</a>                                      | 5 <a href="#">IPA UK - National Golf Competition</a>                                      | 6 <a href="#">IPA UK - National Golf Competition</a><br><a href="#">IPA ITALY - 13th Motorbikes Meeting</a> | 7 <a href="#">IPA ITALY - 13th Motorbikes Meeting</a><br><a href="#">IPA Coburg - 50th Anniversary</a> | 8 <a href="#">IPA ITALY - 13th Motorbikes Meeting</a><br><a href="#">IPA Coburg - 50th Anniversary</a> | 9 <a href="#">IPA ITALY - 13th Motorbikes Meeting</a><br><a href="#">IPA Coburg - 50th Anniversary</a>  |
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| 17  | 18 <a href="#">IPA Spain - Shooting Competition</a>                                       | 19  | 20  | 21 <a href="#">IPA Lithuania - 30th Anniversary</a>  | 22 <a href="#">IPA Lithuania - 30th Anniversary</a>  | 23 <a href="#">IPA Lithuania - 30th Anniversary</a><br><a href="#">IPA Romania - Jupiter Cup</a><br><a href="#">IPA Austria - Hiking Week</a> |
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## GIMBORN SEMINARS JUNE 2024

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| 24   22 | 03.06. – 07.06. | ■ Suicide in den Reihen der Polizei Suicidi nelle file della polizia   |  | 495 € | IPA 365 € |
| 24   23 | 07.06. – 09.06. | ■ Entspannung für Körper, Geist und Seele im Bergischen Land   |   | 365 € | IPA 295 € |
| 24   24 | 10.06. – 14.06. | ■ Serve and Protect – Female Police Officers' Defensive Tactics Instructors Course                                       |  | 495 € | IPA 365 € |
| 24   25 | 17.06. – 21.06. | ■ Wut im Bauch – Kinder und Jugendliche als Opfer und Täter<br>Złość w brzuchu – dzieci i młodzież jako ofiary i sprawcy |  | 495 € | IPA 365 € |
| 24   26 | 24.06. – 28.06. | ■ The Maintenance of public order  |  | 495 € | IPA 365 € |

You can find a copy of the programme on our website: [IBZ-Seminarprogramm-2024.pdf \(ipa-international.org\)](#)

## MARKETING

The topic for our social media campaign this month is Environmental and CSR to celebrate World Environment Day on the 5th June.

You will have seen lots of articles and photographs from sections participating in the Green IPA Plant a Tree Event recently, but please feel free to send the IAC any other articles, information or events from your section that promote sustainability and ambition to improve the environment.

On page 6 you will find a link to all of the photographs from the Green IPA - Plant a Tree Event.



Look out for an email in due course to outline the social media topics for the next few months. Please continue to send us content to continue the success of our social media campaign.

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