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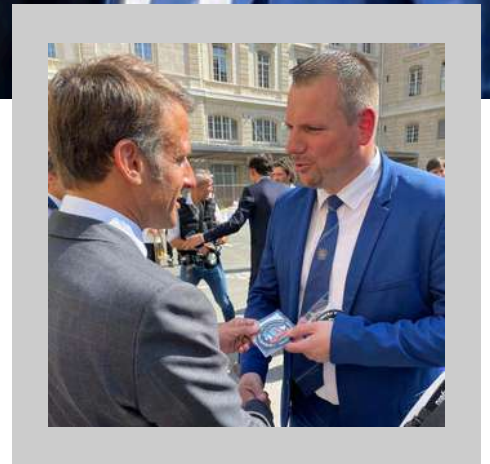
## INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION



### IPA FRANCE MEETS FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON

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# INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY GENERAL JOŽE SENICA



**JOZE SENICA**

IEB Secretary General

Dear IPA Friends,

It seems like yesterday, but it will be almost a year since I took up the position of Secretary General of the IPA International Executive Board. The fact that time flies is certainly an indication that we have had a very active year. We have been a very cohesive team within the International Executive Board (IEB) from the very beginning and month by month we have become even closer and work as one.

Almost a year later, we can already say: IPA's strategy and major projects are being implemented. I am pleased that we have engaged individuals with the knowledge and the will to animate a wider range of people as project promoters, making the projects a success. I have said it repeatedly, that the national sections are the driving force of the international association. The IEB sets the direction, the framework and the objectives, but we all together – working hand in hand – make it a success.

One of the indicators that we are working together successfully are the meetings of the Region 7's initiative, where you – the National Sections – have actively come forward with your proposals to implement a common strategy. An even more in-depth discussion on the document is expected at our next World Congress in Ohrid, Northern Macedonia, which I look forward to.

Our upcoming World Congress, is in fact an annual celebration for me. The IEB prepares for it all year round, so the organisation and the way the event is carried out is very important. Delegates to the International Executive Council, which consists of National Sections and the IEB, are responsible for reviewing annual reports, voting on the budget and international levy, IPA documents and other business at Congress.

Above all, the Congress is an opportunity to meet IPA friends and Section representatives from all over the world. It is an opportunity to share opinions, experiences, best practices and, last but not least, to make new friends. Considering the already known agenda and the topics to be discussed, and especially the overview of the very active past year and the future goals, I believe that the congress will be successful and held in a friendly spirit.

# INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY GENERAL JOŽE SENICA

All of us who have been attending the annual congresses for a few years now, like to remember what we have experienced. And so far, we have always been very satisfied. I believe that will be the case this time, too. So I would like to thank IPA North Macedonia and the organising committee for the work they have already carried out, and I am sure that the organisation of the world congress will be done with remarkable excellence. To put it in Olympic language, every World Congress is the greatest.

Looking back, I can see that we have done a lot in the last year. Looking a little further ahead, there are still some tasks ahead. We are placing a very strong emphasis on membership and section growth, recruiting new members, looking for possibilities in terms of the number of police officers in each country, and in this regard International President Martin Hoffmann has called upon all sections with high membership growth to share good practices with everyone.

As you can see, we strive to make the work of the IEB and the work of the IPA as a whole very transparent. We try very hard to update everyone on all our activities, and above all we are always available, whether for face-to-face meetings, online or otherwise. I believe, only through an honest and open dialogue and in a spirit of friendship we can be successful and form a stable organisation.

Dear friends, as a team, we have proven that we have the skills and the ability to work together with the Sections to build an even more cohesive and bigger IPA family. I would like to thank all IEB members, with the International President at the helm, for their excellent cooperation. I am proud to be part of this solid team. I would also like to thank all the National Sections for their cooperation. Also many thanks for the support of my home IPA Section Slovenia. Last but not least, a big thank you to my family for their support.

*Jože*



**67<sup>TH</sup> IPA WORLD  
CONGRESS 2024  
OHRID  
N.MACEDONIA  
17TH - 22ND SEPTEMBER**

# IPA FRANCE PRESIDENT MEETS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE EMMANUEL MACRON



Monday, August 12, 2024, will now be marked with a white stone for IPA FRANCE.

Indeed, on the occasion of a ceremony of taking up arms, in the framework of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Paris, I had the honour to exchange a few moments with Mr President of the French Republic Emmanuel MACRON.

A few moments later, I also had a chat with Minister of the Interior and Overseas Departments Gérald Darmanin and Paris Police Prefect Laurent Nuñez.

In the company of our friends from the local delegation of Paris, we were able to present our association and exchange with many authorities, many directors and many colleagues. 2 accessions have even been registered since. Little by little, we are regaining our place in the institutional landscape of our country.

These exchanges with the highest levels of our country show that since the elections of March 28, 2024 and the establishment of a new National Office of which I am the second youngest President in the history of our section, we are on the right path.

This ambitious mix of experience and youth, wisdom and modernity, respect for our historical foundations and innovation are bearing fruit.

The increase in our membership over the past few weeks also shows that we are right, but that we must continue to intensify our efforts.

I look forward to meeting you in North Macedonia as part of the IPA World Congress. This, in order to learn a lot about this international and central event of our association and inspire me with your positive and innovative actions. This, to continue to advance our section towards higher summits!

"Servo Per Amikeco"

Brice Fresko  
National President  
IPA FRANCE



# RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL WALSH IEB VICE PRESIDENT & TREASURER FINANCES

## Resignation of Vice President & Treasurer Finances Michael Walsh and Announcement of Online World Congress with elections on 7 December 2024

Our esteemed colleague, Mr Michael Walsh, who has served as Vice President on the International Executive Board (IEB) since his election at the World Congress in October 2023 and as Treasurer Finances since November 2019, has decided to step down from his position due to the increasing demands of his new private venture. Mr Walsh formally announced his resignation on 20 August 2024, exactly four weeks before the start of the 2024 World Congress in Ohrid, North Macedonia, in September 2024.



### Procedures for Filling the Vacancy

In accordance with the International Statutes and International Rules of the IPA, if a position becomes vacant within the first three years of the term, the designated Alternate assumes the role until the next IPA World Congress, where an election is held. Should the vacancy occur in the fourth year of the term, the Alternate remains in the position until the elective World Congress at the end of the term.

Given that Mr Walsh's resignation falls within the first year of his term and considering the proximity of the upcoming World Congress in Ohrid, the IEB has decided to hold an Online World Congress with elections on 7 December 2024 to elect a new Treasurer Finances and a new Vice President.

### Justification for an Online Congress

To ensure that the election of a new Treasurer Finances and Vice President is conducted properly, with adequate time for nominations and preparation, the IEB has determined that an Online World Congress is the most practical solution. This approach allows us to adhere to the principles outlined in the statutes while ensuring that the leadership transition occurs smoothly and in a timely manner.

### Election Procedures and Important Deadlines

The role of Treasurer Finances is critical to the financial health and integrity of the IPA, and it requires a person with substantial experience in managing financial responsibilities. Ideally, the candidate should have previous experience as a Treasurer within their National Section, as this will provide them with the necessary background and understanding to manage the finances of the IPA on an international level. This experience is essential to ensure that the IPA's financial operations are handled with the utmost professionalism and efficiency.

# RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL WALSH IEB VICE PRESIDENT & TREASURER FINANCES

Please be aware of the following key dates for the upcoming election process:

## **Nominations Deadline:**

All nominations for the position of Treasurer Finances and the Vice President must be submitted to the IAC [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org) no later than 8 September 2024. The role of Vice President is available to one of the elected IEB members or to the newly appointed Treasurer Finances. Nominations must be supported by the candidate's National Section and accompanied by a written consent from the candidate.

## **Agenda Publication:**

The agenda for the Online World Congress, including the list of candidates, will be circulated to all sections by 18 October 2024.

## **Amendments to Motions:**

Any amendments to motions must be submitted by 17 November 2024. The final list of candidates and any submitted amendments will be distributed to all sections on this date.

## **Online World Congress:**

The Online World Congress will be held on 7 December 2024, during which the elections for Treasurer Finances and the new Vice President will take place.

## **Importance of Participation**

Active participation in this process is crucial for the future leadership of the IPA. We urge all sections to engage fully in the nomination and election process, ensuring that we elect individuals who will continue to uphold the values and mission of our association.

Furthermore, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr Walsh for his dedication and contributions to the IPA over the years. His departure from the IEB will be deeply felt, but we respect his decision and wish him every success in his future endeavours. Mr Walsh will remain in role and continue his duties for both Vice President and Treasurer Finances until 31st December 2024 to ensure a smooth transition and adequate handover period.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the upcoming Online World Congress, please do not hesitate to contact the International Administration Centre (IAC) or myself directly.

Servo Per Amikeco

Martin Hoffmann  
International President

## HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in applying for the role of Treasurer Finances, please complete the application form which can be on our International website.:

[Treasurer Finances Application Form](#)

Applicants must be supported by their National Section and accompanied by a written consent.

Closing date for applications is 8th September 2024.



# MoU WITH ROADPOL

On the 14th August 2024, The President of ROADPOL Mrs. Elvira Zsinkai and IPA International President Martin Hoffmann signed a MoU with ROADPOL in Budapest. The MoU was negotiated between Mrs Zsinkai and Oliver Hoffmann, in his capacity as Chairman of the International Relations Commission, over the last few months.



We had a great meeting with the ROADPOL representatives and agreed on the following very concrete next steps:

- ROADPOL will be invited to one of the next IPA International World Congresses to present ROADPOL to the international IPA Sections.
  - ROADPOL and IPA to publicise the signing of the MoU on social media, in their newsletters and on the website.
  - IPA will offer the opportunity to promote road safety on its Facebook page or in its monthly newsletter.
  - We will consider exchanging our images of the police in the context of the photo competitions and add this to the respective statements on the use of the photos.
- ROADPOL will contact the President of IPA to arrange an interview for their newsletter.
  - We will jointly explore the possibility of closer co-operation with the Dubai Police.
  - After the election of a new President of ROADPOL in October 2024, a follow-up meeting with the new President will be scheduled in 2025.
  - Oliver Hoffmann is the focal point of ROADPOL



Our new IEB Mascot promoting Sustainability Arctic Fox "Arthur" observed the meeting.

We remember the following tips "Never drink and drive" and "Respect the speed limits".

Servo Per Amikeco

Oli Hoffmann  
Chairperson of International Relations  
Commission (IRC)

# YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS SEMINAR AUSTRIA 2024



## YPOS 2024 hosted by IPA Section Austria Vienna, Austria – 29.07.2024 – 03.08.2024

The Young Police Officers Seminar or YPOS for 2024 was hosted by Section Austria and took place in Vienna over 5 days. 39 delegates from 26 IPA Sections worldwide took part in the programme which was a rich mix of policing, culture and social activity – from specialised units & firearms to operational policing, sport and rowing races and chances to see the capital sights and buildings of state and not forgetting the social aspect where the delegates had an opportunity to exchange experiences with their colleagues from around the World. The opening ceremony, addressed by International President Martin Hoffmann, Section Austria President Robert Neumann and led by Vice President Wolfgang Gabrutsch, set the tone for an unforgettable event.



The programme, devised by Section Austria, saw the professional aspects take place mostly at the Rossauer Barracks and here the delegates were introduced to the professional function of the International Police Association and the IPA Academy of Section Austria. Talks on Operational Policing functions of the Federal Police of Austria were given and were of great interest. During the course of the programme WEGA, K9 and COBRA units also engaged the delegates with displays of their operational functions and delegates in turn participated in physical training exercises to include wall climbing, firearms and obstacle courses.

# YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS SEMINAR AUSTRIA 2024



As an IPA led event and a project which falls under the Professional Commission, a critical aspect of YPOS was the familiarisation of the delegates with the International Police Association and welcoming their views and input. The Strategic Young Members Conference – previously a stand-alone event – was incorporated to the YPOS programme and ran for a full day on August 1st. Facilitated by Fabian Payr (Section Austria) and Joyce O' Grady (Section Ireland) and observed by President of Section Austria – Robert Neumann and International Professional Commission Chair – Diego Trolese. A series of talks and workshops yielded informative and in some cases, new points of view – crucial information in considering the direction of the YPOS movement going forward. This group, representative of Young Police Officers globally, were enthusiastic and engaged in strategies concerned with the growth of the Association. A new Programme for Education – the Young Police Officers Mentoring Programme, a live Section Ireland initiative, was presented for consideration by the delegates. This combines Education and Mentoring for Young Police Officers which will produce candidates who are informed in all aspects of IPA and the means to take that knowledge anywhere. Strong interest was expressed in taking part if this was offered in their home Sections.

As with every IPA event, the cultural and social aspects play a huge role and this was certainly the case with YPOS where Friendship is the vital link.

A Section Austria's programme of social and cultural events were relaxed and engaging – from sightseeing Vienna on a walking tour to a reception at the Rathaus of Vienna and the honour of meeting local representatives of the Government were two highlights. A football game and a dragon boat race gave the group the chance to work as teams and added another unique opportunity to engage. The attention to detail by Section Austria was apparent and the appreciation of the delegates was clear. The end of the week saw a very different group dynamic where new and strong friendships had been very clearly established.



# YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS SEMINAR AUSTRIA 2024

The Closing Ceremony marked the attendance of each delegate by way of presentation of Certificates of Attendance and address by President Neumann, Vice President Gabrutsch, Chair of International Professional Commission Diego Trolese and Hofrat Mag. Bezdeka. Throughout YPOS many plans were begun by delegates to engage with projects in their Sections and on some of the International Projects, exchanges between delegates have also begun and plans for the next YPOS are being considered. All in all, the entire Programme was a resounding success with excellent feedback and of course – new friendships. Congratulations to Section Austria on their dedication and professionalism.

**Delegate Sections:** Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, United Kingdom, United States.

**Hosting Section Austria:** President Robert Neumann & Veronika Neumann, Vice President Wolfgang Gabrutsch, Fabian Payr, Michael Guttner, Elke Strohmeier, Anita Tiefenbach, Frederick Duke, Peter Schweiger, Kathrin Rosanits, Claudia Schoffauer.

**International Professional Commission:** Chair IPC Diego Trolese, Project Young Members Joyce O'Grady.

Joyce O'Grady – Young Members Project Team



# IPA POLAND BIATHLON



Between 24-28 April 2024 in Nowy Targ, Region IPA Opole III Korona organised the 1st IPA Biathlon. Members from Spain, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Italy participated in the event. The sports competition was combined with showing the beauty of Malopolska Province.

The shooting competition was carried out in the capital of Podhale at the sports shooting range of the National Defense League, while the second of the scheduled competitions - bowling - was carried out at the ZADYMA Inn-Brewery in Szaflary.

The shooting competition included pistol, rifle and shotgun, was won by a team from Spain, and the Spain's representative Luis Timon became the best shooter of the competition.

The bowling competition was won by the Italian team, and the best bowler was the Italian team player Angelo Maggi.

The best player of the tournament in both competitions turned out to be a member of our Region Mateusz Kapolka.

One of the tourist attractions was a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum - a former Nazi German concentration and extermination camp. On the following day, our guests were able to explore the Royal Capital City of Krakow.

The last evening turned out to be a fiesta of joy of people meeting under the banner of the International Police Association, where language barriers, age or rank in service do not matter. In the setting of a highland band, the Chairman of the IPA Opole Region III Korona, together with the Secretary of the Opole Provincial Group, made the ceremonial presentation of cups and trophies of the IPA Biathlon. There was a tasting of Podhale cuisine, dancing and simply joy in accordance with Servo per Amikeco.

IPA Region Opole III Korona



# IPA UK JOURNEY TO SOUTH AFRICA



In July 2018, I chaired the Police Street Survival Course in Gimborn, an annual training event where the Defensive Tactics Group (IPA-DTG) teaches essential skills to officers from around the globe. This course draws delegates from diverse backgrounds, ages, ranks, and experiences, fostering a unique environment of learning and camaraderie. It was here that I met Lieutenant Colonel Hien Shultz, a helicopter pilot in the South African Police Service (SAPS). Our shared dedication to law enforcement and personal safety sparked a friendship, culminating in an invitation to teach self-defence in South Africa. Despite various delays—work, COVID, and personal circumstances—it took me six years to finally make the journey. This is the story of that unforgettable experience.

The plan to visit South Africa was set a year prior, by planning a vacation with my wife. However, it didn't take her long for her to realise that the primary reason for our trip was to connect with Hein and conduct two days training! Hein, proved to be an exceptional host, greeting us at Johannesburg airport and welcoming us into his home in Pretoria and making my wife feel safe. We were also introduced to his wonderful partner Mariska who is a serving officer in SAPS.

Among our sightseeing adventures, was a visit to the Koevoet Memorial at the Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria.

This was dedicated to the Police Officers who died during the insurgency bush wars of 1979–89. Now sadly their sacrifice forgotten and only remembered by the few who were there. Another poignant visit was to the Police Memorial wall at the Union Buildings. Shockingly the wall rapidly fills with the names of over 100 officers per year who die in the line of duty each year. This sobering moment underscored the critical importance of our work in the IPA-DTG—not just as a professional outlet, but as a vital means of enhancing officer safety.



On our fourth day, we arrived at the beautiful IPA House (Johann Rissik House) in Pretoria, where I was to teach self-defence skills to police and IPA members. The turnout was impressive, with about 30 participants, mostly retirees but also some active officers. We began with a customary minute of silence for fallen and injured officers worldwide. I then gave an hour-long presentation on the DTG, emphasising our reality-based training, taught by police officers for police officers. The techniques are designed to be easy to learn, mastered, and remembered under stress. The training includes open-handed strikes, knife defence, stopping critical bleeding, and ground defence. By the end of the day, everyone was injury-free and thoroughly enjoyed the session having learnt something (I hope!)

# IPA UK JOURNEY TO SOUTH AFRICA

We were joined by the IPA President of South Africa, Mr. 'Vossie' Vos, who presented certificates of attendance and expressed support for forming a DTG within the section. Hein and Robert Coetzee volunteered to lead this initiative, and several attendees applied to join the IPA, marking it a successful event. The day concluded with a traditional South African "braai" (BBQ), where we enjoyed a delicious spread, replenished our fluids and made new friends.

After another pleasing day with Hein, we embarked on a four-day safari in the Klaserie Private Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park. This unforgettable adventure deserves its own story, but suffice it to say, it was a trip of a lifetime. We then flew to Cape Town for the second training event at the IPA House, Timour Hall Villa, in the scenic Constantia Valley. This venue, with its stunning surroundings and excellent bar, is highly recommended for anyone visiting South Africa.



The training in Cape Town mirrored the Pretoria course but catered to a different audience. This time, 50 mostly active SAPS and Metro police officers, including the Executive Director (Safety & security) Vincent Botto and the Commissioner (Public Safety) Petrus Roberts. The session began with a particularly sombre minute of silence, as one of their officers had been murdered the day before, highlighting the extreme dangers faced by SAPS officers daily. Despite the heat, everyone trained hard, motivated and eager to learn. Many were inspired to join the IPA, further expanding our network. Although I was exhausted by the end of the day, I was gratified to know I had contributed to their safety.

The evening was spent replenishing fluids at the bar and listening to incredible stories of near-death experiences and heroic deeds—far from the usual mundane conversations about the weather or economic woes of the UK.

Leaving South Africa was bittersweet. It's a land of contrasts—dangerous yet stunningly beautiful, with amazing wildlife but, most importantly, the warm-hearted and generous people I met. I would like to thank everyone I met and particularly Vossie and Jakkie who helped facilitate the visit. I am especially grateful to Hein and Mariska for their hospitality and friendship. I look forward to our next meeting and continuing our mission to enhance officer safety.

Robert Stenhouse  
IPA UK

# IPA KAZAKHSTAN BOXING CONFERENCE

On June 13-16, 2024, the Kazakhstan section of the International Police Association in Aktau, Mangistau region, jointly with the regional Police Department, organised and held a boxing conference among police officers and law enforcement agencies dedicated to the Day of the Kazakhstan Police. The events were attended by current police officers, members of the Kazakhstan section of the IPA, the National National Security of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and military personnel of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Based on the results of the competition, the winners of the tournament were awarded medals and memorable prizes in weight categories. The purpose of the tournament: improving the image of leaders of law enforcement agencies, promoting a healthy lifestyle, actively involving young people in physical education and sports, as well as activities on anti-drug immunity among adolescents.



## IPA 1ST WORLD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Socio-Cultural Commission Sports Project Team are organising the 1st IPA World Football Tournament in 2025.

The Sports Project Team invite you express your interest in hosting this event due to take place in spring next year. The necessary requirements can be found on the International Website

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Sports>

You are asked to submit your expressions of interest by emailing [ipa.scc.sportsproject@gmail.com](mailto:ipa.scc.sportsproject@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday 1st October 2024.

**CALL OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST THE 1st IPA WORLD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

**WFT Format**

- 7x7 (6+1GK, max 12 players/team)
- 2 Categories (Men and Women)
  - Spring 2025
- Individual Trophies (MVP, Fair Play, Oldest Player, Top Goal Scorer) + Team Awards
- Expression of interest via IPA-IAC's, by Tuesday 01 October 2024, via email: [ipa.scc.sportsproject@gmail.com](mailto:ipa.scc.sportsproject@gmail.com)



# IPA ALBANIA RETIREMENT CEREMONY



IPA Section Albania in respect of the work, dedication and sacrifices of the State Police employees on 25.07. 2024 organised in the city of Shkodra a ceremony for the retirement of Chief Commisar Pashko Lakaj, who since 1983 has served without interruption in the structures of the border police in Shkodra. In this ceremony, in addition to former employees of the State Police who have retired, colleagues of Mr. Pashko, leaders of the Municipality and the Prefecture also take part.

Part of the greeting:

*Dear friends, participating ladies and gentlemen,*

*Your presence is a testimony of appreciation of the year-long work, commitment and sacrifices of State Polie employees. Institutionalising retirement is not simply a procedure to fill the reservoir of a lifetime with positive emotions.*

*Normally, people ask what special thing did Chief Pashko Lakaj do to inspire us. There are numerous moral principles and ethical values that characterised his career. You know that better than me, anyway I would like to call you attention to certain phenomena beyond the case "Pashko". We rightly dedicate due care to special ceremonies, related to heroic deeds, affecting the life and health of policemen, whereas retirement because of age is a daily calendar act.*

*We know the number of policemen killed in line of duty, but we do not know how many of their colleagues celebrated the birthday with a 65- number candle on top of the cake.*

# IPA ALBANIA RETIREMENT CEREMONY

*One thing is certain, very few, if any, policemen enjoy their retirement over as many years as their work period. Closing of the cycle of professional life seems unjustly as the expiry of an investment which demands little effort to be preserved and maintained. The pensioner was once called a vehicle without license plates, taken off the circulation to the junk yard. Once you retire, you withdraw and forget you have written important paragraphs in the History of State Police and of the country, just enjoy the weekly hell of 168 or more hours. From then on things will change; wakening up, morning coffee with your colleagues, work hours, complex situations, frequent phone calls, correspondence or meetings will be replaced with coffees at the neighbourhood bar, petty talk about day politics with friends and neighbours, sitting at home in front of TV or with the cell phone at hand, checking every evening to switch off the light and water taps and carry out the tasks your wife asked you for.*

This event organised by IPA-Section Albania is for the good of our colleagues and friends. On this occasion, together with the Honorary Consul of Austria, our friend and a very active member of IPA-Section Albania, and Mr. Gjergj Leqejza I am handing to You "The Certificate of Gratitude" signed by the President of IPA International, Martin Hoffmann.



## IPA UK

# INTERNATIONAL GOLF COMPETITION 2025

IPA UK invite you to join the 2025 National Golf competition from 3-5 June 2025. The venue next year will be East Sussex National Hotel Resort, Golf Club and Spa and will comprise a singles competition and a team competition.

The club features two unique championship golf courses that have been played on by some of the most well-known names in golf. The 36 holes are all unique, with no two looking alike or playing alike, with each hole requiring thought and skill.

Non-golfers are also welcome to join for the social events, and to take advantage of the amazing facilities at the hotel.

For more information visit our website: [IPA UK Golf Competition](https://www.ipa-uk.org/golf-competition)



# IPA JAPAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

## IPA Japan holds 2024 National Congress in Hokkaido

On July 20-21, IPA Japan held its 2024 National Congress at a hot spring resort in Sapporo, Hokkaido, northern Japan. In addition to board members, members and supporting members from all over Japan attended the congress. On July 20, many of the participants gathered at New Chitose Airport and traveled by bus via Lake Shikotsu, which has some of the best water quality in Japan, to their destination, Jozankei. Jozankei is a historic hot spring resort about an hour's drive from downtown Sapporo, the provincial capital of Hokkaido. This was the first time in 18 years that the national congress was held in Hokkaido.



On the evening of July 20, the board members met at the venue hotel to confirm the agenda for the following day's general assembly and to discuss other matters. The dinner party was then held at the hotel. After the opening remarks by President Masahito Kanetaka, the Hokkaido Region Chief gave the welcome speech. It was a time of enjoyable inter-regional and inter-member/supporting member exchange, and the party ended with the closing speech by the Osaka Region Chief.

The following day, July 21, the general assembly was held, during which the secretary's reports and some agenda items were discussed, the activity plan and the budget for 2024 were approved, and Kyoto was selected as the venue for next year's national congress. Meanwhile, the partners and the visitors who did not attend the general assembly enjoyed a separate program at a Sapporo landmark. The participants' bus then left the hotel for New Chitose Airport, where the congress concluded its two-day program. IPA Japan thus began a new chapter in its 63rd year. I would like to end this article by thanking the Hokkaido Region for their efforts in organizing the 2024 National Congress.

Toru Uto  
IPA Japan Secretariat



# IPA BELGIUM ATTEND THE ROSENMONTAG CARNIVAL

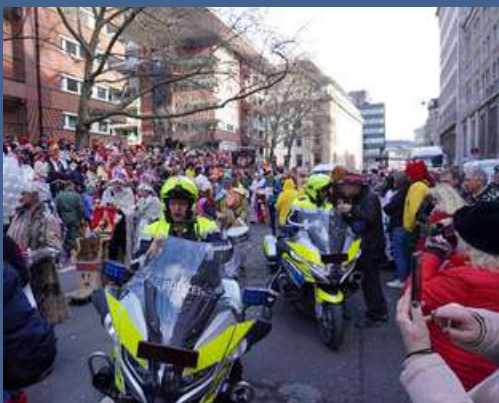


Earlier this year, our friend and president of the IPA Namur, Luc Puissant, organised this beautiful day with skill in Cologne to allow us to attend and participate in the Rosenmontag. The carnival parade takes place in the beautiful city Köln. The group were led by Christian Joyeux, advisor of the committee of IPA Namur and participants travelled by bus till Köln. We arrived around 11.00, and the president of IPA Köln (Cologne), Dietmar Udo Weiss, came to greet us near the police station to guide us to the meeting place on the route of the procession. Places were reserved for the IPA friends from the 4 corners of Europe.

The friends of IPA Cologne had organised a stand where food and drinks were available for handing out chocolates and sweets on the fly and offering roses to the ladies in the crowd. The police of Cologne and the firefighters open the constituent procession and the first group greeted the audience with very friendly gestures and smiles!

Celebration also means establishing good contacts with foreign IPA colleagues. Thus I was able to make friends with Dietmar Udo Weiss, the President of the IPA Cologne, with Johannes Hermanns, Polizeipräsident Köln (photo below), and with Klaus Ulrich Wolf, President of the IPA Leverkusen and Franz Brühlhart, Vice-President of the IPA Bern (Switzerland). We gained contacts for our members that may be interesting in travelling and visiting these region sin the future. We returned back to our country, at 6 pm with a head full of good memories. What a beautiful day!

André NICOLAS,  
President IPA Liège (Belgium)



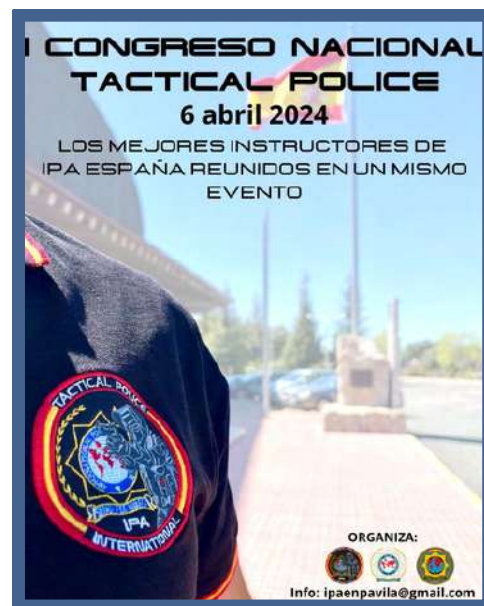
# IPA SPAIN TACTICAL POLICE CONGRESS

- 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.

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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. 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.



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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.

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.

# IPA SPAIN TACTICAL POLICE CONGRESS

## 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 NETHERLANDS BLUE LIGHT

### IPA NETHERLANDS IS BRINGING (BLUE) LIGHT IN THE DARK DECEMBER DAYS

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the Blue Light Ride will be organised for the third time in Venlo, The Netherlands. This year the event will be organised for the first time under the flag of the International Police Association (IPA), district Limburg-Noord. An impressive parade of between 80 and 100 vehicles from various emergency services will drive to the VieCuri hospital in Venlo that afternoon.

The aim of the Blue Light Ride is hopefully make patients forget for a while that they are ill. In addition, we want to contribute to increasing the bond between emergency workers from various emergency services at home and abroad.

Despite the fact that police officers and emergency crews will only be able to register for the event in a few months, we are happy to make an exception for IPA members from home and abroad. If you would like to come to Venlo with a police vehicle (this may also be a vintage police car) to participate in the Blue Light Ride, please send an email to [info@bluelightride.nl](mailto:info@bluelightride.nl). For more information, photos and videos visit [www.bluelightride.nl](http://www.bluelightride.nl)





# INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION EDUCATION

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, an Education Project Team was established and a number of dedicated individuals were appointed to help oversee all education within IPA and to engage with all stakeholders to maximise opportunities for our members.

As well as continuing the strong working relationships with IBZ Gimborn, we need to bring a new range of topics and seminars to our membership. We need to make education more accessible to all our members across the world.

The main aims of the project are:

- Raise awareness of the IBZ Gimborn in all IPA Sections
- Promote all educational seminars across all of our channels
- Make Gimborn accessible to all members across the world

## MEET THE TEAM



Diego Trolese  
Chairperson  
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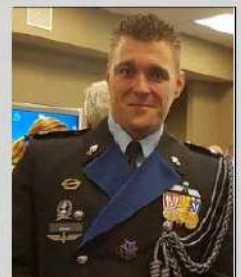
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# IPA AUSTRIA HIKING WEEK 2024



## Executive met for the IPA Hiking Week 2024 and to the 1st IPA "Almstammtisch" at Nassfeld

Over 80 IPA (International Police Association) hiking friends from 8 nations (Germany, Estonia, France, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Slovenia and Ukraine) took part in the IPA Hiking Week 2024 and the 1st IPA "Almstammtisch" at Nassfeld.

The IPA friends were offered a varied program by the IPA Oberkärnten in cooperation with Martin Waldner, Hotel Gartnerkofel. Starting with a lecture by meteorologist Gerhard Hohenwarter on weather patterns and how they come about.



During the week, the following peaks were climbed on the various hikes and tours: Gartnerkofel, Madritsche, Malurch, Auernig, Falkertspitze and Cima di Terrarossa.

A day trip to Lake Braies was organized to loosen up the muscles.

At the end of the week, the 1st IPA "Almstammtisch" took place. Honors were presented on this occasion.



Siegfried and Ulrike SCHMIDT were presented with a badge of honor by the mayor of Hermagor, Leopold ASTNER, for their 10-year participation in the IPA Hiking Week.

International IPA President Martin HOFFMANN and IPA-LG Chairman Dr. Wolfgang GABRUTSCH presented Martin WALDNER (Hotel Gartnerkofel) and Domenico GIANNIERI (IPA President of IPA-Venezia Giulia) with the golden IPA badge of honor and certificate for their services to IPA Carinthia.

# IPA AUSTRIA HIKING WEEK 2024

A cozy lunch and barbecue party took place on the terrace of the Hotel Gartnerkofel. Steaks, various grilled dishes and salads as well as drinks were served. The solo entertainer Sammy provided the musical accompaniment for the cozy day. The day and the IPA Hiking Week 2024 came to an end with an excellent atmosphere and interesting conversations.

SERVO PER AMIKECO  
Ewald Grollitsch



# IPA AUSTRIA HIKING WEEK 2025

The Hotel Gartnerkofel – Family Waldner and the IPA –Vbst. Upper Carinthia invite you to a hiking vacation for IPA members

**June 22nd – June 29th 2025**

For more information and to register, visit our International Website:  
[Austria Hiking Week 2025](#)



# IPA CANADA #SHEisIPA

In 2023, the IEB implemented their four-year project #sheisipa. The strategic aim of this project is to embrace an inclusive vision for the future, by increasing the visibility of women within the IPA. This will also aim to increase the visibility of the IPA to women in the policing community.

IEB's strategic objectives include:

- 1) Data Management
- 2) Engagement and Visibility
- 3) Communication
- 4) Learning and Education
- 5) Mentoring and Networking
- 6) Aligning with the UN published Sustainable Goals



In 2024, the project to align IPA Canada (IPAC), along with the development of a strategic plan, was initiated to ensure compliance and alignment with the IAC objectives.

An Executive working group has been created in Canada to ensure project plan development and recruitment markers are met. The #sheisipa IPAC Committee includes – Region 9 member Andrea Brezdan, Region 13 member Michelle Lebrun, Region 16 member Danielle Smitty and Region 2 members Farhan Kevar and Tara Murphy (Executive Lead). Together with IPAC Social and Cultural Chair Karen Frost, #sheisipa IPAC Committee is dedicated to seeking out opportunities for our membership.

The following pillars will demonstrate IPAC's commitment to this directive:

- ENGAGE
- ENLIGHTEN
- ELEVATE

#sheisipa IPAC will focus on engaging with our female IPA population, enlightening the Canadian female policing population about the IPA, and elevating our female membership through networking and mentorship.

Directed recruitment will provide opportunity to build the IPA Canada community, provide alternative perspectives, and create a healthy, inclusive future for the association.

Currently, IPAC membership sits at 13% female population. This is concurrent with international numbers and is relative to the struggles police services are experiencing across Canada.

Further information on recruitment drives, networking channels and mentorship programs will be shared. Targeted marketing will be done specific to our identified female membership; however, we look forward to ideas and engagement from our identified male allies.

Please visit [Women in IPA \(ipa-international.org\)](https://ipa-international.org) for more information on our international program.

# IPA BELGIUM TRIP AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

**From 14 to 25.06.2024, the IPA section of the province of Liège (IPA Liège) Belgium made a magnificent trip around the Baltic Sea: 7 countries by plane, bus, cruise and ... on foot (more than 90km to our credit!) What an exploit and what wonders!**

Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Denmark!

On June 14 we flew to Stockholm, a must visit of the maritime museum Vasa, one of the most visited museums in Scandinavia. The museum traces the history of the warship commanded by King Gustav II Adolphe, a three-masted built in the 17th century with its 64 guns, Engulfed by the sea in August 1628 after 15 minutes of navigation. Refloated in 1957, it has been meticulously reconstructed.



On 15.06, we made a panoramic tour of one of the most beautiful northern capitals : Stockholm: the Royal Castle, the old town, etc...

At 4pm we boarded the cruise ship «Serenade» of the Tallink Silja Line to Helsinki. Aperitifs, dinners, orchestras and shops: A true shopping centre on the Baltic Sea. After a «white» night at 2am we were able to admire a beautiful sunset over the sea.

On 16.06, arrival in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Visit the Senate Square, the Cathedral, the Sibelius Monument and after dinner we wandered on the Esplanade, real «Champs Elysées» of Helsinki... Then, boarding the ferry to cross the Gulf of Finland to Tallinn. On 16.06, arrival in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Visit the Senate Square, the Cathedral, the Sibelius Monument and after dinner we wandered on the Esplanade, real «Champs Elysées» of Helsinki... Then, boarding the ferry to cross the Gulf of Finland to Tallinn.

Dinner at the medieval restaurant Olde Hansa, in the heart of the city with a historic decor and servers dressed in medieval costumes.



We had the opportunity to meet a delegation of the IPA from Estonia composed of Mrs Sigrít HANG, member of the National Executive Committee; Mr Kostja LEPIK, member of IPA Estonia and Mrs Liivika TOMING from the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences (Sisekaitseakadeemia): charming evening in their company...

On 17.06 we visited the Old Town of Tallinn. Afterwards, departure towards Parnu, before entering Latvia, on 18.06, at Riga, capital and located on the Baltic Sea, at the mouth of the Daugava.

# IPA BELGIUM TRIP AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

Rundale Castle, located in the Zemgale region of southern Latvia is a remarkable example of baroque and rococo architecture in Latvia. Its construction began in 1736, under the direction of the Italian architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, known for his work on the Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg.

Continuation of our trip in Lithuania we made a small stop at the Hill of the Crosses of Siauliai, north of Lithuania, with more than 150,000 crosses ranging from the smallest crucifix to gigantic calvary erected in memory of martyrs and heroes of national independence: It is a high place of pilgrimage.



We had the opportunity to meet, in the evening, a delegation of IPA Lithuania composed of Vytautas JASIULEVICIUS, Secretary General of IPA Lithuanian Section and chairman of the National Internal Commission, Mrs Giedrė TAMULIONIENE, high Superintendent, member of the Board of the Police Department Subdivision, working in the International Relations Board, Interpol Division and Mr Sergei SANKOVSKI, member of the Board of the Public Security Service Branch. Very friendly meeting and good contacts for the future for our international IPA relationship between Belgium and Lithuania...



21.06, departure towards Kaunas. Kaunas is the second largest city in Lithuania and the most important river port in the Baltic states. After dinner, we continued our journey to Masuria in Kętrzyn in Poland where we visited the Wolfsschanze (in French: «la Tanière du Loup») Code name for the main headquarters of Adolf Hitler during World War II, the Wolf's Lair housed the headquarters of the Eastern Front. Much of the complex was destroyed by the German army at the end of the war. Adolf Hitler spent more than 800 days in the Wolfsschanze, where his most paranoid ideas such as the extermination of Jews and the total destruction of Warsaw after the 1944 uprising" according to guide Jerzy Szykowski.



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It was also in the Wolfsschanze that the attempt on Hitler's life took place on 20 July 1944. Its instigator, Count von Stauffenberg, was executed with three other conjurers that evening.

22.06: After lunch we drive to Olsztyn and Malbork. Capital of the Teutonic state from 1309 to 1457, Malbork transports us into medieval Poland, the castle is the largest medieval fortress in Europe. It is also the largest brick building in the world.

On 23.06, guided tour of Gdansk, the pearl of the Baltic in Poland. Old Hanseatic city. Gdansk – formerly known by its German name of Danzig – is a beautiful city rich in centuries-old history. In the centre of its main town, rebuilt after the Second World War, stand the colourful facades of the Long Market, which today houses shops and restaurants. Nearby is the bronze statue of Neptune, the Roman god of the sea, a symbol of the city dating back to the 17th century. Gdańsk is also the center of world trade in amber.

Gdansk was also the cradle of popular struggle against the communist regime and the movement Solidarność led by the electrician Lech Wałęsa. The European Centre of Solidarność, is a multimedia museum housed in a contemporary building of 3000 m<sup>2</sup> covered with steel, at the site of the shipyards where it all began.



At the end of the day, we board the Stena Line Ferry for our night cruise to Karlskrona in Sweden... From there, on the coach ride to Malmö known for its modern decor, illustrated by its twisted skyscraper, the Turning Torso, a masterpiece of contemporary architecture.

The Øresund bridge, with its island and tunnel extension, connects the cities of Malmö in Sweden and Copenhagen in Denmark.

Arrival in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark. The historic centre of the city contains an 18th century rococo district called Frederiksstad: here you will find the Amalienborg Palace, royal residence.

## The Little Mermaid

One of the most popular icons in Denmark, the Little Mermaid, first appeared in the famous fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen and gained even wider recognition with the animated adaptation of Disney in 1989. A statue of the character, created by artist Edvard Eriksen, overlooks the port of Copenhagen and is one of the city's most popular tourist attractions.



# IPA BELGIUM TRIP AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

It The 25th of June is the last day of our wonderful trip... Heading towards Roskilde for a wonderful day of discovery: We embarked on a Viking ship «drakkar» Initiation to rowing and sailing. Big fun ! What a happy day!

Not an easy experience but extraordinary for us ... and a small diploma at the key has been made by Michèle, my lovely wife, for the whole group, in memory of this particular trip.

Flight back Copenhagen - Brussels at the end of the day for a well-deserved rest and full of memories in the head...



André NICOLAS

Honorary President IPA Liège

Honorary Secretary General IPA Belgium

## IPA GERMANY DONATE TO UKRAINE



IPA Germany supported the initiative of the German IPA region Bergstrasse to donate an ambulance to the IPA region Khmel'nitsky with 1,700 Euros. At the same time, the IPA region asked for a financial donation for the purchase of medical equipment, which is urgently needed in Ukraine to support wounded / injured police officers. After Oliver Hoffmann presented the request, the IEB spontaneously decided to donate 2,000 Euros to IPA Ukraine to support this initiative. Oliver Hoffmann handed over a cheque in the name of our president Martin Hoffmann to the IPA region on the ambulance's departure to Ukraine. The Minister of Interior of the State of Hesse, who attended the farewell of the ambulance, was very pleased with IPA's initiative and our social commitment. He handed over a cheque with 500 Euro, promised 300 bullet prove vests form the police and became spontaneous member of IPA region Bergstrasse.

The ambulance was handed over on 14 August 2024 to the IPA Region Khmel'nitsky by the two IPA friends Jupp Simon and David Weiser.

Oliver Hoffmann

President - IPA Germany

[www.ipa-international.org](http://www.ipa-international.org)



# IPA GERMANY VISIT KODOKAN JAPAN



On August 6, an IPA Germany member, Mr. Daniel Tobias Schubert who works at the Dortmund headquarters of the North Rhine-Westphalia State Police and his friend Annika visited the Kodokan Judo Institute, the birthplace of judo. The visit was at the request of Daniel who had started practicing judo in his home country about six months earlier.

The Kodokan was founded in 1882 by Master Jigoro Kano, the founder of Judo, and is now located in Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo. That evening, I met them at the entrance to the building and first paid our respects to the statue of Master Kano outside. Then we went to the observation seats on the 8th floor and watched the training in the main dojo on the 7th floor. It was during the annual summer training period and many judoka including people from overseas, women and children were there with the presence of Mr. Haruki Uemura, Director of the Kodokan. Daniel seemed so fascinated by the judo movement in front of him and asked me some questions about throwing techniques. There were also foreign tourists in the seats, which showed the high interest in one of the Japanese martial arts. On the first floor, there is a shop that sells judo-related items, and on that day, many judo enthusiasts were shopping there, including Daniel.



Daniel and Annika's visit to the Kodokan ended after about an hour. As I am also a 6th Dan judoka and train there, I'd like to meet him on the tatami mat next time.

Lastly, IPA Judoka who are interested in training or observing at the Kodokan are welcome to contact me at [toruuto06@gmail.com](mailto:toruuto06@gmail.com). I will strive to see that your requests are fulfilled. A certain level of judo experience is required to train there, and you need to become a Kodokan member, but there are no special requirements for observing.

Toru Uto  
IPA Japan Secretariat



# IPA SPAIN "ART-IPA"

The Cultural Commission of the International Police Association, Spanish Section is responsible for the promotion, development and promotion of cultural activities, in all its areas, within the association. It has the support of the International Socio-Cultural Commission, within the Art and Culture Project.

ART-IPA is a meeting place for members of the International Police Association and other members of the Security Forces and Corps who have a hobby of the arts and want to share and exhibit their works, with the aim of encouraging and promoting these artists, their creations and culture in general, understanding as art the manifestation of human activity that arises from the need to express something, through which what is real is interpreted or what is imagined is captured with plastic, linguistic or sound resources, which can lead to generating feelings in the spectators who see it, hear it and witness it.



Thanks to the collaboration of the Presidency and the Culture Area of the Provincial Council of Cáceres, the Second Edition is taking place from June 15 to 28 at Sala Pintores, 10 in Cáceres, during its usual hours from Monday to Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. from midnight to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The exhibition was inaugurated on June 15 at 12:00 by Mr. Fernando Jesús Manzano Pedrera, General Secretary of the Interior, Emergencies and Civil Protection of the Government of Extremadura, Ms. Elisabeth Martín Declares, Deputy Delegate of Tourism and Youth on behalf of the President of the Provincial Council of Cáceres Mr. Miguel Ángel Morales Sánchez and by Mr. Antonio Jesús Gómez Montejano, President of IPA Spain, with the assistance of the National Treasurer Mr. José Guillermo Rubio Chinchurreta, in addition to the president of IPA Extremadura, Coordinator of the Cultural Commission Mr. Antonio José Cabello Garay, and several members of the Board of Directors of IPA Extremadura.

The national police, civil guards and local/municipal police who participate in this meeting come from Andalusia, the Community of Madrid, Extremadura, La Rioja and the Valencian Community, mainly writers, painters, photographers and police model makers.

# IPA SPAIN "ART-IPA"



Regarding the Extremaduran participation, there are artists from the National Police of Cáceres and Mérida, the Civil Guard of Badajoz and Cáceres, as well as the Local Police of Almendralejo, Cáceres, Guareña and Mérida, as well as a representation of the Customs Surveillance Service of Cáceres.

The participation of the Cáceres Local Police is materialized in a collection of six books written by its previous chief superintendent, who died in October 2021, Mr. Cesar García González, partner of IPA Extremadura, with the intention of paying a small tribute to his author.

Our thanks to his wife and son for lending these works for the exhibition and accompanying us at the inauguration.

The paintings on display use different techniques, acrylics, oils, watercolors, pen drawings, graphite and polychrome pencils, encaustic, rust... and different motifs. It is worth highlighting a set of 13 works that travel from Logroño to participate in the exhibition and another 8 from Colombia, as well as the collection of drawings by the artist José Manuel Otero, most of them police-themed portraits.

Among the books on display you can see both poetry and prose, fiction novels, crime novels, local history, contemporary fiction, historical books, self-help books, personal improvement books, technical books on practical police operations, research books, legends and even verses in Castúo, dialect spoken in some areas of the Extremadura region.

In the Malinche Room of the San Francisco de Cáceres Cultural Complex, provided by the Provincial Council, and in the Multipurpose Hall of the district of Novelda del Guadiana, Badajoz, a farce entitled "Reckless and Dancer" was performed that introduces messages about the prevention of accidents. Roads aimed at older people, written and represented by municipal police officers of Madrid.

As for photography, the six prizes from the XI IPA Spain National Photography Contest are on display, three in the police category and three in the free category. A collection of 8 images related to dance and a photograph presented by a young promise of the plastic arts, daughter of a member of IPA Extremadura.



# IPA SPAIN “ART-IPA”

To conclude the opening of ArtIPA'24, the attending authorities presented souvenirs to the artists for their participation. The Third Edition of ArtIPA'25 will take place in Barcelona, with the collaboration of IPA Catalonia, coinciding with the commemorative events celebrating the first millennium of the Benedictine Abbey of Montserrat, where we will wait for you next year.

Our special thanks to the President of the Provincial Council of Cáceres for the facilities he has given us so that this event could become a reality in Cáceres, as well as to the Culture Area of the Provincial Council, which has put all its means and resources at our disposal willingly so that everything goes perfectly.

Antonio José Cabello Garay  
Cultural Commission Coordinator

## IPA USA VISIT IPA UK

**The travel opportunities in the IPA are one of the biggest benefits for members. From friendship weeks in Japan to special interest events the opportunities are endless.**

**In addition to organised group travel options, the IPA also offers assistance when travelling on your own or with family: with the help of a travel form, many members take the chance to get to know IPA members in other countries on either a short stay in a city, or while touring a country. A truly unique chance to see the world from a local's perspective, and to exchange with fellow police officers what policing in their country entails.**

**Many of these encounters have resulted in life-long friendships. Read below the testament from Joseph Carr, IPA USA during his visit to the UK.**



"I have just returned from a trip to the UK, and had the pleasure of meeting Ned Donovan from the Metropolitan Police. Ned was gracious enough to provide a tour of New Scotland Yard and we were able to trade stories. It was interesting to see how things are different (but also kind of the same!) There are other options available for UK visitors as well, such as the IPA night at the Ceremony of the Keys on Tuesdays. Highly recommend that law enforcement officers planning travel consider the benefits of the IPA. I'd also suggest reaching out as soon as possible, preferably even before you settle on dates and arrangements, because you may want to incorporate possibilities from the IPA into your plans."

# IPA UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Earlier this year the 9 Region committee of IPA UK took on the challenge of designing and delivering a Police Officer Exchange Programme with aim of hosting a total of 12 serving officers from across four nations putting this event on a much larger scale than any previous exchange event our team has delivered to international visitors.

After much planning our exchange event began on Monday 15th July 2024 where delegates from Switzerland, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands travelled to London to meet at midday. Once gathered the group were welcomed at the British Transport Police Digital Investigations Centre in Chelsea by the 9 Region Chair and Secretary along with members of the BTP Branch who delivered an induction to the exchange programme.



BTP Branch member Detective Inspector Babatunde Adeyeye then delivered an input on the British Transport Police before taking the delegates on a tour of the Digital Investigations Centre where they were able to see the importance of CCTV within British policing and investigations.

On day 2 the group met bright and early in Westminster where they were also joined by Sussex Branch member Christine Clack. The first item of the day was visiting the Metropolitan Police Mounted Unit at Great Scotland Yard. They enjoyed a tour of unique facility and received an input on the specialist work that the unit does, and of course they got to meet the wonderful police horses.

It was then time for some tourism, our guides took the delegates on a whistle stop tour which included the Household Cavalry, Downing Street, the houses of parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham palace before stopping for a much-needed lunch.

It was back to business after lunch as the group met the British Transport Police Civil Protection Unit at Kings Cross where they were taught about the unique challenges that come with policing the London Underground.

# IPA UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Upon leaving Kings Cross we reverted to some more tourism in an effort of keeping a balanced itinerary first taking the group a 'proper English pub' at Blackfriars for a well-deserved drink. After which an afternoon stroll took place starting in the City of London which included St Paul's Cathedral, the monument to fire of London, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast.

Day 3 saw the group meet at the British Transport Police Specialist Operations Centre where a busy morning had been planned for them which included visits and inputs from the Dog Section, Counter Terrorism Unit, Firearms, and the Specialist Response Unit. After a break for lunch the group travelled to Waterloo to meet the Disruption Tasking Team and explore another big London railway station.

Jumping back onto the tube the group then travelled north to Wembley Park where they were welcomed by Section UK Vice President (Professional) Chris Duncombe who took them on a tour of a typical British Police Station. Accompanied by VP Duncombe, we then took the group to an IPA social event at Box Park which was held to mark their visit to London, the event was well attended by members of the BTP Branch who were delighted to meet our international visitors.

Day 4 was the final day of the exchange, after breakfast the group gathered at British Transport Police Force Headquarters for a presentation by their specialist drone unit, exploring the equipment and the capabilities used within this fast-evolving area of policing. The group enjoyed sharing their own experiences of policing with drones and comparing the devices and tactics used between their countries.

Due to the variety of departure times, it was then sadly time to begin saying goodbye to some of the delegates who embarked on their journey home.



# IPA UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

By midday we were down to three remaining delegates from the Netherlands and Ireland. Despite being tired from their busy trip the remaining officers were insistently keen to see one last bit of policing before leaving the United Kingdom. At short notice we began exploring options for one last experience when with a stroke of luck, we received an invitation from BTP Branch member Amy Duckworth to attend a live multi agency operation at London Bridge. Upon arrival the delegates were taken back by the scale of the operation being carried out. The operation involved a total of over 100 officers comprising British Transport Police, Metropolitan Police, National Crime Agency and Immigration officers and their respective specialist teams. The delegates were taken on a tour of the live operation and even had the opportunity to chat to Chief Inspector in charge.

It was at London Bridge where we said goodbye to our remaining delegates which in turn marked the end of a very successful exchange event.

Despite the obvious complexities of delivering an event of this size the value achieved by successfully delivering this event was recognised and felt by all involved. Previously as a region we have delivered exchanges that involve 2-3 officers from one nation. In comparison however this year's exchange, not only enabled visitors to connect with our members, but also to meet members from the other participating national sections which enhanced the 'IPA experience' for all involved. We also noticed that this event generated a lot more awareness of the IPA and what we do across the forces involved with a larger multi-national group being more noticeable and sparking more interest. We are delighted to have already seen a positive impact from this successfully event and look forward to building on this platform moving forward into the future.

On behalf of 9 Region, I would like to thank each, and every individual involved who's support of this exchange enabled us to deliver a fantastic event. From the IPA members that hosted visitors in their homes to the many teams and units that allocated their time and opened their doors to our guests and all the friendly officers and staff that made our visitors feel welcome throughout their visit.

Owen Doherty  
Section UK



# IPA ITALY AT MAY OF BOOKS 2024



**BARCELONA P.G.(ME) – May of Books 2024 ended in style at the “Nannino Di Giovanni” Municipal Library in Via Regina Margherita in Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto with the presentation of the book “The true story of Vitti 'na crozza”. Authors, mysteries, death, mines” published by Giambra Editori The star of the event was a great Sara Favaro, writer, journalist, artist, Knight of the Republic, one of those Sicilian women who honor our land.**

In a library full of people, friends and admirers of the author, they experienced two hours of great cultural depth, discovering the painstaking work of the writer who, due to her visceral love for Sicily, as well as her professional seriousness in re-establishing the truth, has, through years of research, analysed the origins and true meaning of the most famous song of the Sicilian tradition, restoring the truthfulness of its origins and its meaning.

Five speakers then took turns, including the First Director of the State Police, 4th Flight Department as well as vice president of the International Police Association Italy section Antonio Molinaro, brilliantly moderated by Prof. Michela Di Dio, who took care of the minimum details the organization of this event, bringing true excellence in their respective sectors to Barcelona and she deserves the great credit of bringing beauty, culture, truth and justice to our city, in this but also in previous events.



Here's what Molinaro said; "The book offers many ideas, once we left, today we receive the boats, the concepts of justice and emigration are closely related" said Molinaro, continuing: "It's a social discussion, today we have to get used to multi-ethnicity , while paying attention to the always lurking crime, the social approach must improve"

Mauro Nardella  
Editorial Director of IPA magazine Italy



# IPA MOLDOVA COOKING COMPETITION

On 01.06.2024, the members of the Ungheni Territorial Bureau of the IPA Republic of Moldova Section, participated in the most generous international cooking competition, organized by the Club IPA - VIP association in the town of Ighiu, Alba Iulia county, ROMANIA, obtaining the title "The most good traditional product".

At the same time, on the occasion of the international day of fundamental human rights, the Office was awarded with a III degree Diploma and corresponding medals by the Organization for the Defense of Human Rights, for respect and promotion of fundamental human rights, development and consolidation of democracy.

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# IPA MOLDOVA ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. On June 15, 2024, in the Multipurpose Hall of the Labor Institute, in the municipality of Chisinau, the General Assembly, in the form of an annual conference, of the members of the "International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section" was held.

During the work of the Conference, topics of interest to the Association were addressed, the Association's Activity Report for 2023, the Financial Report, the expenditure estimate for the years 2024 - 2025, etc. being approved.

The participants of the event had an active interest vis-à-vis the activities of the Association carried out during the reporting period, sharing their own experience in the fields of competence of the "International Police Association - Section of the Republic of Moldova".

During the event, 10 members of the Association, who are celebrating their birthdays, were given a bouquet of flowers.

At the same time, 3 members of the Association were awarded the jubilee medal of the IPA - RM, and 38 other members were awarded Diplomas of Merit.

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# IPA MAURITIUS FOOTBALL MATCH

On Friday, 16 August 2024, the Le Five Centre de Foot in Terre Rouge was abuzz with excitement as members of the IPA Mauritius section and Italy section faced off in a spirited friendly football match. The event, organised to foster camaraderie and international cooperation, was marked by a strong sense of sportsmanship and mutual respect.

Both teams, composed of IPA members who share a passion for football, showcased their skills on the field, much to the delight of the spectators. The game kicked off in high spirits, with both sides demonstrating impressive teamwork and strategy. The match was closely contested, with each team displaying tenacity and determination, making for an entertaining spectacle.



Beyond the final score, which saw the victory of the Mauritian Section, the real winner was the strengthened bonds between the two IPA sections. The players and supporters alike relished the opportunity to connect with their international counterparts, sharing experiences and building friendships that transcended borders.

The day concluded with a celebratory gathering where both teams exchanged tokens of appreciation, further cementing the ties between IPA Mauritius and IPA Italy. The event was a resounding success, leaving everyone looking forward to future encounters that continue to promote the values of the International Police Association through sports and fellowship.

## Flag Display at Caudan Waterfront

We were overwhelmed with pleasure to witness the skills of our Italian IPA brothers during the flag demonstration of the medieval tradition which was held on Friday 17 Aug 24 at the Caudan Esplanade, Port Louis.

This event was organised by IPA (Mauritius) in collaboration with the Mauritius Police Band, the Special Mobile Force (SMF) Bagpipers, and Le Caudan Waterfront management. The event included a defile through the alleys of Caudan Waterfront up to the Esplanade followed by the flag wavers by the Italian and the Bagpipers demonstration.

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Both teams, composed of IPA members who share a "Flying Flags" requires dexterity and ability which were displayed by our Italian brothers Ivan Samori, his colleague, and the drummer.

It is worth mentioning that Ivan, is the Italian champion 12 times and also the world champion in 2018 in Beijing, China. The Italian team has so far performed on all the continents of the world except Africa and they have chosen Mauritius to be their maiden demonstration on the African continent.



WPC Ershna Ruhonah had on the same occasion the opportunity to showcase her immense talent on the esplanade. IPA (Mauritius) has been a proud brand ambassador of Mauritius at Caudan Esplanade which was recognised and appreciated by the huge crowd present to witness the event.

The article and photos were compiled by the National Executive Board of IPA (Mauritius)



# IPA ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION

The national photography competition of IPA Israel ended in August 2024 with the distribution of certificates and prizes to the first places in the category of police activity and general photography, as well as merit awards.

IPA Israel holds a national photography competition every year as a prelude to the international competition.

All the outstanding photographs, and this year there were many and of high quality, were sent to the international competition, the results of which will be announced at the World Congress in North Macedonia this September.

We see great importance in holding a national competition, in a way that creates the involvement of many members, the best photos are selected and the participation is through the national section. In this way, we confirm the membership in the IPA and make sure not to burden the judging team with inappropriate photos.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the IPA presidency, the management, the winners and family members.

The beginning of the ceremony was particularly emotional, when the family of the late Shevchenko Avni Yohai came to receive a certificate of excellence on his behalf.

Yohai sent a photo to the competition and was then brutally murdered in his home by a terrorist. The award was received by his mother, sister and family members. from the President of IPA Israel, Adv. Gal Sharon, and Dr. Eran Israel, Secretary General.



**Photo of Shevchenko Avni Yohai**



# IPA BELGIUM GETAWAY IN CATALONIA

From the 20th to the 28th of April 2024, my wife, Michèle, and I went to discover Girona (Gérone) and Barcelona, in Catalonia.



It's been a long time since Montse, our friend of the IPA Girona, member of the PJ of the "Mossos d'Esquadra," invited us to discover her region. She also took part in our trip "Grand Tour de la Baltique" that I organised from 14 to 25.06.2024. The IPA is truly a big family!

Staying at her place, she had concocted us several visits of the most interesting. We first wandered in the old town, a real medieval city with its alleys and beautiful walls «stairs» then in the Jewish quarter of El Call, crossed the pretty bridge «Eiffel» in the pure style of the Eiffel Tower, visited the magnificent Cathedral Santa Maria, harmonious marriage of three styles: Roman, Gothic and Renaissance...



We also visited the church of Sant Feliu and the monastery of Sant Pere de Galligants. Saint-Félix de Girona (Catalan: Sant Feliu de Girona) is a collegiate basilica whose origins date back to the early days of Christianity. Embedded in the walls of the presbytery, the tomb of the bishop and martyr Saint Narcisse, patron of the city. The legend says that, from the tomb of Saint Narcisse, escaped a swarm of flies that drove away the French troops of Philippe le Hardi, who had invaded the city in 1286... That is why the image of Saint Narcisse de Girona is always surrounded by flies, an insect that has become the emblem of the city.

We were able to attend the feast of St Georges (St Jordi); patron saint of Catalonia and of «Mossos d'Esquadra». On 23 April, the streets of towns and villages are crowded with people and stalls selling books and roses, symbols of Love and Culture.

# IPA BELGIUM GETAWAY IN CATALONIA



Meeting with police of the «Mossos» who ensured, in number, the security of the city in effervescence.

We were received like princes by the director of the Casino de Perelada, probably the most beautiful in Europe, who personally made us discover the magnificent museum and the casino of course: superb!

Montse has arranged a nice meeting with some colleagues of the Police Department of the Mossos d'Esquadra of the city of Rosas. Nice meeting besides. The Mossos d'Esquadra is the autonomous police force of Catalonia.

It was created in the 18th century. It is the oldest civilian police force in Europe. Good contacts also for members of our IPA section who would like to visit this beautiful region of Catalonia!

Passage in Northern Catalonia, by the house-museum of the painter Salvador Dalí in Cadaquès and the museum "theatre", his work in Figueras. South of Girona, Tossa de Mar, also known as the pearl of the Costa Brava, has amazed us.

We left Girona by TGV for Barcelona for a 4 days tour especially oriented «Antoni Gaudí»: the Sagrada Família, absolutely to visit! There are 6 Gaudí houses in Barcelona .

We opted for the visit of Casa Batlló: It is an absolute masterpiece that is fascinating to discover. It is a fabulous universe that combines architectural genius, an ode to nature and an invitation to dream.

André NICOLAS

Honorary President IPA Liège

Honorary Secretary General IPA Belgium



# SEPTEMBER EVENTS



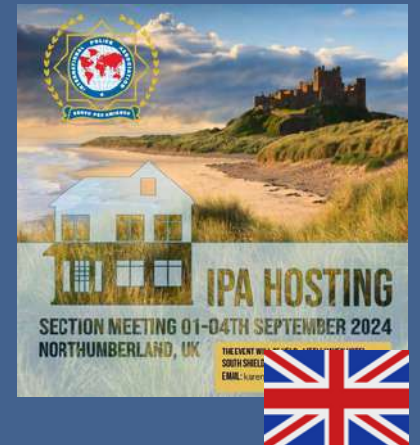
IPA Sri Lanka 50th Anniversary

28- 3 September 2024



IPA Italy 1st International Tennis Championship

31 August - 7 September 2024



IPA UK Hosting Sections Meeting 2024

1-4 September 2024



PA Lithuania 20th Forensic Science International Congress

12-14 September 2024



7-a-Side International Football Tournament Canary Islands

12-15 September 2024



IPA 67th World Congress North Macedonia Ohrid

17 - 22 September 2024

Here are some of the events taking place throughout the IPA this month. Visit our international website for a full list of our upcoming events:

[ipa-international.org/Events](https://ipa-international.org/Events)





# GIMBORN SEMINARS

IBZ Castle Gimborn, located in idyllic wooded mountainous surroundings in Germany, houses the IPA's Education and Information Centre.

Founded in 1969, it is where IPA professional seminars, conferences and meetings are held. The full seminar programme and information on the facility is available at [www.ibz-gimborn.de](http://www.ibz-gimborn.de).



## UPCOMING SEMINARS

24   32	02.09.–06.09.	■ Zwischen Grenzen und Gesetzen – Europäische Perspektiven im Umgang mit minderjährigen Straftätern Între frontiere și legi – Perspective europene privind abordarea infractorilor minori	495 €	IPA 365 €	
24   33	09.09.–13.09.	■ Polizei und Personen mit Risikopotenzial – Risiken erkennen und bewältigen (PeRiskoP) Police dealing with people in mental crises	495 €	IPA 365 €	
24   34	23.09.–27.09.	■ Deutsch als Fremdsprache	550 €	IPA 410 €	
24   35	30.09.–02.10.	■ OSINT Tools – Anwendungsorientierter Aufbaukurs für Fortgeschrittene Application-oriented advanced course	495 €	IPA 365 €	
24   36	30.09.–04.10.	■ The use of drones by front line services – police special	495 €	IPA 365 €	

You can find a copy of the programme on our website:

[CLICK HERE](#)

## TACTICAL FIRST AID FOR POLICE OFFICERS SEMINAR 4-5 November 2024

The two-day “Tactical First Aid for Police Officers” course provides a tactical pre-hospital trauma care philosophy, stressing the need to treat the multi-system trauma patient as a unique entity with specific needs. This may require an approach to the trauma patient that varies from traditional treatment modalities.

The content of this course is based on the experience of numerous military and police first responders earned the hard way in hostile environments around the world, where the traditional approach to pre-hospital trauma patients does not work.

Fees: 595 € | IPA Members 445 € (incl. 90 € training material)





# MARKETING



## Social Media Campaign

Please continue to send photographs/videos to the marketing team to schedule across our social media channels. A reminder of the upcoming topics are below. This month the focus is Police Bands and Music.

### September – Police Bands and Music/ Music Events

Most Police will have a band and associated music. The IEB attended the Vienna ball in February 2023, an iconic event for the police. We also have an IPA Hymn. We encourage sections to share music and videos.

### October – Challenge Coins

There are many variations of Challenge coins that circulate through the IPA and they have become collectors' items. Do you have a story to tell about your challenge coin? Maybe you are a collector. Please share your challenge coins from around the world.

### November – Animals in Policing

We have previously shared dogs and horses, but are there other animals you would like to share? Or if you missed out last time, send in your wonderful Police dogs and horses.

### December – Food and Cultural recipes

A celebration of the delicious foods and recipes from around the world.

Please send in your photographs or videos with a brief description to [marketing@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:marketing@ieb-ipa.org) while copying in [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org) and finally please ensure you have the relevant permissions to submit these images.

## Marketing Team

The marketing project team currently has 8 members. Chairperson: Mick Walsh – IEB Vice President/Treasurer Finances (Ireland), Hana Bower – IAC (UK), Lisa Foreman – IAC (UK), Kees Jongh (Netherlands), Sibel Gaicki (Germany), Raphael Hermann (Switzerland), Konstantinos Bouklis (Greece) and Stephen O’Kongo (Kenya).

Each member has recently been assigned as the marketing and communications liaison for each of the 7 regions. Please welcome your liaison member to your regional group and ensure you support them by sending relevant marketing material.

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