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GIMBORN SENIORS

From 12 to 15 March 2025, the Gimborn seniors meeting was held in a hotel in Nootdorp near The Hague in the Netherlands. Representatives from 10 IPA Sections participated in this annual event.

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PLANT A TREE EVENT 2025

Don't forget to look at how you can get involved in the IPA Plant a Tree event which will take place during week commencing 19 April 2025 until Sunday 4 May 2025.

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INTRODUCTION FROM TREASURER FINANCES KIKIS PERIKLEOUS



KIKIS PERIKLEOUS

Treasurer Finances

Dear IPA Members, Dear Friends,

It is with great honour to write this month's newsletter introduction. This is the first time I am writing to you after my election as International Treasurer and member of the IEB. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust you have shown in me by giving me the possibility to experience this position. It is a great responsibility and challenge for me, but I promise that I will work for the moral of IPA and its members.

I joined IPA Cyprus in 1990 and since 1994 I am an active member in my Region Limassol and the National Board where I have the position of Secretary General. I was also a member of the International Social and Cultural Commission for 2 terms. I love IPA, I learn to live with IPA and serve the motto of it "Servo per Amikeco".

IPA, as we all know is the biggest Police Organisation in the world. However, most importantly it is the largest organisation which serves the friendship, collaboration and appreciation between countries and their members.

As a new IEB, we will support all our members by promoting many professional seminars and other programmes related to management, marketing and networking. We promote and support sports activities at both Local and National levels, competitions and cultural events. Our visits to National Sections as well as the programme within the framework of the 7-Region Groups, gives the National Sections along with us, the opportunity for personal contact between IEB and countries.

IPA is for everyone and brings us all together by offering us very beautiful things and memories. That is why we must all work together, always guided by friendship, for the good of all of us and the upgrading and promotion of our Organisation.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the IEB for their warm welcome and their support shown to me. Also, I wish to thank the staff of the IAC in Nottingham for their daily and long-term assistance.

In closing, I would like to reassure you that myself as Treasurer Finances and Jean-Pierre Allet as Treasurer Social Affairs will be always at your disposal about matters that may arise regarding finance.

"SERVO PER AMIKECO"

Kikis

Kyriakos Perikleous
Treasurer Finances

IPA NETHERLANDS GIMBORN SENIORS

From 12 to 15 March 2025, the meeting with the so-called Gimborn seniors was held in a hotel in Nootdorp near The Hague in the Netherlands.

This meeting is held annually and consists in principle of the chairmen of the IPA countries Austria, United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, France and the Netherlands. Representatives from Iceland, Luxembourg and Belgium were unfortunately unable to attend.



The International President Martin Hoffmann was also invited to this meeting.

In addition to an educational day during which the Royal Stables and the Mauritshuis museum were visited in The Hague, the following topics were discussed during the meeting:

The progress of the Gimborn seniors meetings and the annual meeting of the Northern European Forum, with almost the same participants.

The meeting decided to put this item on the agenda for the next NEF meeting in April 2025 in Peterborough in the United Kingdom. It is proposed to dissolve the NEF meeting.

The meeting with the Gimborn juniors, which is held annually in Gimborn in combination with the Gimborn seniors, was also discussed. A memorandum of understanding drawn up three years ago to give the meeting more content was not known to all participants in this meeting. The discussion continued on whether it would not be better to have the young people participate in the Strategic Young Member Conference (SYMC) that will be held in Germany in September.

Martin Hoffmann shared the work of the IEB with the meeting.

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He was asked questions about the financial policy of the IEB and about the use of photos of police officers in uniform.

Finally, the recruitment of new members and the upcoming world congress in Poland were discussed.

In short, a very important meeting that was experienced as positive by the participants.

The meeting of the Gimborn seniors will take place in Finland in 2026.

During the closing gala dinner, President Martin Hoffmann presented the President of the Netherlands Willem Schewe with a chain of office. Willem Schewe is the first chairman in the Netherlands to wear a chain of office.

Kees Jongh
Secretary General
IPA Netherlands



BEACH CLEAN UP EVENT



You are invited to our upcoming Beach Clean-Up IPA Event!

Let's come together to give back to the environment and help keep our beautiful coastline clean.

This global event will take place during the period commencing 1 June 2025 until 15 June 2025.

Please send your reviews, photos, and videos (via we transfer) to: chair-scc@ieb-ipa.org before 30 June 2025.

IPA ROMANIA NATIONAL CONGRESS

From 13 to 16 March 2025, I had the honour of representing the IEB at the IPA Romania National Congress in Sinaia, Romania.

The official opening ceremony took place at the historic Casino of Sinaia, in the presence of distinguished State and Police Authorities. As International Treasurer, I was privileged to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the International President, Mr. Martin Hoffmann, and the IEB Members, conveying their greetings and support.



The Congress gathered 230 members, providing a valuable platform for discussions. I had the opportunity to meet with the National Board to exchange insights on key IPA matters. It is remarkable that IPA Romania currently have the highest number of members within the organisation.

I also attended social gatherings with numerous members from various Romanian regions to strengthen connections as they discussed future activities and events. The Congress concluded with a Gala Dinner, celebrating the success of the event.

Kikis Perikleous
International Treasurer Finances



IPA WORLD POETRY DAY 2025



As part of the Art & Culture Project Team, Socio Cultural Commission, our mission besides all other, is to build a love of reading. We encourage members to read more widely – fiction, non-fiction, journalism, graphic novels...and for International Poetry Day...poetry!

On Thursday Friday 21st March at 20:00 Eastern European Time, in celebration of World Poetry Day, a zoom meeting was held inviting members to participate in World Poetry day by sharing their favourite poems with each other in any language.

Poetry is a beautiful form of expression. No other type of literature creates such a plethora of feelings and emotions as the abstraction of poetry. Poetry can be found in the history of every nation, and brings us together under shared values and common humanity.

On this occasion, poetry united participants from Greece, Spain, Romania, and United Kingdom where poems were read in English and in their native languages during the digital event.

Christos Parginos
Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission

IPA GERMANY REGION JOINS #SICHERIMDIENST – STRENGTHENING SAFETY IN PUBLIC SERVICE



The IPA North Rhine-Westphalia is proud to join the #sicherimDienst prevention network, actively contributing to violence prevention in public service. With this membership, IPA NRW sends a strong message advocating for the protection and safety of employees—not only in the police force but also in many other areas of public life.

The official entry into the network took place during the “Safety in Public Spaces” conference, which focused on the increasing challenges faced by frontline workers, emergency responders, and public transport employees. Whether in hazard prevention, rescue operations, or public transport, hostility, threats, and violent attacks are on the rise. At the same time, awareness of the need for effective protection and comprehensive prevention efforts is growing.

A highlight of the conference was the panel discussion “Beyond Borders”, where leading experts discussed cross-border strategies to protect public service employees. The distinguished panelists included:

- ◆ Dr. Benjamin Limbach, Minister of Justice for North Rhine-Westphalia
- ◆ Philipp Kurz, President of IPA Germany
- ◆ Mario Dobovišek, Chief Editor at Deutschlandfunk
- ◆ Kilian Schäfer, Head of the Competence Center for Security

The discussion made it clear that violence against emergency responders and public service workers is a societal issue that requires collective action. The experts agreed that more prevention, improved protection strategies, and greater public awareness are crucial in addressing these challenges.



IPA GERMANY REGION JOINS #SICHERIMDIENST – STRENGTHENING SAFETY IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Initiated by the North Rhine-Westphalian police, the #sicherimDienst network already brings together over 850 agencies and institutions with more than 2,300 multipliers committed to violence prevention and awareness. The coordination office at the Münster Police Headquarters, led by Anne Herr and Ralf Hövelmann, provides extensive support, including training programs, prevention measures, and advisory services for organisations and municipalities.

Additionally, the concise pocket cards with key prevention tips have been in high demand as practical tools for handling critical situations.

With IPA NRW joining the network, the initiative continues to grow and strengthen its impact on violence prevention. "Every new partnership is a win," emphasizes André Niewöhner, Head of the Network Coordination Group. IPA NRW looks forward to contributing its expertise and working closely with its partners to develop sustainable solutions.



A great example of the network's successful initiatives is the scenario-based violence protection training for bus and train drivers, which proved highly beneficial in preparation for the UEFA European Football Championship 2024.

📞 For more information and free membership in the network, visit:

🌐 www.sicherimdienst.nrw

Servo per Amikeco – Standing Together Against Violence! 🤝💪

Philipp Kurz
President IPA Germany



A VISIT TO MAXIMILIAN DALLMAIER A LIFE DEDICATED TO IPA

This month, in celebration of 75 years of IPA, IPA Germany provide an article about a recent visit to Maximilian Dallmaier - A remarkable IPA member with over 60 years of dedication to our community. His inspiring journey and contributions to the IPA, including his close connection with founder Arthur Troop, highlight the true spirit of Servo per Amikeco - Service through Friendship.

At 99.5 years old, Maximilian Dallmaier is a living piece of IPA history.



As the IPA Germany Secretaries and Treasurers Conference was taking place in Munich at the same time, IPA Germany President Philipp Kurz was also able to personally accompany the visit. Maximilian Dallmaier was deeply touched by this special recognition and took the opportunity to reminisce with his guests about his decades-long IPA journey.

Dallmaier played a key role in the founding of IPA Greece and has received numerous awards for his contributions. One of the most significant aspects of his IPA journey was his close friendship with Arthur Troop, whose words, after the horrors of war, continue to embody the IPA spirit today: "I want us to become friends."

For Dallmaier, the IPA is more than just an organisation—it is a community that brings people together. He emphasizes the importance of family in the association's work: "If you win over the parents, you win over the children as well." He also sees language skills as a key to fostering international friendships and firmly believes: "The IPA is built to grow."

Among his fondest memories is a "police trip to North Africa" in 1972 with IPA friends from Essen. Traveling aboard the legendary Rotelbus, he made his way to Marrakesh—a journey that still excites him to this day.

IPA Germany extends its heartfelt gratitude to Maximilian Dallmaier for his exceptional dedication and tireless commitment to our worldwide community.

Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship!

STUDY VISIT OF POLISH POLICEWOMEN IN IRELAND

Cooperation, Inspiration, #SHEisIPA and #IPAGAMES2026

As part of international cooperation and efforts to develop IPA initiatives, policewomen from Poland took part in an inspiring study visit to Ireland. The purpose of the meetings was to exchange experiences with Garda Síochána officers, learn about the specifics of their work, and build professional and partnership relations in the spirit of the IPA motto: Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship.

The visit of two Polish police officers also had a symbolic meaning – it highlighted the role of women in the Police in the context of the 100th anniversary of women in the Polish Police.



During their visit to Lucan Garda Station, the participants were introduced to the #SHEisIPA project – an initiative promoting the presence and activity of women within the IPA structures. As part of this project, IPA Ireland runs a social media campaign supporting and inspiring women in the police service. A symbolic gesture was the ceremony of presenting special pins dedicated exclusively to women – emphasizing their strength, commitment, and value in the service.

During the visit, commemorative materials promoting IPA Games 2026, which will take place in Wrocław, were also presented, along with an official invitation to participate in this unique sporting event. The information about the upcoming Games was met with great interest and enthusiasm from the hosts.

Special thanks go to Mr. Kajetan Koziarowski, who continues to be the driving force behind all projects connecting the Polish IPA Section with partners in Ireland. His dedication, kindness, and professionalism are an invaluable foundation of this fruitful cooperation.

If anyone is interested in a commemorative t-shirt promoting #IPAGAMES2026, please contact us at the official event email address: ipagames2026@ipapolska.pl

Bartłomiej Majchrzak

www.ipa-international.org

IPA GAMES 2026 – WROCLAW, POLAND

In 2026, The IPA Games will be hosted in Wrocław, Poland. This prestigious international sports competition is an opportunity for experience exchange and relationship building among officers from different countries. The competition welcomes both active-duty officers and retired uniformed personnel who want to test their skills in the spirit of fair play.

Detailed information regarding registration, participation rules, and the event schedule will be announced soon. Follow the official IPAGAMES 2026 communication channels and get ready for an unforgettable sports experience!

Get your commemorative t-shirt to promote this event by emailing ipagames2026@ipapolska.pl

IPA UK VISIT GERMANY



In late December 2024, Central and West London Region of IPA UK arranged a group visit to the beautiful city of Munster, Germany. A total of nine IPA members took part in the trip, with officers and staff from Essex, BTP, Met and City of London police.

In a bit of an 'experiment' to save money, a small minibus was hired, and participants drove from the UK to Germany, a long journey normally but with additional delays due to traffic jams – a long trek!

The trip began early on a Friday morning, with participants being collected from around the M25 before arriving at Folkestone in time for Le Shuttle. A very quick and good value way of travelling across the channel. Due to the traffic delays, a very short stop was made in Belgium where we met Sven, an IPA member, for a quick chat and bite to eat. We then arrived late on Friday evening and headed straight to a wonderful traditional German restaurant for food and much needed beer! I think we were all very grateful to find our accommodation that evening and some well-earned rest. The accommodation was within one of the police academies and the en-suite bedrooms were of a very good standard considering how little they cost.

Saturday saw us head to breakfast with our German IPA hosts at a nearby bakery, followed by a walk into the city centre. We visited the main cathedral, various Christmas markets, had a tour of the city and then headed to the main police station. At the police station we met several officers and staff and were given a tour of the custody facility, vehicles, kit and the control room. Patches were exchanged and discussions had to compare policing experiences and knowledge between the UK and Germany. After a short rest back at the accommodation, we all headed out again to enjoy an evening of sampling the goods, food and drink on offer at the Christmas markets.



On the Sunday we met with our German hosts and headed for a breakfast buffet to fill us up for the day and allow us time to chat with our colleagues. We then headed off to a variety of sights, such as museums, the lake and more Christmas markets, depending on individual preference. Our hosts were extremely helpful and accommodating, directing us to a very good pub for beer tasting! There was a chance to meet the Germany IPA President, Phillip Kurz, and thank him for the hospitality shown in Munster. In the evening, we visited a traditional German restaurant and had a meal with our hosts, exchanging gifts and sharing a drink or eight in a few bars before heading back to our accommodation.

IPA UK VISIT GERMANY

The Monday came all too quickly, and it was time to head home in the 'party bus', Christmas songs mandatory of course. After thanking our hosts we drove towards Calais, stopping for a quick visit to Antwerp for lunch and some last-minute Christmas shopping in Carrefour before boarding Le Shuttle and arriving back in the UK.

An excellent time was had by all and despite the long time spent driving to and from Germany, all agreed that the benefit in cost saving by doing so was worth it. New friends made, both in the UK and in Germany.



Martin Turner & Shiven Senthilkumar
IPA UK

IPA PHOTO COMPETITION 2025

The IPA Socio-Cultural Commission is pleased to announce the IPA International Photo Competition 2025

There are two categories for the 2025 competition:

Open Category: Any photographic subject or topic
Subject Category: Police at work

- 400 Euros will be awarded to the overall winner of the competition;
- 300 Euros will be awarded to the winner of each category, with second and third places also receiving awards of 200 and 100 Euros respectively.
- 6 further photos shall receive a merit award.

More information along with the entry form can be found on our website.



IPA PHOTO
COMPETITION

IPA SPAIN DONATION TO THE CATALAN ELA FOUNDATION

Last February, following the dynamics of the IPA Girona Association and as it has done every year, it made a donation to a non-profit charity.

We believe this action helps raise awareness of those groups that, without much institutional and/or governmental support, carry out excellent work in various areas, working on an altruistic basis.

Over the past few years, all IPA Girona members have contributed a portion of their dues to donations to the Mas Casadevall Autism Foundation, the "Friends of Animals of Gironès" Shelter, and the IDIBGI Biomedical Research Institute of Girona.

This year, the President and Vice President of IPA Girona, representing all the Association's members, visited their colleague Xavier Gámez Martín, a colleague and commissioner of the Mossos d'Esquadra Police Force who is affected by ALS, a disease he has been battling for more than five years.

On this occasion, IPA Girona took advantage of the visit to make a donation to the Miquel Valls Foundation (Catalan Foundation for ALS), a foundation whose purpose is to promote all kinds of activities aimed at improving the quality of life of people and families affected by ALS.

Obviously, before making the donation, we contacted Javier to see if he wanted to publicise and make this donation to the Foundation more visible with a photograph.

He welcomed us into his home with Anna Rigola, representing the Foundation,



with whom we exchanged opinions and/or opportunities for improvement regarding Law 3/2024, of October 30, to improve the quality of life of people with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and other highly complex diseases or processes with irreversible progression.

Javier has always been a tireless fighter, throughout all stages of his life, and even during this current phase. Generous, smiling, and with a touch of ironic humour, he explains his situation and expresses his gratitude for the outpouring of support.

On February 14th, he published "Logbook of a Gladiator with ALS," a book in which he recalls his entire life since "Mrs. ALS." A heart-warming book with a strong emotional charge, he describes the evolution of his disease from the beginning.

The strength and courage he conveys, along with the very painful moments in which he bares his emotions, is enviable.

IPA Girona will continue to carry out all kinds of charitable actions and activities that help our society.

Junta directiva
IPA Girona

PLANT A TREE EVENT 2025

**PLANT
TREE
EVENT**





19 APRIL-4 MAY 2025
celebrating World Earth Day on April 22nd

PLANT a TREE- GREEN IPA 19 April 2025 - 04 May 2025

The Socio-Cultural Commission and Green IPA Project, Plant a Tree initiative begins this month.

In celebration of Earth Day on 22nd April, you are encouraged to get involved with local communities, schools/colleges, friends and family to plant trees in your regions between 19th April and 4th May 2025.

Sections and regions can partnership with governmental and non governmental organisations to raise awareness of this important event.

Please share your photos and videos of the event by email to chair-scc@ieb-ipa.org as we will be creating a beautiful video, to be presented during the World Congress in Krakow, Poland.

With special thanks to IPA Montenegro, be aware that two members of the IPA Sections that will participate and their initiatives will positively be reflected to the local society, will be rewarded with a three-day stay in Montenegro, the first ecological country in the world. Special recognition will be awarded to sections with the greatest number of participants.

Let's come together to make the world greener while promoting the ideals and values of IPA.

The motto of the event will be: "PLANT a TREE- GREEN IPA"

Christos Parginos
Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission

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HOW DO YOU MANAGE A VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION?

IPA is a voluntary association and managing such an organisation requires professional knowledge and experience that are different from other institutionalised organisations.

Since IPA was founded in 1950 and its first congress in 1955 in Paris, the association has grown to become the largest police organisation in the world. I had the privilege of interviewing Arthur Troop the founder of IPA, twice, in 1988 and a year later.



The World Congress in May 2000 was in England to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of IPA, and Arthur Troop passed away at the end of that year.

Arthur Troop was a police sergeant with an incredible vision, but IPA as an NGO needed, in addition to statute, rules, regulations and international cooperation, also, management tools appropriate for an international volunteer association.

In Germany, an international seminar center was established in Gimborn. Over the years, professional discussions were held in the national sections, but 70 years passed before the initiative to establish a management academy for the IPA was realised.



Two things were born near Paphos in Cyprus, Aphrodite and... the IPA Management Academy. At the 36th National Congress of IPA Cyprus in 2019, IPA Romania Vice President Mihai-Liviu TĂRTĂREANU and IPA Israel Secretary General Dr. Eran ISRAEL met. The conversation raised the question of why IPA does not have a framework for studying IPA management.

During the World Congress there is a race against time and so far, no room for in-depth professional discussion has been found.

Every year there are instructive professional lectures on fascinating topics, but without any connection to the IPA.

Even in IBZ Gimborn, the seminar center and the IPA flagship, there is not a single seminar dealing with the IPA management.

HOW DO YOU MANAGE A VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION?



The proposed solution was: "Initiate an academy where officials from Israel and Romania will study." The vision was to create a professional platform for executives and managers in the IPA. The training is intended for national board members and local branch chairmen.

Then the coronavirus pandemic happened and the idea was postponed to May 2022.

The first hosting section was Romania and the seminar was held in Sibiu at 25–29.5.2022. More sections decided to participate in addition to Israel and Romania, Germany, North Macedonia, Cyprus, Montenegro and Bulgaria.

The main subjects that were discussed:

- How to recruit young police officers
- How to interest young police officers in activities.
- How to keep veteran IPA members, how to keep in touch and integrate into activities.
- How to develop contacts with the Police Command at all levels, relevant government ministries and similar organisations.
- Ideas for contacting IPA sections around the world, collaborations, and international initiatives.



A meeting of branch chairmen, members of the national board members, engaged in IPA management, allows mutual study, understanding issues in depth, without pressure and without pursuing a stressful schedule. Beyond the mutual study, it is very important to meet members from different sections.

IPA North Macedonia hosted the second IPA Management Academy at 24–28 May 2023 in Skopje. The number of participants doubled and IPA sections from Croatia, Bosnia and Belgium joined. The main conclusion was that there is great importance in holding a management academy in this format and it is important to integrate the initiative into the IEB's regular work program.

HOW DO YOU MANAGE A VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION?

Bulgaria hosted the third cycle of the Management Academy in Sofia in April 2024 and IPA sections from Albania, Austria, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Poland and Moldova joined.

Ahead of the World Congress in Athens in 2024, it was decided to submit a motion to include the Management Academy initiative in the IEB work program. The proposal was not approved, but the newly elected President, Martin Hoffmann, promised to help make the Academy a project that would receive IEB support down the road.



One of the characteristics of volunteer organisations is local initiatives, creativity, and enthusiasm. In a smart volunteer organisation, these initiatives receive encouragement and assistance, unlike institutionalised organisations where there is a central management that directs and initiates.

As the current NL gets underway, history is being made as the fourth edition of the Management Academy takes place in Limassol, Cyprus, on 26–30 March 2025, with the participation of 18 IPA sections and over 100 officials.

You can also view a short video about the management academy here:



Dr. Eran Israel
Secretary General IPA Israel

IPA SPAIN – TOUR OF NEPAL



IPA Spain Madrid Delegation invite you to join their Nepal Tour in October 2025.

Nepal is known for spectacular landscapes and unique architecture which you will see as you travel through the cities on this amazing tour where you will truly be able to immerse yourself in Nepalese culture.

Please see our website for more information and details on how to register, Registration closes 30th April 2025.

POLICEMENU

As part of our ongoing efforts to foster international cooperation and cultural exchange within the International Police Association (IPA), on behalf of the Socio-Cultural Commission - Arts and Culture Project I'm pleased to announce this initiative aimed at sharing and celebrating the culinary traditions of our diverse member countries.

We invite you to participate by submitting a recipe for a traditional dish from your country, along with a photograph of the dish.



This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your national cuisine, as well as to learn about the food traditions of other countries within our global community.

How to Participate:

1. Submit one recipe for a traditional dish from your country.
2. Include a high-quality photograph of the dish (preferably showcasing it in a well-presented manner)
3. Optional: You may include a brief description of the dish and its cultural significance.

Submissions are welcome all year

Send the recipes to the following e-mail address: anetasobieraj@ipapolska.pl

We believe this project will help us celebrate the rich cultural diversity within the IPA and create a shared bond over the love of food. Your participation will be a valuable contribution to this unique cultural exchange.

We look forward to receiving your recipe and sharing it with our global community!

Christos Parginos
Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission

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IPA NORTH MACEDONIA SUPPORT MOI TRAINING CENTRE

IPA SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS) FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

IPA Spain, on behalf of its IPA Canary Islands region, invites us to participate in the 2nd Edition of the International 7-a-side Football Tournament, a highly relevant event that will take place from December 11 to 14 of this year, in the town of Maspalomas, Canary Islands, Spain.

More information can be found on the international website:

[MORE DETAILS](#)



National Section of North Macedonia has supported MoI-Police Training Centre (Police Academy) and built a complete press Centre.

Upon the request of Assistant Minister that the Police Training Centre need assistance in built up a Press Centre , National Executive Board have decided to support this idea and with assistance of our IPA supporters have completely financed and built up a stage, technical equipment as microphones, speakers etc , background frame, window branding, flags whit stands, pulpit etc.

On 11th of March we hand over the donation to Assistant Minister, Vlatko Mitkovski.

As a police organisation we are always ready to help the Ministry of Interior and our colleagues.

Now the IPA badge is proudly visible for or police cadet and colleagues who attend to the MoI-Police Training Centre (Police Academy)

IPA North Macedonia are also in the process of making a donation to the Ministry of Interior for 160 Paper Shredders.

Igor Manojloski
Secretary General - IPA North Macedonia

IPA ITALY MEETS DR. GIACINTO SICILIANO, PRISON MANAGER

IPA ITALIA MEETS DR. GIACINTO SICILIANO, ONE OF THE BEST ITALIAN PRISON MANAGERS

ROME - "The sense of the State is one of the essential pillars of any civil society. Giacinto Siciliano has always dedicated his life to recovering and consolidating the sense of the State in those who have lost it, a long career conducted entirely in the penitentiary administration of our country which has led him to deal with prisoners of all origins, from the foreigners who crowd the prisons of San Vittore, to the most diehard mafiosi of the 4lbis department in the Opera prison in Milan, including Totò Riina...".



It is starting from an excerpt from his book "Of heart and courage", the one that sets the premise somewhat, that today I would like to introduce the presentation of one of the best managers of the Ministry of Justice, Giacinto Siciliano precisely. A great man, a splendid person, even before being a highly esteemed friend of mine and consequently of the International Police Association. He worked in the penitentiary which was sadly famous as "the cursed prison... the one for suicides" in Sulmona and which he, with innate mastery and ability, not only changed its label, but is contributing to making it the most important penal institution in Europe if not one of the most demanding in the world.

Years spent sharing unique experiences that only love for the profession can transform into absolute friendship. Therefore, I could only be one of the first ever to purchase his book. And I did well, as those who have not yet done it would do equally well, because the work he did, translated into a masterpiece by one of the most important publishing houses in Italy, is truly one of the best ways to teach not only to love one's work but one's life. A collection of episodes that fit very well into the experience of those who, like me, experience the relationship with Italian prisons in the same way that Siciliano tells us about it. Story of a normal life but not so much that of someone who, like Siciliano, with great merit I would like to say, today holds the role of superintendent of the most demanding penitentiary district in Italy which is the Regional Authority of Lazio, Abruzzo and Molise.



"I have been a director in as many different ways as the places I have been. There is absolute truth, a way of being that does not take into account the place where you are, its history, the people you meet, their limits and their potential. A Man is one who manages to grasp the beauty in everything and in every person, without prejudice, without superstructures that limit his vision and condition his behavior and choices. Man is a marvel who needs trust, to feel it, to deserve it, maybe even to lose it, knowing that that bet becomes the protagonist of his own destiny".

IPA ITALY MEETS DR. GIACINTO SICILIANO, PRISON MANAGER

This is what I carry within me of Giacinto Siciliano. In life, it is enough to read what a person in love with his job, like Siciliano, has to tell us to understand that even the most difficult profession in the world can transform into something enormously fascinating as well as important for one's personal and cultural ideals.

"The strong State, the State that makes its weight and presence felt is not the one that imposes bans out of fear, but the one that has the courage to put people in front of their responsibilities by trying to make them make different choices. For Falcone, these were the white sheets... every testimony against the mafia is a white sheet, as were those made by prisoners in schools, "Signor Tenente" sung by Cannavò in public with a final bow in front of the photo of Falcone and Borsellino, the reading of the names of the mafia victims and a thousand other experiences like these, at Opera and in the many institutions (such as the one in Sulmona) where one has the courage to invest in people. If I had given space to fear, none of this would have ever happened.

"I'm not a hero but I'm proud to say that fear influenced my decisions, which may have sometimes turned out to be wrong, but were always honest. This is how I served the State, and this is how I will continue to do so."

Giacinto Siciliano is this.

A person capable of transforming into facts what paragraph 3 of article 27 of the Constitution asks everyone to do but which often fails due to lack of time, space or, most likely, the ability one must have to do it.

Only those who, like me, were lucky enough to have it and have it again along the path of their professional destiny can worthily and without a shadow of a doubt bear witness to it. One last thing... to him, after reading his book, I owe the healing from what for me represents the worst of evils: depression. After all, he is the one who taught me that "I must not treat prison as a prison, otherwise we all become prisoners and jailers in here."

Thanks Giacinto....

Mauro Nardella
IPA Italy



IPA SPAIN AT THE INTERNATIONAL WOMENS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The IPA Catalunya women's soccer team celebrates its victory by finishing runner-up in the International Women's Futsal Championship held in Warsaw, Poland.

The IPA Catalunya team delivered an outstanding performance at the International Women's Futsal Championship, held in Warsaw, Poland, on February 11, 12, and 13. A championship that has established itself internationally, they earned a well-deserved second place after an exciting competition in which they demonstrated their unity, effort, and sportsmanship.



The tournament brought together the best teams on the international scene, providing an exceptional competitive level. From the group stage to the final, the IPA Catalunya team displayed solid play and a well-defined strategy, achieving key victories that allowed them to advance through the qualifying rounds in thirteen matches until reaching the grand final.

Despite the adversity of two permanent injuries during the qualifying rounds, the entire team managed to maintain the balance and unity necessary to achieve the final result.

The team set an example throughout and demonstrated its ability to adapt to the challenges imposed by high-level competition.

In the decisive match, the team faced REP POLSKIEJ POLICJI in a duel filled with intensity and excitement. Throughout the match, IPA Catalunya took the lead and held on to victory until a fortuitous play equalized the score. This forced a penalty shootout at the end of the match, with the home team taking the victory, leaving IPA Catalunya in second place.

The captain of the Catalan team expressed her pride in the team's work: "I am very satisfied with what we achieved. It was a very demanding competition, and we demonstrated a high level of performance, which progressively increased. This championship motivates us to continue improving and preparing for future challenges. I am grateful for the tremendous support from IPA Catalunya in all its management and logistics. I would also like to highlight the excellent organisation of the tournament, carried out and managed by Colonel Andrzej, and the excellent work done by the translator Agata, who welcomed us with such tremendous and unconditional hospitality."

The team's success in this tournament reflects the growth and projection of women's futsal at an international level, highlighting the talent and dedication of all the players.

Susana Mallén
IPA Catalunya

IPA PORTUGAL ORANGE THE WORLD

March 22 2025 marks the beginning of IPA Portugal's Project "Orange the World, Orange IPA House" which the Portuguese section propose to develop during the year 2025.

This project is part of the campaign launched by the United Nations, aimed at raising awareness of the global problem of violence against women and girls.

The launch of this project, took part at the national headquarters of IPA Portugal in the presence of S. Ex. a. the Minister of Internal Administration, Dr. Margarida Blasco and International President Martin Hoffmann where an orange tree was planted and an identification plaque presented.

The project features the strong image of Marta Nogueira, a young lady who, having been a victim of gender violence has shown to be an example of strength and resilience.

Servo Per Amikeco



IPA Portugal



IPA SPAIN XXIV INTERNATIONAL COLLECTING MEETING

On November 16, 2024, the "XXIV IPA International Collecting Meeting" was held at the Montserrat Abbey, Monistrol de Montserrat (Barcelona).

On this occasion, and to commemorate the Millennium of the Abbey of Montserrat, the IPA International Collectors' Meeting moved to this emblematic location.



Organised by IPA Barcelona and IPA Catalunya through Ignacio Zúñiga "NACHO," it brought together 52 exhibitors from 10 countries (Andorra, Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, and Spain), achieving a "new record of participation."



The meeting took place in the spacious and bright Sant Miquel hall, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. An exhibition of antique bicycles from the various uses they had at the beginning of the 20th century was held in the adjoining room, generating great excitement for both activities.

The event was a source of great satisfaction, as participants were able to exchange such a variety of items from their different countries, as well as the reunion of friends who share this hobby.

New badges, caps, pins, plaques, uniforms, etc., were admired by new collectors and other colleagues.

To conclude the event, there was a minute of silence for the people, friends, colleagues, and family members who had died in recent weeks in the Valencia area due to the floods.

Ignacio Zúñiga "Nacho"
IPA Barcelona



UPCOMING EVENTS



#SHEisIPA Embracing an Inclusive Vision for the Future Seminar

13-17 April 2025



IPA Greece Panhellenic Congress

23 - 27 April 2025



Central & Eastern European Conference (CEEC)

24-27 April 2025



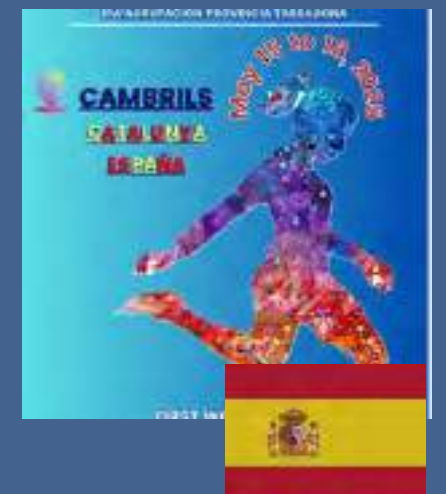
The Art of Expression Seminar

15-18 May 2025



IPA Belgium Lowlands Training Edition

2-3 May 2025



IPA Spain Women's International Football 7 a side Championship

15-18 May 2025

Here are some of the events taking place throughout the IPA over the next couple of months. Visit our international website for a full list of our upcoming events:

ipa-international.org/Events

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

25 10	31.03. – 04.04.	■ Optimiser les ressources: négociation et efficacité opérationnelle des forces de l'ordre		499€	IPA 369€
25 11	08.04. – 10.04.	■ Erfolgreich führen in Zeiten des Wandels		499€	IPA 369€
25 12	25.04. – 27.04.	■ ASP Instructor Course		399€	IPA 299€
25 13	25.04. – 27.04.	■ Motorradkultur und Sicherheit – Training für verantwortungsbewusstes Motorradfahren für Harley & Indian Freunde		399€	IPA 299€
25 14	28.04. – 30.04.	■ Eingriffsrecht für grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit in Joint Investigation Teams		499€	IPA 369€
25 15	02.05. – 05.05.	■ The Art of Expression: A Journey Through Words, Paint, and Lens		399€	IPA 299€
25 16	07.05. – 09.05.	■ Führung in Aussicht oder den Rollenwechsel meistern		499€	IPA 369€
25 17	09.05. – 11.05.	■ Entspannung für Körper, Geist und Seele im Bergischen Land		399€	IPA 299€
25 18	14.05. – 16.05.	■ OSINT Tools – Application-Oriented Advanced Course for Professionals		499€	IPA 369€
25 19	16.05. – 18.05.	■ Motorradkultur und Sicherheit – Training für verantwortungsbewusstes Motorradfahren		399€	IPA 299€
25 20	27.05.	■ 3. IPA Fachforum in Stuttgart KI im Polizeialltag: Potenziale und Grenzen		35€	IPA 25€



MARKETING



Social Media Campaign

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We invite you to submit photographs for use in our official IPA channels (social media, website, newsletters, etc.) to support our monthly marketing themes in 2025. Please send your images to marketing@ieb-ipa.org.

- **April:** Rural Policing

Show officers interacting with rural communities, ensuring their safety and supporting local needs. Images of patrols in farming areas, community visits, or countryside emergency responses emphasise inclusive policing beyond urban centres.

- **May:** Policing at Large Events

- **June:** Youth Engagement Programmes

Please ensure you have the rights and permissions to any photos submitted. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Your contributions will help present a strong, unified image of the IPA around the world.



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