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# IPA Newsletter

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### Police Riders



A wonderful entry to the IPA Photo Competition  
by Daniel Avraham from Section Israel

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope my message finds you and your loved ones well and safe. Although the vaccination programme in many countries is well under way, it seems that there is still plenty of way to go until everything goes back to normal.

I would like to use this month's Newsletter to inform you about the work carried out by the European Roads Policing Network (ROADPOL), (previously known as TISPOL), and encourage those of you working in this field to join the network (<https://www.roadpol.eu/>). Within the remit of their professional engagements, the IPA, and especially the CPC, cooperate with various international agencies, organisations and networks, such as ROADPOL.



ROADPOL is a network of European Traffic Police Services and its primary aims include: i) bringing together and facilitating the collaboration between members of traffic services from within and outside Europe; ii) enhancing road safety and reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries; and iii) facilitating the more effective enforcement of traffic laws. Moreover, another important function of ROADPOL is the organisation of various traffic-related campaigns through which it aims to educate members of the public about different aspects of road safety. For instance, each week there is a different campaign across Europe, the aim of which is to inform members of the public about the various traffic-related offences, such as failure to wear a seatbelt. Furthermore, ROADPOL encourages and facilitates research regarding the more effective implementation of road traffic policies. To this end, ROADPOL not only allows its members to share best practices, but it also provides them with educational courses relating to road traffic safety and policing.

The Network has adopted and implemented Roads Policing on the roads of Europe. This is a modern, international method of policing which, as at least the European experience has proved, effectively contributes to the prevention of road collisions and to tackling crime more broadly.

In recent years (from 2012), it is systematically applied as best practice by ROADPOL Network member countries. The Network collects data from its member countries regarding the activities of the members of the Traffic Police in the field of Road Policing and the results of the Police campaigns and serious traffic violations.

The President of the Organisation is Police Chief Superintendent Volker Orben, who is an expert on traffic issues in the Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany) Ministry of Interior and for Sports. The General Secretary is Heinz Albert Stumpfen, who served in the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, where he was promoted to Deputy Director of the Traffic Police, Münster (Germany), and a lecturer in Traffic Science and Traffic Psychology at the German Police University.

ROADPOL is currently implementing its 3 YEAR STRATEGY 2020-2022, based on four pillars: Safer Roads, Safer Vehicles, Safer Users and Safe Speeds.

## **Safer Roads**

The Safe System approach to road engineering involves matching road function, design, layout and speed limits to accommodate human error in a way, that crashes do not lead to death and serious injury;

- European police forces keep a record of causes of accidents when recording them and they are therefore in a good position to give advice to members of the public about how to prevent these from happening in the first place;
- Work together across Europe to achieve a safer road network for all road users;
- Engage with key stakeholders;
- Exchange of experience and results; and
- Engage with road safety authorities regarding safe road design.

## **Safer Vehicles**

- Through effective and intelligent-led enforcement, and by engaging with and educating citizens about making safer vehicle choices;
- Through the Technology Working Group that identifies technology that can support the delivery of safer roads;
- Active in the field of Tacho Web Technology through the Tacho Web Group;
- Post incident response and investigation; and
- Support Safety at work initiatives.

## **Safer Roads Users**

The safety behaviour of road users (speed, wearing seatbelts and helmets, driving without alcohol and other drugs, driving, riding and walking without distraction) and its enforcement are also key in the prevention of fatal/very serious accidents. The effective enforcement of the law is the main objective of the European (traffic) police.

## **Safe Speeds**

- Enforcement of speeding offences on rural and urban roads;
- Operational Calendar;
- Speed Marathons; and
- Enforcement of the fatal four, speed is No. 1.

## **ROADPOL Safety Days**

ROADPOL Safety Days is the flagship campaign of the Network carried out every year between 16-22 September, intentionally coinciding with the European Commission's Mobility Week, with both campaigns complementing each other towards the united goal of sustainable and safe mobility. The vision of the campaign is to promote ROADPOL's values of road traffic enforcement and cross-border police collaboration as key approaches to enhance road safety in Europe. The mission of the ROADPOL Safety Days is to reduce the number of road fatalities in Europe, which is now on average 70 per day. The key objective of this particular week is to reduce this number to ZERO for at least one single day.

This is pursued through numerous road traffic enforcement activities across Europe, as well as police services' direct engagement with the public and advocacy to road users. Public and private institutions, national and international, as well as road safety NGOs and educational institutions are all encouraged to support the campaign by organising events to promote its messages to the wider public. A key activity is the promotion of the "ROADPOL Safety Days Pledge" by which road users pledge to be considerate to others on the road and follow the traffic rules regardless of whether they are drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, on a scooter or pedestrians in order to achieve the ZERO.

As a council member (between 2009 and 2014) and a member of the executive board (between 2019 and 2020) of ROADPOL, I have first-hand knowledge and experience of the excellent work carried out by the Network and the benefits that this can have for its members and their countries. I would therefore like to use this opportunity to encourage colleagues working and/or interested in road safety to join ROADPOL.

Kind regards,

***Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Professional Commission***

## AROUND THE WORLD

### NEW NATIONAL BOARD

**IPA Pakistan**



The International Police Association's Pakistan Section underwent its electoral cycle, from February through March 2021, in two phases that elected the office bearers of regional and national executive committees respectively. The entire process was supervised by an independent election commission, whose mandate is prescribed in Article VIII of the constitution of IPA Pakistan.

The formal announcement of the elections was followed by filing nominations, notification of successful nominees, appeals against rejection, as well as voting and declaration of results. In the wake of COVID-19, the election commission invoked a special provision, stipulated in rule 21, for approval of electronic voting. While upholding the principle of single vote, only persons with valid membership had the right to vote.

In the first phase, voting in favor of four regional executive committees was held on 14 February 2021, while the results were notified on 15 February 2021.





In the second phase, voting for the election of the National Executive Committee commenced on 14 March 2021, and concluded with the declaration of the successful candidates on 16 March 2021.

I feel honored to be re-elected as the President of the IPA Pakistan Section and, therefore, feel obliged to extend gratitude to all those members who placed their confidence in me. I have the utmost respect for all those who chose otherwise and emboldened the spirit of this election.

My vision is to expand this network through strengthening the rapport amongst fellow members and promoting positive interaction. In addition, I also desire for us to engage effectively with our foreign counterparts on grounds of common interests, and benefit from the knowledge and experience of one another.

I hope that the new team shall work sincerely towards the fulfillment of our objectives, as well as upholding the values of this association.

***Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Suddle, President IPA Pakistan***

## Section in Foundation Albania hold a productive AGM

Prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), from 1 – 8 April 2021, the four regions of IPA Section in Foundation Albania held their meetings all around the country. Based on the Statutes, 46 delegates were approved for the meeting of the General Assembly according to the rule of 1 delegate per 10 members.

The AGM was held on 10 April 2021. Due to the anti-Covid measures, the meeting was organised as a hybrid version (online with 6 small groups, both central and spread around the country).



We were pleased that the meeting was assisted and greeted by the IPA Secretary General, Mrs. May-Britt Ronnebro, the IPA Vice President, Mr. Kyriakos Karkalis, a representative of our sponsor section IPA Serbia, Mr. Zdravko Đurić, and the Deputy Director of our State Police, senior leader Mr. Albert Dervishaj.

The Chief of the National Bureau of Investigation, Ms. Aida Hajnaj, who is also a member of IPA Albania, participated in the central meeting group.

During the AGM, we strongly stressed our readiness and commitment for Section in Foundation Albania to become a member with full rights within the IPA family worldwide as soon as possible.

Although the Covid pandemic caused consequences all over the world, it did not stop our activities. We reached the number of 460 members, we set up new regional structures in Vlora (in the Southern part of our country) and Pogradec (in the South-Eastern part of Albania). In addition, we organised many humanitarian activities, such as blood donations, distribution of face masks and sanitiser for police employees, as well as sports and artistic activities and working meetings.



We have been strongly supported by the Minister of the Interior and the General Director of the State Police.

As part of the meeting, we accepted the resignation the Secretary General, Mr Bilbil Dervishi, who is a candidate in the national general elections. His position will be taken over by Ms Ekelejda Toska, who moves from her role of Vice President.

We approved the presentation platform of the website and official IPA page during the meeting, and launched our official IPA website on 12 April 2021, which can be found at: [www.IPA-Albania.org](http://www.IPA-Albania.org).

We also approved the working groups for revising the statute of IPA Section in Foundation Albania, as well as the national regulations, which are based on IPA's international documents.



We will focus furthermore on technical and organisational measures and aim to present our activities at the IPA World Congress.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Annual General Meeting.

**Skender Doda, President IPA Section in Foundation Albania**



## Primer Maratón Policial de Donación de Sangre

La International Police Association organiza una campaña de donación de sangre en sedes policiales de las cuatro ciudades más pobladas de Extremadura.

La International Police Association en Extremadura ha organizado a lo largo del mes de abril el **Primer Maratón Policial de Donación de Sangre** en sedes policiales de las cuatro localidades con mayor número de habitantes de esta comunidad autónoma, en colaboración con las Hermandades de Donantes y bajo la supervisión y coordinación de médicos y enfermeros del Banco de Sangre de Extremadura.

A través de los medios de comunicación y las redes sociales se hizo una llamada a la solidaridad, especialmente de los miembros de las Fuerzas de Seguridad así como a otros colectivos relacionados con las emergencias como Bomberos o Voluntarios de Protección Civil aunque igualmente abierta a toda la población en general, a fin de incrementar las reservas de sangre y sus derivados ya que es un elemento imprescindible para muchos enfermos que se encuentran hospitalizados, además de contribuir a dar estabilidad de esta necesidad al sistema sanitario, una acción que los donantes pudieron realizar con todas las garantías de seguridad e higiene, pues la propia donación es de por sí un acto seguro, así como también lo es el entorno donde se realiza, para ello se proporcionaron todas las medidas higiénicas y de seguridad necesarias en cada paso de la donación.

Esta iniciativa solidaria, bajo el lema **Servo per amikeco. Hazte donante de sangre**, tuvo lugar a lo largo del mes de abril con las siguientes fechas y sedes policiales:

- ✓ **8 de abril. Jefatura de la Policía Local de Badajoz, de 10:00 a 14:00 horas.**
- ✓ **8 de abril. Escuela de Tráfico de la Guardia Civil de Mérida, de 10:00 a 14:00 horas.**
- ✓ **15 de abril. Jefatura de la Policía Local de Cáceres, de 10:00 a 14:00 horas.**
- ✓ **22 de abril. Jefatura de la Policía Local de Plasencia, de 10:00 a 14:00 horas.**



IPA Extremadura agradece la inestimable colaboración de la Escuela de Tráfico de la Guardia Civil en Mérida y de las Jefaturas de los Cuerpos de Policía Local de Badajoz, Cáceres y Plasencia, que cedieron en sus instalaciones los espacios adecuados y suficientes para poder atender a los donantes sin que tuvieran que esperar mediante cita previa concertada, a fin de poder controlar los aforos y evitar la acumulación de personas en lugares cerrados siguiendo el protocolo sanitario del Procedimiento de actuación para evitar posibles casos de infección por coronavirus.



Para agradecer la generosidad de los donantes, la International Police Association hizo socios de forma gratuita durante el año 2021 a los miembros de las Fuerzas y Cuerpos de Seguridad que así lo desearon, a quienes se les entregó un diploma de agradecimiento, al igual que al resto de participantes.

Los resultados para una modesta comunidad autónoma como es IPA Extremadura fueron altamente satisfactorios, pues en el Primer Maratón Policial de Donación de Sangre en Extremadura participaron un total de 238 personas de las que 161 pudieron llevar a cabo su donación. De ellos 120 son

miembros de algún Cuerpo de Seguridad (38 son socios IPA) y 41 vecinos de las poblaciones donde se realizó la cuestación de sangre. Hay que tener en cuenta que esas 161 bolsas de sangre se van a ser utilizadas para atender a unos 480 pacientes.

Según el Banco de Sangre, Extremadura se mantiene por sexto año consecutivo como la comunidad autónoma con el mayor número donaciones de sangre de España.



Igualmente se colaboró con la Asociación para la Donación de Médula Ósea de Extremadura con la captación de cuatro nuevos donantes entre nuestros socios.

En vista de los resultados obtenidos, IPA Extremadura ya está trabajando para organizar el Segundo Maratón Policial de Donación de Sangre en esta comunidad autónoma para el próximo otoño, repitiendo en los mismos municipios y con la idea de ampliar a otros que se encuentren interesados en participar en esta actividad solidaria.

Servo per Amikeco,

**IPA Extremadura / IPA Spain**



## New IPA Brazil Headquarters

In celebration of the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPA in Brazil, the Brazilian Section received yet another beautiful birthday present.

As part of a special ceremony, on 23 April 2021, work began on the renovation of the first police building in the city of Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, which will be the IPA's new national headquarters in Brazil.



The building is located in a standard model block of Brasilia / DF, next to one of the most significant monuments in the history of the capital of Brazil, which this year celebrates its 61<sup>st</sup> birthday: the first chapel built in Brasilia, the Nossa Senhora de Fátima Church, popularly known as “Igrejinha”, a work by Oscar Niemeyer covered with tiles by Athos Bulcão, and by paintings by Francisco Galeno, a student of Alfredo Volpi.



At the special ceremony, and in the presence of members and authorities of the Federal District, as well as residents, the Brazilian national anthem was sung. Following this, seedlings of the traditional Brazilian cerrado plant, Moringa, known as the “tree of life”, were planted to grow in partnership with the historic “Ficus Italiano”, with its 59 years of age, a tree popularly known as Figueira Branca, which can be seen at the front part of the building of the future IPA Brazil Headquarters.

***Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil***

## Vietnamese Capacity Building Programme on Human Trafficking Investigation Skills 2018-2021

**IPA UK member Mark O'Donoghue is pleased to share a great news story with significant outcomes, which are a first for UK policing and a first for Vietnamese-UK police relations:**

The Vietnamese Capacity Building Programme on Human Trafficking Investigation skills, funded by the Home Office Modern Slavery Fund (MSF), has finally come to an end in 2021. The last 4 classes for management officers and operational investigators took place in the cities of Can Tho between 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March and in Buon Me Thuot between 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March. Once again, Joint Intentional Policing Hub (JIPH) trainers Mark O'Donoghue and Paul Northcott participated online remotely delivering from the UK. Despite the 7-hour time difference and some Wi-Fi challenges at times, the courses delivery and outcomes have been a great success.



After nearly two years of implementation and the challenges posed by Covid-19, the programme has trained 576 officers and senior officers from 49 (out of a total 63) provinces and cities. Among them were 250 police officers/investigators, 109 border guards, 122 prosecutors and 95 judges. This is the most wide-spread and comprehensive training programme that the UK has ever provided in this field. According to the Home Office, MSF are not aware of any similar programme funded by other countries or international organisations which also trained on such a large scale and coverage of provinces. This truly was a fantastic collaborative team effort by the British Embassy Hanoi, The Peoples Police Academy (PPA) and the Joint International Policing Hub.





Another really great piece of news is that the PPA have advised the 4-volume manuals developed in collaboration between UK and PPA lecturers in 2018-2019 have passed the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) official assessments after a second ratification in late 2020. This means our manuals meet all Quality Control standards set by the Ministry's Board of Education and Board of Science.



The manuals and associated teaching materials have been signed off by the MPS Vice-Minister and will now be officially used as manuals in teaching, learning and as reference materials for research throughout the PPA.

Different to other books funded by other Governments which are usually a review or combination of existing materials and more about complementary skills (such as communication, interviewing, victim receipt, etc.), our manuals are a new product specifically about policing and practical applications, and address the issues of the PPA's current curriculum in this field, that is out of date.

The PPA also confirmed this is the first time a manual with such focus has been developed directly in conjunction with international experts through a bilateral cooperation scheme utilising the MoU between the UK and Vietnam as a framework.

Apart from this great news, we have achieved fantastic results through the training project, such as the development of a sound and practical knowledge base for investigators, as well as creating a stronger victim-focused mind set.

Frances Godfrey, Head of the Home Office Modern Slavery Fund said, 'It is really excellent to hear that this work is judged to be of such high quality, and that it will have a lasting impact and hopefully bring some structural change. All credit ...for the extremely hard work on this'.



This programme was once described by a Vietnamese colleague as the Joint Intentional Policing Hub baby. Well, this baby is now strong and resilient. It will provide a lasting legacy to Vietnamese police training in tackling human trafficking.

It is evidence of what strong international collaboration can achieve.

***Mark O'Donoghue, Member IPA United Kingdom***



## First Meeting in Person: IPA New Zealand's AGM in Nelson, South Island



IPA New Zealand Section's National Executive, delegates and partners held its AGM/NCM from 9-10 April 2021 in the beautiful Tasman District of New Zealand. This was the first meeting in person for the new executive, elected in April 2020.



*IPA New Zealand National Executive and Delegates*

IPA members and partners travelled across New Zealand to the top of the South Island hosted by Sub-Region 5, a newly established Sub-Region with 36 members and growing. A partner's program on the Saturday included a visit to a glass blowing factory and lunch at a local café. At the conclusion of the NCM, members and supporters were able to dine at a local establishment.



*Tasman Region District Commander Superintendent Mike Johnson opens the AGM;  
National Council Members observe a moment's silence for fallen IPA friends*



*Enjoying the social side: Dinner after the National Council Meeting;  
Lunch for partners' programme*



New Zealand recently announced a travel bubble with Australia, and visitors will be travelling to each country from mid-April, 2021.

***Mike Norden, President IPA New Zealand***

## LAST WORD

The past year has catapulted working practices firmly onto a new level, with home office and virtual meetings becoming a normality. I am sure that many aspects of these at first unexpected changes are positive, and will provide the flexibility of a hybrid work approach where possible, combining a traditional office environment with enabling employees to work from home when suitable and convenient.

I enjoyed this flexibility the other week, when I took my home office with me on a short trip to Norfolk, and worked part-time with a view of the sea right in front of me in the mornings, and nice long walks along the beach and a bit of sightseeing in the afternoons.

I for sure came back all relaxed, and am now once more working from my home office in the kitchen. 😊

*Elke*



