



**INTERNATIONAL  
POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

# IPA Newsletter

**March 2022**

## **A Glimmer of Light**



**A thoughtful entry to the IPA Photo Competition**

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear IPA friends,

I hope you are safe and well, but sadly I know that some of you are not, and are in deadly harm's way. There are currently many military conflicts around the world, but the invasion of Ukraine by its huge neighbour Russia is for us very different, as it involves two nations with IPA sections.



The reaction by many IPA sections and numerous individual members is evident in the emails and posts we in the International Executive Board (IEB) have received. I shall attend my first physical branch and regional meetings for a long time in the coming days, and I have no doubt that Ukraine and our colleagues there will feature strongly in our discussions.

The IPA President, Pierre-Martin Moulin, has contacted IPA Ukraine to ask how we can offer assistance. The Treasurer Social Affairs, Martin Hoffmann, is looking at how to coordinate aid to IPA members in need, in Ukraine and possibly to any neighbouring sections who are receiving families of IPA Ukraine members fleeing their homeland. The IEB has taken the principled decision to extend the remit for Emergency Aid to include the war in Ukraine.

We shall disseminate details as soon as we are advised by our friends in IPA Ukraine, how best to proceed.

Pierre has published a letter to all sections outlining our position. He has now dispatched a letter endorsed by all in the IEB, to the President of IPA Russia, seeking a statement on their position regarding the invasion, and demanding the removal of highly political articles on their website. The timescale for receipt of their reply is a matter of days. Further action will be based on the reply, if any, from Section Russia. Nothing is ruled out by the IEB. The punitive actions being taken by other organisations and bodies in relation to Russia are being taken into account in our decision-making process.

I and all my colleagues in the IEB hope and pray that peace will be restored to Ukraine and its citizens as soon as humanly possible.

Servo per Amikeco,

***Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration***

# AROUND THE WORLD

## IPA Greece organise Visit to Athens Nursing Home

On 4 January 2022, the President and members of the Athens-Attica Region of the International Police Association's Section Greece visited Athens Nursing Home, offering a traditional Greek cake served on New Year's Day, in the presence of Council members and senior members of the Foundation.

All health protocols in place against Covid-19 were adhered to.

In an emotional atmosphere, the Executive Board proceeded to something completely different from the established:

They exchanged wishes for the New Year with the elderly residents of the charitable association's nursing home and nursing Home for the poor, and distributed gifts, books and clothing.



As IPA Greece President, Vlasios Valatsos, stated: "We can experience the miracle of Christmas only through love, charity and simplicity".



The board members thanked the employees of the charity for the efforts they make every day.

In addition, they discussed future actions and opportunities for collaboration with the committee of the Foundation, and also talked to the elderly people of the Foundation who were present.

***Vlasios Valatsos, President IPA Greece***

## Proud Occasion for IPA UK: A Royal Visit to remember

December marked a fabulous culmination of two years' royal patronage, when Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, visited the Arthur Troop Training and Conference Centre in Skegness. The visit was extra special, as the date marked our Founder's birthday.

I was delighted that Her Royal Highness (HRH) was able to find time in her busy schedule to attend the police station, which was dedicated to our founder by the former Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police, Mr Bill Skelly, this time last year.



Arthur served for part of his service in Skegness, and it is a delight to see a blue plaque on the wall outside the training and conference centre. It was also reassuring to see young student officers being trained to become the future of the police service.

Her Royal Highness was welcomed by Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire William Webb, who then introduced his wife, Lincolnshire's Chief Constable Mr Chris Haward, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire Mr Marc Jones, and finally myself as President of IPA Section UK.



*HRH meets IPA UK's National Executive*

I had the absolute honour of inviting our Patron to see the blue plaque outside, before moving inside, where I introduced our National Executive Committee, Steve Bretherton, Secretary General, Sean Hannigan, Vice President Communications and Culture, Martin Turner, Vice President Professional, and Bill Lloyd, our National Treasurer. Sadly, our Vice President for social matters Yvonne McGregor, was unable to join us.

As you can imagine, much planning had taken place prior to the visit, to ensure we had the opportunity to remind Her Royal Highness about the aims of our Association, and Vice President Sean Hannigan, together with Alan Carter, (former Vice President and CEO of Section UK and international Secretary-General from 1994 until 2003) were able to spend several minutes showing Her Royal Highness items from our archive. These included the press reports of her attending the World Congress dinner

at Bournemouth in the millennium year (2000). Alan Carter had previously met Her Royal Highness at that event, together with our founder Arthur Troop.

After covering our association's history, I handed over to Chief Constable Chris Haward, who was able to tell HRH what modern day training looks like for his student officers in Lincolnshire. HRH was presented to several officers who were undertaking their initial training before their first patrols in the new year.

I was then able to take HRH through to the conference area, where I introduced the Chair of the Lincolnshire Branch, Derek Canton, and his wife. Derek then introduced members of his board.

The final group introduced to HRH included Michael Walsh, our representative from the International Executive Board, Gurmit Kaur Region 5 Chair, Gary Craig, the founder and representative of the Thin Blue Line charity (the current IPA UK President's charity seeking to raise awareness of issues around mental health for serving officers), plus Andrew Gregory (West Midlands) & his wife Joanne, who kindly performed the role of official photographers to this event.



*HRH with Chief Constable Chris Haward*



*HRH unveiling the plaque*

To conclude the visit, I invited Her Royal Highness to see a portrait which will be placed in the foyer of the building following her visit. HRH then unveiled a commemorative plaque of the visit, which will be mounted under the portrait.

On behalf of the Thin Blue Line charity, Gary Craig presented HRH with a bottle of Thin Blue Line gin. Each bottle purchased gives a donation of at least £10 to the charity, and it is rather nice gin! On behalf of the Association, I presented HRH with an engraved IPA quail, a copy of our founder's book 'Service through Friendship', and a challenge coin commissioned to mark the event.

Finally, I was absolutely delighted that HRH accepted my offer to recognise her ongoing support for the Association with Honorary Life Membership, as an associate IPA member.

This concluded the visit, and I escorted HRH out of the building to her car, thanking her once again for all her support over many years. As the car left the gates, I felt a huge sense of personal relief, as I'm sure you can imagine. This was a great event for our association, and certainly something to celebrate after what has been, and continues to be, a very difficult time.

***Clive Wood, President IPA United Kingdom***

## IPA Sri Lanka's Award Ceremony for International Children's Painting Competitions

IPA Sri Lanka held an Award Ceremony for the Sri Lankan winners of the International Children's Painting Competitions 2020 and 2021, on 26 January 2022, at the Police Sports Complex, Colombo. The Children's Painting Competition is an event organised by the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) for IPA children worldwide, with the following categories for paintings: Police at Work, Police and Animals, and Children of the World. The ceremony for the 2020 competition could not be held prior to this date, due to the spread of the Corona pandemic in the country.

IPA Sri Lanka is proud to announce that the first places in each of the three categories for the 2020 competition were won by children of IPA members from Sri Lanka, while also winning the overall competition in the year 2020, plus the runner-up position in the year 2021 in the same category.



All children who participated at these two competitions were awarded their certificates issued by the Socio-Cultural Commission of the IPA, and were presented with the gifts given by the SCC and IPA Sri Lanka.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Socio-Cultural Commission of the IPA for organising these events, and look forward to participating in similar events enabling the participation of IPA members' children.

***Asoka Wijetilleka, Acting President & Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka***

## IPA Ireland host Gimborn Talks in Kilkenny

Conor O'Higgins, President of Section Ireland, hosted and convened a meeting of the Gimborn Talks group in Kilkenny, Ireland between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022, with the meeting taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> January, followed by social and cultural activities the next day.



*Official group photo of the Gimborn Talks January 2022*

The group consists of Presidents (or representatives) of 13 IPA Sections, and the January 2022 meeting was attended by Conor O'Higgins (Ireland), Clive Wood (UK), Martin Hoffmann (Austria), Willem Schewe (Netherlands), Baldur Ólafsson (Iceland), Kjell Andersson (Sweden), Carine Pieters (Belgium), Oliver Hoffmann (Germany), Michael Boolsen (Denmark) and Declan O'Byrne (Ireland). Apologies were received by the group's representatives of Sections Norway, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland, as well as IEB member Michael Walsh.

The meeting considered a full agenda with the emphasis on services each section provides to its membership, with particular attention given to areas that would encourage greater participation of young police officers in IPA professional, cultural and social activities.

The Mayor of Kilkenny City, Councillor Andrew McGuinness, attended the meeting to officially welcome the international delegates to the city, and sat for the official photograph to record the occasion. He was pleased, as first citizen of Kilkenny, that such an international group representing in the region of 120,000 members of the International Police Association would meet in Kilkenny City. The Mayor spoke about how the services provided by the Irish Police Service (An Garda Síochána) are appreciated by the people of Kilkenny and the Irish nation.



*Gimborn Talks Group with Cllr Andrew McGuinness, in front of Kilkenny Castle*

Each delegate briefed the meeting on IPA activities in their section and other issues needing attention, in particular motivation and encouragement of greater participation by junior members.

Presentations were also given by the DMSC, the Canadian company, on the new voting software of the IEB, as well as by the Police Special Olympics Torch Run.

***Conor O'Higgins, President IPA Ireland***

## IPA Kenya' National Executive Council Meeting 2022

IPA Kenya's annual National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting was held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Lion's Eye Hospital, Loresho. While giving his opening address, the IPA Kenya President, Mr. Alfred Osur, said that he was pleased that physical meetings could now be held, where members were able to engage, one on one as friends, and feel the warmth of friendship. The President expressed his heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the NEB for the chance and cooperation that Section Kenya members had given the leadership to serve them.



*Delegates attending the IPA Section Kenya National Executive Council Meeting*

In his speech, the Inspector General of the National Police Service (NPS) Kenya, Mr. Hilary Mutyambai, recognised IPA Kenya as a key partner in the country's policing endeavours. He mentioned that the Association's close working partnership with the NPS in the fulfilment of its key mandate had been instrumental in reputation-building and general improvement in police-public relations.

"Over the last two years, our partnership with the IPA Kenya Section has seen the entire service benefit through donations of Covid-19 prevention kits, including masks and sanitisers. I am also aware of your activities in schools, churches and children's homes. Through such activities, the police image has changed from that of mere bystanders to active participants in the day-to-day affairs of the public. The many children's homes and the destitute who have benefitted from your donations are the true champions of tomorrow, and the future defenders of our ideals," said the Inspector General.

He also acknowledged our participation on environmental conservation, saying "On environment, I am aware that your nationwide tree planting initiatives are still on course. These activities, though not strictly within our immediate mandate, are essential in creating a safe and secure society. The environment is critical for all of us, its protection is rightly the beginning of procreation of sustainable world peace."

The National Police Service Kenya has maintained a mutually beneficial working relationship with the IPA Kenya. The partnership has been largely prominent in training seminars, charity work, and assistance to police officers.



During the NEC meeting, the members conducted elections as per the Section's Statutes and Rules, and the following members were elected by the delegates to serve on the National Executive Board (NEB) of IPA Kenya for the next three years:

<b>ELECTED NEB OFFICIALS 2022-2025</b>	<b>NAME</b>
National President	Alfred Ochiel
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President - External Relations	Mukhtar Omar
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Training	Enock Makanga
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Socio-Cultural	Poline Munyi
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President - Protocol	Salesioh Njiru
National Secretary General	Jared Ojuok
Assistant Secretary General (KPS)	Rose Ashimala
Assistant Secretary General (APS)	Benard Nyakundi
Assistant Secretary General (DCI)	David Wafula
Assistant Secretary General (RTD)	Inderjeet Main
National Treasurer	Franklin Mugendi
Deputy National Treasurer	Arcard Kisingo



*National Executive Board Members of the IPA Kenya Section*

**Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya**

## Die IPA-Welt trauert

Am frühen Morgen des 31. Januar 2022 wurden in Deutschland eine 24-jährige Polizeibeamtin und ein 29-jähriger Polizist im Dienst brutal ermordet.

Es ist eine Tragödie und wir sind unvorstellbar traurig.

Es konnten recht schnell zwei Tatverdächtige festgenommen werden, die nach ersten Untersuchungen beide auf die Polizisten geschossen haben.

Wir, die Verantwortlichen der IPA Deutschland, haben sehr viel Zuspruch von IPA Mitgliedern aus fast 60 Ländern dieser Erde bekommen. Es tut gut, IPA Mitglied und Teil dieser wundervollen Vereinigung zu sein. Der Zuspruch wird unsere Wunden zwar nicht heilen, aber es zeigt, dass wir nicht alleine, und gemeinsam stark sind.

Die IPA Deutsche Sektion dankt den Freundinnen und Freunden in der IPA-Welt für Ihre Anteilnahme. Unsere Gedanken sind bei den Familien sowie den Kolleginnen und Kollegen der ermordeten.

#ZWEIVONUNS



## The IPA World is Mourning

In the early morning hours of 31 January 2022, a 24-year-old female police officer and a 29-year-old male police officer were brutally murdered on duty in Germany.

It is a tragedy, and we are unimaginably sad.

Two suspects were arrested quickly, who according to initial investigations both shot at the police officers.

We, as those responsible for IPA Germany, have received a lot of encouragement from IPA members from almost 60 countries around the world. It feels good to be an IPA member, and to be part of this wonderful association. The encouragement will not heal our wounds, but it shows that we are not alone, and that together we are strong.

The German IPA Section thanks all friends in the IPA world for their support and condolences. Our thoughts are with the families and colleagues of those who were murdered.

#TWOOFUS

***Hubert Vitt, Vice President IPA Germany***

## IPA Serbia donate vital Equipment to Belgrade Clinical Centre

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the national Day of Statehood of the Republic of Serbia, Section Serbia and a supporter of the IPA Serbia Region Podunavlje Mr. Ivan Savić, owner of a health care company from Zemun, presented a donation of hospital equipment (mattresses, duvets, sheets, pillows and other vital supporting equipment) for 200 beds, to the Clinic for Infectious and Tropical Diseases (UCCS) in Belgrade. The donation amounted to a value of more than 20,000 Euros.

The donation was received by Prof. Goran Stevanović MD, director of the clinic, and Milka Čehić, the head nurse.



In addition, in accordance with a decision of the National Executive Board of IPA Serbia, Prof. Goran Stevanović MD, was awarded the Order of "Best Doctor" and a letter of appreciation for "Sacrifices in preserving the health of the citizens of the Republic of Serbia."

Furthermore, a plaque from Section Serbia was presented to the medical staff and the institution as a sign of gratitude.



Head nurse Milka Čehić, as representative of the nurses and other medical staff, was awarded the gold medal of IPA Serbia, for her courage shown in the fight against Covid-19.

The awarded guests expressed their gratitude to Section Serbia and the health care company for recognising the hardship experienced in their work, and their efforts in fighting for everyone's life, in the knowledge that this donation will help significantly in treating patients at the Clinic for Infectious and Tropical Diseases in Belgrade.

**Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia**

## IPA Poland Valentine's Day Event 'Weekend at the Summit' - For the Love of the Mountains!

After the capricious weather at the end of January and the beginning of February, the Valentine's Day weekend brought warmer weather that could not be missed. Valentine's Day is a holiday for lovers, so it should come as no surprise that for those in love with mountains and mountain hiking, the celebration of this holiday had to take place on a hiking trail.



On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, a group of IPA members and friends representing the Lower Silesia and Lesser Poland regions composed of Danusia, Marian, Natalia, Marcin, Krzysztof, Mateusz, Wiola, Wojtek, Ania, Mariusz, Ewa, Jacek, Marta and Michał, set off from Kamienica to climb another peak of the Crown of Polish Mountains, **Śnieżnik (1425 m)** - the highest peak of the Śnieżnik Massif in the Sudetes, the fourth highest peak in Poland. The hike began with a demanding climb up the slope of the Dżicy Grzbiet to the Głęboka Jama Pass. The toughness of the route was compensated by the wonderful sunny weather, which, in combination with the snowy landscape around, created a truly fairy-tale atmosphere. We continued to the Stribnické Sedlo Pass, and then to the summit, which from a distance mesmerised us with

the picturesque silhouette of the icy steel tower contrasting against the blue sky. Thanks to the mercy of Mount Śnieżnik we could not only reach the top, but also admire the magnificent panorama of the Bialskie Mountains in the west and the Bystrzyckie Mountains in the east. With a discerning eye we could see the highest peak of the Eastern Sudety in the High Jeseník range - Praděd (1491 m above sea level), which stands out against the background of the mountain ranges with its characteristic silhouette of the TV tower located on the top.



After saturating our eyes with the views, we descended to the PTTK Shelter on Śnieżnik, where tired hikers rested, and winter swimming enthusiasts dived into the water reservoir close to the shelter. After a rest, we set off back on the blue trail through the Śnieżnik Kłodzki Reserve and around the mountain Porębek to Kamienica.

In the evening, in Stary Gieraltów, where Magda and Darek run their hotel, we sang 'Happy Birthday' and raised a toast together with Mariusz from IPA Uroczysko-Piechowice and friends Agnieszka, Kinga and Artur, on the occasion of the birthday of Marta, the wife of the Secretary of IPA Region Wrocław. There was no end to dancing and having fun in good company, almost to the very morning.

Sunday morning greeted us with strong gusts of wind that ripped through the Górna Biała Łądecka Valley. Tired by the hike and the evening party, we were reluctant to get up for breakfast. However, the prospect of another day on the trail crowned with reaching the summit of the Crown of Polish Mountains quickly dispelled any discouragement. We said goodbye to the majority of the group, thanked the wonderful hosts for their hospitality and set off on the road to Jarnołtówek, from where one group followed the Main Sudety Trail, while the other started the ascent to the **Biskupia Kopa peak (889 m)** - the highest peak of the Opawskie Mountains in the Eastern Sudetes. The trail led us steadily up the hill, on a lightly snow-covered path among trees, the density of which decreased as we climbed higher.



When we reached the top of Grzebień, where the trail meets the Polish-Czech border, we could admire the view of the Nysa Kłodzka Valley Nysa and Otmuchów Lakes glistening in the sun. Only a few minutes separated us from the summit and the 19<sup>th</sup> century observation tower. The 18-meter-high building provides a wide view of the Czech Jeseníky Mountains, the Śnieżnik Massif, the Złote Mountains, and in favourable conditions the outlines of the Karkonosze, the Stołowe and the Sowie Mountains. We then descended to the PTTK Hostel "Pod Biskupią Kopą" for a warm meal, and where the musician Marcin Puzon Sawicz was performing. After a tasty lunch, we set off on the return journey along the yellow trail to Jarnołtówek. At the end of this rich day, we went to the Nysa Lake, where some of us decided to bring some relief to our tired muscles in the cool lake.



Another weekend under the banner of **#IPAMeetingAtTheSummit** ended successfully! All this was possible thanks to friendship, openness, acceptance and the joy of sharing time together to follow the passion that is mountain hiking. The success of the project undoubtedly depends on the people participating in it. Each event cements existing friendships and makes people plan new meetings even before they return home.

**Michał Sługocki, Secretary IPA Region Wrocław**

## IPA Serbia Activities to Commemorate the Statehood Day of the Republic of Serbia

The Republic of Serbia celebrated its Statehood Day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. To commemorate the event, Professor Nebojša Pantelic PhD, President of the National Section IPA Serbia, solemnly presented medals and commendations to the Presidents of IPA Serbia regions who have held this elected position for more than 10 years, for their significant contribution to the development of IPA goals in Serbia.



In addition, members of the National Executive Board of IPA Serbia laid a wreath at the monument to “Heroes who fall for Serbia”.

This monument was raised for police officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, and honours all those who gave their lives on duty, for freedom and security of their country and its citizens.



Servo per Amikeco,

**Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia**

## The Story of IPA Romania's Record-Breaking Iulian Rotaru

The story of our colleague, Iulian Rotaru, a member of the IPA Region 1 Botosani, began 12 years ago, when he started running around the hospital where his boy was hospitalised, thus trying to get rid of the stress of that moment.

Later, this hobby acquired other values, and Iulian thought of adding an aim to the competitions in which he started to participate. Thus, he dedicated the victories obtained to an association for children with autism spectrum disorders.

One by one, due to his ambition, the results started to appear, and Iulian won competition after competition.

It is all the more important, because the competitions in which Iulian participates take place in extremely difficult conditions and require a colossal effort.

During the period of 24 – 28 January 2022, Iulian participated in Lapland – Finland, where he managed to win again, but more than that, to break a record.



It is a very beautiful life story, from which we can all learn to understand that limits are imposed only by us, that it is never too late to find your own way but also, that the noblest achievement of all, is to offer to those with a harder fate.

Congratulations, Iulian, for the way you demonstrate day by day what 'SERVO PER AMIKECO' means!

***Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu, President IPA Romania***

## IPA France prepare for 4<sup>th</sup> Gard Friendship Meeting



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4th friendship meeting  
1 - 6 June  
2022  
price : 389 euros

NÎMES MGP BFM HARIBO  
GARD 30 La Région Occitanie GMF Tego Allianz ACPM

Following to the success of our last event in 2021, we had no other choice than to organise the 4<sup>th</sup> Friendship Meeting of the Gard region of IPA France, which will take place from 1 to 6 June 2022 at the 'VVF des Cigales' in Méjannes le Clap.

On the programme are Avignon and a cruise on the Rhône, Uzès and its market, the Pont du Gard and the Féria de Pentecôtes in Nîmes.

In addition, the site of Méjannes will allow us to enjoy moments of relaxation, leisure and conviviality.

The event has been circulated to all sections and can be seen on the IPA international website at: [Gard FSW 2022](https://www.ipafrance.org/4th-friendship-meeting-2022).

Please promote it widely.

The number of places is limited to 50.

For more information and registration: [delegation30@ipafrance.org](mailto:delegation30@ipafrance.org)

In friendship,

**Claire Palisse, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President IPA France**

## LAST WORD

I am sure I speak for many when I say that for me, it is hard to make sense of the world right now. I simply do not understand why aggression of any sort is started, especially after the two tough years everyone has had worldwide.

Speechless, I went for a walk to the local park last weekend, and was happy to discover this beautiful species, aptly named 'Peace Camellia'.

There is nothing much to add for me this month: along with so many IPA members around the world, I hope for peace to come: quickly, irrevocably, and peacefully.

*Elke*





