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Hand in Hand



A wonderful entry to the IPA Photo Competition
by Jakkie Van Litsenborgh from IPA South Africa

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Another year has passed ...

Dear friends, now, when yet another year has passed, it is always good to reflect on the year gone by. Again, we were in a state of emergency all over the world because of Covid-19. However, a lot was done over the year. We saw a brighter light mid-year and hoped in our hearts that the pandemic would be on the decline.

Sections held many events and finally, people came together in friendship and harmony. For that we are thankful. The IEB managed to meet finally in person, and it made me very happy that we were able to work together and finish several projects. Unfortunately, by the end of the year, we got bad news again that infections are on the rise worldwide.



However, looking forward is the way we should always look. At least I am looking with optimistic eyes on this new year. We have a lot of work to do to pick up where we left things back in 2020. I believe that this new year 2022 will be much better, and by spring this pandemic will be retreating, and life will turn to normal again.

But what is a normal life? Maybe this pandemic has taught us more adaptability, not that police personnel aren't used to adapting themselves in all sorts of situations. But the pandemic has also taught us to enjoy being with our loved ones and embrace it when we are able to meet old friends once more. I think we take fewer things for granted in this time and age.

I at least want to look forward, and I know the IEB does so too. There are a lot of things we want to accomplish in the new year. We hope that we finally get to hold our World Congress in Spain and enjoy their famous hospitality, meet in person and greet old friends, as well as make new ones. I truly hope also that Gimborn will be 100% operational as soon as possible, so our members can enjoy time there and gain new knowledge.

On a personal note, the year 2021 was better than 2020, and I know that 2022 will be much better. I am very sure that I will get to meet many of you this year to catch up and have some much-needed conversation about everything and nothing.

I wish you and your families and friends a Happy New Year, and let's welcome 2022 with open arms and optimism.

Servo per Amikeco,

Einar Guðberg Jónsson, Chairperson of the External Relations Commission

AROUND THE WORLD

IPA Italy – New National Executive Board



Dear Friends,

I am truly honoured and privileged to inform you that the Italian Section, despite the difficulties and uncertainties of this period of time caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, has a new National Executive Board, which was elected at the 19th National Congress, held in Chioggia-Sottomarina (Venice) from 20-24 October 2021.

I am the new National President; with my election, after 64 years, the Presidency returns to Naples, the city that on 16th February 1957 gave birth to the Italian Section with the founding President Adolfo Piatti, General Commander (Comandante Generale) of the Municipal Police of Naples.



The new Board's aims are inspired by three fundamental principles:

1. **Plurality:** we have tried to form the new national team involving all Italian IPA regional groups, and today all the Italian police forces (Arma dei Carabinieri, Polizia di Stato, Guardia di Finanza, Polizia Penitenziaria, Polizia Locale) are represented within this team, with members both in service and retired.
2. **Continuity:** we will start from the best accomplishments reached by the previous terms, both in national and in international contexts; in this regard it is our intention to arrange an international event.

3. **Membership:** the new National Board is committed to maintaining strong and continuous support for our members, our delegations and local branches, by expanding the range of support. The new actions and steps will always be taken in favour of the International Police Association, with its aims and ideals as embodied in our Statutes.

Last, but not least, I wish to highlight that our relationship with the IEB and the other National Sections, which is already good and well-organised thanks to your continued punctual cooperation and bonds, will be even more fruitful in order to strengthen our Friendship.

Let me introduce the members of the new National Executive Board:

- National President: Nicolangelo Pezone
- Deputy President: Alfredo Iasuozi
- Vice President: Antonio Molinaro
- Secretary General: Milco Cipullo
- Deputy Secretary: Pasquale Manente
- Vice Secretary: Settimio Paris
- Vice Secretary: Francesco Amodeo
- National Treasurer: Giuseppe D'Anna
- Vice Treasurer: Angelo Scalia



I also take this occasion to wish everyone a healthy, safe and blessed 2022!

Servo per Amikeco,

Nicolangelo Pezone, President IPA Italy

Presidium of IPA Poland visits Montenegro

By invitation of Biljana Dulović, President of IPA Montenegro, a group of 7 Presidium Members, under the chairmanship of Piotr Wójcik, President of the Polish Section, visited Montenegro from 1-4 December 2021.

During the stay, which was linked to the signed cooperation agreement between our Sections, we had a number of meetings, both with the representatives of the Montenegro Police, i.e. a meeting with the Deputy Commander of the Border Guard and the Capital City Commander in Podgorica, a meeting in the Police Academy in Danilovgrad, as well as with our IPA colleagues from various regions of Montenegro (Regions Jug and Sevier, and the Central Region). The Vice President of IPA Montenegro, Vojislav Dragović, showed us the sports facilities where the IPA Games will be held in May 2022; he asked us for our opinion considering those facilities, and presented us with a preliminary programme of this sports event.



On the third day of our stay, a trip to the city of Szkoder in Albania was organised for us, where we had an opportunity to meet the representatives of IPA Albania and their President. We discussed a number of issues concerning the operations of our Sections, and we expressed our willingness to commence cooperation between IPA Albania and the Polish IPA Section. We have been invited to come to the Election Congress of IPA Albania, which will be held in February 2022, and we agreed to start the discussions on establishing cooperation between our Sections after the elections.



On the last day of our stay, we held a joint session of the Presidium of IPA Poland and the Presidium of IPA Montenegro. During the session, which was held in the city of Bar, we discussed the cooperation we had had so far, and agreed on how the cooperation would continue in 2022. Our 4-day stay in Montenegro was held in a fully professional way, the meetings and visits were truly substantive, and the care which we experienced from our colleagues from the IPA Montenegro Presidium was perfect. Although the weather was not pleasant, as it rained for

2 days, the organisers ensured we could see the most beautiful places in Montenegro such as Kotor, Ulcinij, Budva, Podgorica, the island of Saint Stephen and Old Bar.

The cooperation between the IPA Montenegro Section and the IPA Polish Section will continue in the years to come and, as it was agreed during the joint session, it needs to be transferred to the regional level, namely between the regions in both IPA sections.

Piotr Wójcik, President IPA Poland

Successful Delivery of IPA Brazil's 'Christmas Letter Project'

On 3 December 2021, the Brazilian IPA Section successfully completed this year's "Christmas Letters" social project, when it delivered Christmas gifts in a solemn commemorative event, which was attended by important partners, including the Business Professional Women, the Latin American Academy of Human Sciences, the Brazil-China Chamber of Commerce, and the World Peace Committee in Brazil.

IPA Brazil's "Christmas Letters" project aims to collect letters asking Santa Claus for Christmas presents, originating from vulnerable children from 3-11 years, from post offices, day care centres, orphanages, schools and the indigenous community, so that IPA Brazil can collect the requested toys and help Santa. In 2021, IPA Brazil answered 1,462 requests.



This year, IPA Brazil included a charity dinner in the project. The highlight of this event was a lecture by renowned writer Augusto Cury, and a musical performance by the Suzuki Music School, plus sopranos, tenors, and baritones, in addition to renowned instrumentalists and pianists. During a solemn moment, he carried out the symbolic delivery of the gifts to the leaders of the Brazilian Postal Service, Correios do Brasil, for the purpose of home delivery, and to the managers of the chosen entities. But it did not stop there, as the children's gifts were also delivered by IPA Brazil's Father Christmas, Papa Noel, and his assistants, directly to the children in day care centres, orphanages, schools and the indigenous community.



Dr. Augusto Cury



Hadassa Fagundes, a 6-year old violinist

The methodology applied this year's Christmas Letters 2021 initiative resulted in countless positive reactions by the media, as a truly successful social project. The president of the IPA in Brazil said: "... the result of the "Christmas Letters" project launched this year was in fact our Christmas present, as we see the happiness on the faces of the children when IPA Brazil's Father Christmas delivered his little Christmas gifts. It is something priceless, in addition to seeing those people who joined the project, who, in addition to being bold, showed the true Christmas spirit. I am grateful to the IPA for these moments."

Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil

IPA Spain's wonderful 'Tour of Gambia 2021'

Dear colleagues and Friends!

We are extremely pleased to find ourselves back home once more, after having successfully completed the 2nd edition of the "IPA Tour of Gambia" from 20th to 27th November 2021, organised by the Vallés Occidental IPA branch (Barcelona) and the invaluable and fundamental help of IPA Catalunya and the sponsorship of IPA Spain.



As planned, in addition to having enjoyed an unforgettable cycling adventure through this African country, during our journey we lived moments of irrepressible mutual emotion with the local civilian population and of great fraternity with our colleagues of the Gambian police force.

On our route, our team formed by police members of the IPA (Spanish and Gambian), as well as doctors and mechanics, we gave our help to the most disadvantaged Gambian population in separate and remote places of the country, by delivering many different kinds of items, such as medical & health, school, sports, police etc., and working tirelessly through the assembly of various goods and items such as last generation water purifiers (which in particular will significantly reduce infant mortality) and also providing medical care mainly to children and the elderly in villages lacking the most basic services, such as drinking water and electricity.

In addition, at the end of our week-long tour, we proceeded to deliver our brand new bicycles to a local school, in order to make life a little easier for children who must walk several kilometers daily to attend school.



With the satisfaction of our fulfilled duty and with the images and experiences still fresh in our eyes and hearts, we are already working on organising the 3rd edition of the "IPA Tour of Gambia" from 12-19 November 2022!

If you wish to join us and participate, please contact us on: ipavalles@hotmail.com.

Servo per Amikeco,

IPA Vallés Occidental Barcelona – Spain

Planning for the Future: IPA Japan's Annual Congress 2021

This year's Annual Congress saw a change of venue and date: planned to be held by the Kyoto Branch in September 2021, our plans had to change due to the renewed spread of coronavirus, including in Kyoto itself, and the congress therefore took place in Tokyo on 27 November 2021. About 70 members from all over Japan participated.



The congress was chaired by our President Masahito Kanetaka. We approved the report on the previous year's activities, as well as the plans for IPA Japan's activities for 2022, the financial report 2020, as well as the budget for 2022.

We also discussed an amendment of the statutes regarding the requirement for membership to recruit more persons, and next year's 60th anniversary projects. These amendments were also approved by all participants.

I am pleased to inform you that as part of our 60th Anniversary, we are going to organise a Friendship Week in Japan in 2023, at the end of March, the most beautiful season in Japan with cherry blossoms all over the country. During this tour, we will take you to Osaka, Himeji, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo and a lake near Mt. Fuji to enable you to fully enjoy the Japanese culture, history, and nature. We will circulate the details in May 2022, and are looking forward to your applications.



In the history of Section Japan, it was the first time that the Commissioner General of the National Police Agency attended the Annual Congress.

Commissioner Iataru Nakamura stated: "I would like to address you on behalf of all police officers in Japan. IPA Japan, a wonderful organisation, in cooperation with police organisations in Japan and other sections around the world, has been helping police officers cultivate their international mind and knowledge. I look forward to your future activities."

At the reception after the Congress, we were joined by about 40 supporting members who help IPA Japan's activities. This was the first occasion for both of us and the supporting members to get together, and we enjoyed having a pleasant chat with each other. Look at everyone's big smiles in the photo!



Next year, we will hold our 60th Anniversary Ceremonial Congress. I hope every member will get together in Tokyo with an even bigger smile!

Toru Warigaya, Secretary General IPA Japan

IPA Greece facilitates free Mammograms

An initiative for free mammograms organised by the Athens-Attica Region was successfully completed.

The Athens-Attica Region, in collaboration with the Hellenic Cancer Society and with the sponsorship of the cosmetics company Estée Lauder Hellas, carried out a three-day initiative, consisting of preventive mammograms for women police officers and police officers' wives, aged between 40-70 years, from 15-17 December 2021.

Following our invitation, the mobile mammography unit of the Hellenic Cancer Society, which was continuing the "Breast Cancer Awareness and Early Diagnosis Programme", was placed in the courtyard of the Hellenic Police Academy located in the centre of Athens.

Participation exceeded all expectations: More than 150 women underwent screening.

We will continue to support our members, because their contribution to our society is invaluable.

Vlasios Valatsos, President IPA Greece



XXI Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo - IPA Barcelona

‘NUEVO RECORD DE PARTICIPACIÓN’ del ‘XXI Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo IPA’ celebrado en Barcelona el 27 – XI – 2021.

Después de un parón obligado por la situación del COVID se pudo celebrar el Meeting Internacional de Coleccionistas que IPA Barcelona organiza a través de Ignacio Zúñiga “Nacho”, reuniendo a 50 expositores de 8 países (Alemania, Andorra, Austria, Bélgica, Rumania, Slovakia, USA y España).

El Encuentro, una vez más, fue en el -Hall de la Estación del Norte-, amplio y luminoso con horario de las 8 a 14 h. logrando expectación por el aforo, el cual fue controlado desde la entrada por la organización y disponiendo de hidrogel y la obligatoriedad de mascarilla.

El evento fue un punto de inflexión después de los momentos pandémicos vividos, siendo de gran satisfacción el reencuentro.

Nuevos escudos, gorras, pins, placas, uniformes, etc. fueron objeto de admiración, así como nuevos coleccionistas y otros compañeros que hacía tiempo que no habían podido asistir.

Hubo exposición de vehículos militares históricos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial que generaron numerosas fotos.



Para finalizar el acto hubo 1 minuto de silencio por las personas, amigos, compañeros y familiares que habían fallecido en los últimos tiempos.

El Presidente IPA España, Arturo Salinas, presente en el evento, dirigió unas palabras a la finalización del acto expresando su satisfacción por la participación y el reconocimiento a la organización del acto cultural.

Al final del Encuentro hubo un reconocimiento “in memoriam” de nuestro amigo desaparecido Dirk Hering, quien organizaba 2 Encuentros anuales en Anderlecht, con la entrega de una placa en su recuerdo a la familia presente en el acto, mujer e hijo.

También por parte de la Sección IPA Slovakia, presente en el Encuentro, hicieron entrega de una “medalla al mérito IPA” a la familia Hering y al organizador del Encuentro Internacional de Coleccionismo IPA, Nacho Zúñiga.

La asistencia aproximada durante el encuentro fue de unas 350 personas.

Por la tarde realizamos una visita grupal al Templo de la Sgda. Familia, organizada por el Director de Sgdad. Sr. Xavi Edo.

Como colofón del Encuentro, por la noche tuvimos una cena de despedida en un reconocido restaurante del Puerto Olímpico, donde hubo gran camaradería y sorpresa de “pedida de mano” por parte de un integrante de la Sección Slovaca a su prometida, circunstancia bien recibida por la ella y con una gran ovación por parte de todos los asistentes.



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Participantes: –Familia Hering (Bel) -Olivier Glineur (Bel) -Roman Zan (Slovk) -Andrej Vrabel (Slovk) -Richard Kadnar (Slovk) -Henrich Klacansky (Slovk) -Marko Wolker (Ger) –Uwe Bobrowske (Ger) -Georg Ermers (Ger) -Martin Paulsen (Ger) -Kaspar Walter (Ger) -Andy Beinhofer (Aus) -Raimund Schwaigerlehner (Aus) -Alex Herkel (Aus) -Lluís Capdevila (And) –Laurentiu Saulescu (Rom) – Eliodor Tanislav (Rom) -Gelu Catinean (Rom) -Helmut Rupee (USA) y de España -Matías Sotillo –Antonio Gallego –Antonio Cuenca –Paco Sanchez -Antonio Linares –Victor Velazquez -Albert Brunet -Diego Rubio -Mamerto de la Dueña -Antonio Rodrigo -David Perez – Pedro Villalba -Javier Martinez -Miki Sanchez -Jorge Paez –Josep Jara –Alberto Griñó – Jesús Cruz –Alberto Martín –Ferran Vergés –Fco. Torres –David Barbero –Andrés Canillas -Joseja Huarte -Antonio Guiu -Fernando Redwinds -Guillem Ramos -Iker Saenz - Juan Carrasco –Andoni Artesero -Aleix Borrás -Jose V. Hernandez -Andrés Ballesteros y el organizador Nacho Zúñiga y la presencia de coleccionistas, que no necesitaron exponer.

Saludos cordiales,

Servo per Amikeco

Ignacio Zúñiga (Nacho), IPA Spain

Law Faculty Students visit IPA Serbia

On 19th November 2021, students of the Faculty of Law in Belgrade visited the office of the National Section of IPA Serbia, where they were received by prof. Nebojša Pantelic PhD and his associates.



The aim of this visit was to acquaint students with the goals and tasks of the IPA, as well as its role and significance for the state. In addition, the students wanted to learn more about the work of foreign police member states of the IPA, international cooperation, as well as methods and ways of investigating specific crimes in the field of organised crime at IPA level.

The President of the National Section of IPA Serbia first presented the IPA, and then gave a lecture, plus answered questions. The President of the “Ladies Club” of IPA Serbia, Zeljana Tomasevic, introduced the club for female IPA members, and on that occasion invited interested students to join, which led to great interest. Gifts were also provided for our dear guests.

Zdravko Đurić, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia

IPA Germany – New Board at Work

Six weeks after the elections, the new executive board of IPA Germany met for a strategic conference on the weekend before Christmas.

The seven board members first developed a motto that shall stand for their three-year term, entitled "A Visible IPA". Guided by this motto, a strategy was developed, responsibilities divided, and tasks assigned. As a side effect, the board decided to implement all international social and cultural competitions in Germany. The strategy and results of the meeting will be presented to and discussed with the federal board of IPA Germany at the next meeting in March 2022.



Despite the hard work, the executive board had time to visit the office of IPA Germany in Bexbach, and to host a Christmas dinner to which the “good souls” of the office, Sabine and Rosemarie were invited. “You are both doing an incredible job and contribute significantly to the good service for our IPA members,” said IPA President Oliver Hoffmann while presenting flowers.

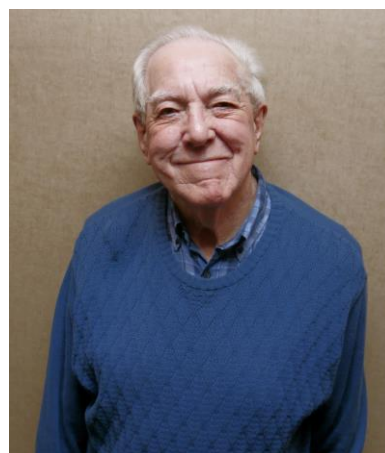
When driving home to their families on Sunday afternoon, responsibilities and tasks had been divided, and we could look back on a fruitful meeting that was held in friendship and in good spirit.

Hubert Vitt, Vice President IPA Germany

In Memoriam – Harry Summerton (1927 – 2021)

It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing on December 11, 2021, of Section Canada Region 2 member Harry Summerton at the age of 94. Harry was an integral and hard-working member of IPA Canada since he joined the organization in 1976.

Harry took on many roles for the administration of IPA Canada; but the one he is renowned throughout the IPA world for is IPA Canada's National Travel Secretary, a position he held from 1986 to 2019. Harry helped hundreds if not thousands of members from IPA sections set up their visit to Canada, as well as introducing IPA Canada members to foreign IPA travel. Harry loved to chat with people and learn about them and their country.



Other posts held by Harry; National Vice President Central Region 1989 – 2001, Acting National Secretary General 1992 – 1994, Region 2 1st Vice President 1978 – 2007 and Region 2 Travel Secretary 2007 – 2020.

Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Dear Lorna; his daughters, Veronica (Wayne) and Sharron (Jason); his granddaughters, Dawn (Graeme) and Kyla (Chris); his great grandchildren, Hayden, Chloe, Jenna and Liam; his pets, Willow and Misty and to his many friends. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, Harry would thank you and asks that it be a charity of your choosing.

Chris Barrat, Past National President & National Historian IPA Canada

LAST WORD

I will not take too much of your time in this first IPA Newsletter of the year, but would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a good start to 2022.

May this new year be filled with happiness and health, and above all give you the opportunity to spend precious time with your loved ones and IPA friends!

Elke

