



**INTERNATIONAL  
POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

# IPA Newsletter

## January 2021

### Friendship



Captured beautifully by much-missed Anabela Alferes

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

On behalf of the IEB, I wish you all a happy and healthy new year 2021.

May this new year restore health to those who are suffering, and ease the pain of those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

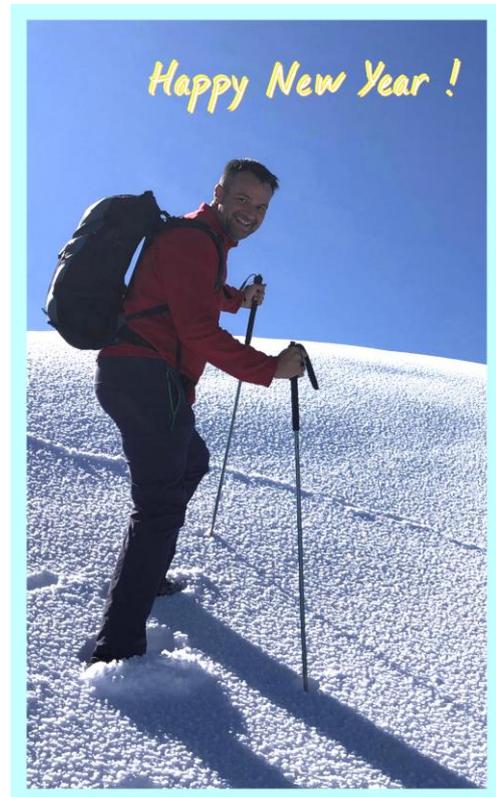
May it be filled with many small moments of joy that will brighten your days.

May it mark the end of this pandemic that spares no-one.

May the year 2021 quickly allow us to enjoy reunions once more. Even though we have all had to accept reality and adapt during these past few months, our friendship, the cement of our association, also has an immense need for meeting up in person, as this is the real strength of our associative life.

Last December, despite the difficult circumstances, the IEB wanted to offer a gift to everyone, in order to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our association. It was an adventure involving everyone, since each section was invited to contribute. You received this special edition of the IPA Newsletter in mid-December, and it is above all intended as a tribute to both the IPA's history, as well as what it has become today, 70 years after its foundation.

Several events had been planned to celebrate this jubilee, all of which had to be cancelled due to Covid, but I like to think that this book is like a beautiful page in our association's long history. Thank you to all those who participated in its development, and especially to Elke, Kerry and Daniel from the IAC who, despite difficult working conditions, brought this compilation to a successful conclusion. Please use this special edition of the IPA Newsletter as a promotional tool for our association, and do not hesitate to print it and hand it out as a gift.



Once again, Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

With all my friendship and best wishes.

Servo per Amikeco,

***Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President***

## AROUND THE WORLD

### IPA Japan successfully hold first online Board Meeting

At 8 pm on 7 November 2020, IPA Japan's Webmaster Mr. Sakai served as the moderator and held a remote meeting for the Executive Board members of Section Japan under the direction of President Mr. Kanetaka.



*IPA Japan's first online meeting, 07/11/2020*

We normally hold our Board Meetings only in person, because Japan isn't too big for the board members to get together in one place. However, we had decided to also try a new-style meeting, to avoid the risk of spreading of Covid-19.

All board members participated. The photo shows on the top row, from the right, President Mr. Kanetaka, Webmaster Mr. Sakai (from Hokkaido), Treasurer Mr. Inagaki; on the 2nd row, from the right, Travel Secretary Mr. Suzuki, Vice President Mr. Igarashi, Honorary Chairman Mr. Nakamura; on the 3rd row, from the right, Secretary

General Mr. Warigaya, Public Relations Secretary Mr. Takiguchi, Secretary for Women and Young Members' Affairs Ms. Takenaka (from Osaka); and on the bottom row, on the right, Project and Operation Secretary Mr. Nishino (from Osaka), and on the left, Chief of East Region Japan Mr. Kuboki.

This was the first time a remote meeting was held in our section.

I was little bit worried that there might be technical difficulties concerning all secretaries being able to attend this meeting, but in the preliminary test offered by our Webmaster, all participants were connected, and so, at 20:00 hours, President Kanetaka called each one and we could get started.

The meeting lasted about 50 minutes, each secretary freely spoke on the proposed agenda, as if we had been physically in the same room, and important matters were decided, such as an amendment of the annual membership fee for those working overseas, reimbursements of travel expense for the official meetings, etc.

It felt a little more frustrating than a face-to-face meeting, but we agreed to hold a remote meeting as and when needed in the future, because we now know that this type of meeting can be held efficiently.

***Toru Warigaya, Secretary General IPA Japan***

## IPA Canada's Region 16 Christmas Sponsorship Program

For many years now, Region 16 'The Atlantic' has executed a Christmas Sponsorship Program. Each province has a budget of \$200 to donate to the charity of their choice from among organizations or groups who provide outreach and support for disadvantaged members in our communities. The Provincial Director solicits suggestions from IPA members in their province to select a deserving charitable organization.

In Prince Edward Island, Director Chris Griffin and his team selected 'Feed Nova Scotia' as their charity. Director for Newfoundland and Labrador, Beverly Bryant, and her members selected an organization called 'Silver Santas', a group that facilitates matches with community donors like our group with senior citizens who need extra support. Director for PEI Chris Cronwell and his group selected an organization called 'Upper Room Hospitality', who run a food bank as well as a front-line soup kitchen in the Charlottetown area. In New Brunswick, Director Paul Robichaud and his volunteers selected the Beausejour Family Crisis and Resource Centre in support of a small family who had been rescued from a domestic violence situation. In that project, we worked in partnership with the local RCMP District.



Immediately following the announcement of this year's program, additional donations were generously offered by individual IPA members, as well as law enforcement members and retirees, IPA or not. These donations were collected and converted into gift cards or additional contributions. With some effort by program volunteers, we were able to grow the total amount of our donations from all provinces from \$800 to an amazing total of \$3500.

We are pleased that this initiative supports greater community charities during the Christmas season. We also understand that IPA participation enhances the reputation of all law enforcement agencies in our communities, and adds to the value of membership in our friendship organization. The photo, taken by IPA member Jocelyn Ross, depicts members of various law enforcement agencies, including NB Public Safety, Shediac Municipal By-Law Enforcement, CBSA, and RCMP gathered in front of the Beausejour Family Crisis and Resource Centre in Shediac.

***Mark Bridges, R16 Travel Secretary, IPA Canada***

## IPA-Häuser in Zeiten von Covid

Die Deutsche Sektion hat neun IPA-Häuser für IPA-Freundinnen und -Freunde aus aller Welt. Sie sind gut besucht und in der Saison ist oft kein Bett frei ... und dann kam Corona.

Die deutschen IPA-Häuser werden von den örtlichen Verbindungsstellen betrieben und finanziert, aber im Herbst 2020 wurde es eng, weil es keine Einnahmen mehr gab.

Als sich nach der Rückzahlung eines Teils des internationalen Beitrags die Frage stellte, wie der Betrag verwendet werden sollte, kam die Idee auf, damit den IPA-Häusern zu helfen. Am Samstag vor dem 1. Advent wurde beschlossen, 25.000 € Soforthilfe an die IPA-Häuser zu zahlen und schon am Montag danach hatten sie das Geld auf dem Konto.

Präsident Horst W. Bichl und Vizepräsident Hubert Vitt, der für die IPA-Häuser zuständig ist, waren sich mit dem Vorstand einig, dass damit das Geld zum Nutzen der IPA-Weltgemeinschaft eingesetzt wird, denn ein großer Teil der Gäste sind Mitglieder anderer IPA-Sektionen.



**Hubert Vitt, Vizepräsident IPA Deutschland**

## Friendship Weekend with IPA Uroczyisko-Piechowice, Poland

A group of 55 people from IPA Poland's Uroczyisko-Piechowice region met with representatives of the Lower Silesian IPA Voivodeship Group, members from IPA Jelenia Góra, and representatives from IPA UK in the Karkonosze wilderness. It was an opportunity to talk about the situation of the association, but most of all to adopt the Region's plan for next year, and also to welcome new members. The second meeting was held under the banner of "Oaks of the Century".

Almost one hundred trees were planted to protect the environment, and to add splendour to the activities of IPA Uroczyisko-Piechowice!



As part of our Association, new dynamically operating regions are being established. One of them is IPA Uroczyisko-Piechowice, established only two years ago. The founding concept of the Uroczyisko-Piechowice Region provides for gathering officers working for anti-terrorism within the Police. Of course, this applies to people who are currently serving in these units, as well as to those who are already retired, or who have come into contact with these specialised units on their professional path.

Members of the aforementioned region regularly try to introduce innovation within the IPA activities and organise meetings not only on a national, but also on an international level. This was the case at the beginning of October at IPA Uroczyisko-Piechowice, who were visited by members of the association from Lower Silesia and the United Kingdom, whilst in 2019, Orazio Anania from Italy had been hosted.

The weekend of friendship was inaugurated by the President of the region, Władysław Leszczyński, who welcomed a guest from faraway Albion, Rob Stenhouse, a representative of the IPA Defensive Tactics Group, as well as those who had traveled much shorter distances to meet in the forests of the Karkonosze Mountains. These included, amongst others, Bartłomiej Majchrzak from the Lower Silesian Voivodeship

Group, as well as a member of the board, Fryderyk Orepuł, and a representative of the neighboring Jelenia Góra region, Rafał Gula.

During the first day, several discussions were held on changes in the management board, declarations of new members were accepted, and a training session was conducted along with a demonstration entitled "Saving a Friend's Life".

The second day was much more active, mainly physically, when the participants of the meeting planted almost 100 oak trees as part of celebrating the activities of the association! Everyone who financially supported this action received a special plaque with their name, and the name that would be given to the tree. At the same time, they declared to take care of the oak trees growing on the slopes of the Sudetes.



The last day of this weekend was even more active than the previous one: the participants of the meeting went to the summit of Śnieżka, taking part in the **#70IPACHallenge** campaign, aimed at celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the International Police Association. Nine IPA members with accompanying persons reached the summit of Śnieżka - 1602 meters above sea level, and received commemorative badges.

The weekend ended with the meeting at the summit of Śnieżka, during which, according to the motto *Servo per Amikeco*, members of the IPA from various countries and different regions talked, discussed and exchanged views.



The members IPA Uroczysko-Piechowice already have very ambitious plans for further activities, and it is possible that similar meetings will be held next year, possibly more than once.

***Text: K. Marcjan; Translation: M. Rozmus, IPA Uroczysko- Piechowice, Poland***

## Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from a Trio of IPA Presidents!

Dear friends,

2020 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPA, and for this occasion, the IPA Region Valais that I chair had prepared a special banner that I am happy to present to all of you. This banner should have been the highlight of a regional event, but due to the Covid restrictions imposed, we unfortunately had to cancel it, similar to most other IPA events in 2020.

I am nevertheless happy to share this banner with you, and to be able to do so, I asked for the help of two special members of my local IPA region, as I am the happy president of two presidents, namely Jean-Pierre Allet, President of IPA Switzerland, and Pierre-Martin Moulin, the international IPA President.

No matter how much responsibility they have within our association, the president here in Valais, that's ME 😊.

But I can assure you that we have a great relationship and are excellent friends.

Happy Anniversary to all once more, and Happy New Year !



***Alain Masseraz, President of IPA Region Valais, Switzerland***

## IPA Brazil commemorate Brazilian Flag Day

The current flag of Brazil was inaugurated with the proclamation of the Brazilian republic, on 19 November 1889, just four days after the end of the monarchy.



IPA Brazil is the only Brazilian association that celebrates this date as part of its management calendar. 19 November 2020 was therefore no different, and we organised a grand gala event with a lecture on the national flag day, followed by the commemoration of the flag, the handing out of grants, plus a dinner and show. The event was attended by around 350 people and took place in the special hall of the Espaço da Corte House,

located in the capital of Brazil, Brasília. All criteria for the containment of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) were met.

This commemorative event of IPA Brazil is already a milestone in the country's civic ceremonies, which is the reason that we received an invitation from the presidency of the Republic to participate in the ceremony known as the "Exchange of the National Flag", that takes place in front of the Presidential Palace, on 19 November each year.

In his speech held at the event organised by Section Brazil, the national president, Dr. Joel Zarpellon Mazo, presented the projects IPA Brazil is developing, including the IPA Games 2022, the prevention of violence and drugs in national schools, and highlighted the building of a national monument to the Brazilian heroes facing the current pandemic, and brought to light in honour of the recently deceased president of IPA Portugal, Anabela Alferes.



With numerous authorities from the three national Executive, Legislative and Judiciary present, in addition to police officers, family members and partners, the evening part of the event was unique, with a beautiful tribute to the Brazilian flag, expressed by the voices of the sopranos and tenors of the House of Culture in Brasília and of the IPA Brazil Orchestra.

A lecture by the president of the Latin American Academy of Human Sciences - ALACH touched those present.

As part of the evening, people who work for their country or for national public security were honoured with the popular medal and diploma entitled "Medal Ônix - Mérito Policial".



This face-to-face event was the first in this pandemic period in the Federal District, and became prominent in the media for the civic act and for the organisation and control and security criteria developed, which will serve as the basis for the opening decree for the functioning of events, following the security protocols of the Ministry of Health of Brazil and the World Health Organization.

Servo per Amikeco in pandemic times!

**National Executive Board, IPA Brazil**

## ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB



### Memorandum of Understanding signed between IPA and IEDO



I am pleased to announce that the IPA have established cooperation with the International Emergency Drone Organization (IEDO). IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin and IEDO President Vendelin Clicques signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect during an online meeting on 10 November 2020.

Join the event by clicking on the link: <https://Signing of MoU IPA-IEDO>.

Founded in June 2018, IEDO is a non-profit association that develops and promotes the use of drones by emergency services and connects first responders using this technology around the world. IEDO got in touch with the IPA in order to expand their network to include police services and to develop collaboration.



We are confident that this exciting new partnership between IEDO and the IPA will create new synergies.

Our partnership aims to promote the use of drones by police services worldwide, in an effort to save more lives. We hope that the development of knowledge and the sharing of experience initiated by IEDO will rapidly spread through the international IPA network.



With drone technology and legislation currently developing extremely quickly, we are anticipating that by sharing the expertise of IEDO members throughout the IPA network, we will be able to minimise delays and reduce difficulties in the use of drones by the police.

The MoU with IEDO will facilitate IPA members obtaining valuable knowledge and training in the field of drones, and we are excited about the possibility of holding seminars on drones at IBZ Gimborn in the near future.

I would like to thank ERC member Damian Crummey for his preparatory work, enabling the swift signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, as well as IEDO President Vendelin Clicques for reaching out to the IPA.

The IPA External Relations Commission, on behalf of the IEB, is extremely pleased about this new partnership, and we are confident that this cooperation will be fruitful for members of IEDO as well as the IPA.

***Einar Guðberg Jónsson, Chairperson External Relations***

## IPA Photo Competition 2020: And the winners are ...

The IPA Socio-Cultural Commission is pleased to announce the winners of the IPA International Photo Competition 2020, which was open to all IPA members.

After the successful 2017 and 2019 Photo Competitions, it proved to be a very popular event, with more than 500 entries submitted by over 100 members from 36 IPA sections in the categories of 'Police at Work' and 'Open Category'. An impressive result, especially during this year marked by the adversity caused by the Covid-19 pandemic!

The photos, all of a high professional level, impressed the judges, who were all members of the Association of Professional Photographers of Cyprus, and who consequently found it very difficult to choose the winners!



*Overall winner:  
Radoje Vukovic (IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina)*

The purpose of the competition was to give our members the opportunity to express and capture their daily lives through the medium of photography, be that work, travel, exploration, or anything else shared from the photographers' own experience.



*Winner Open Category:  
Munisamy Visha Govind  
(IPA Mauritius)*

We were especially moved when we saw amongst the photos that were awarded an entry from the recently deceased President of the Portuguese Section, Anabela Alferes, in whose memory I would like to dedicate this competition. This photo proudly features on the front of the current Newsletter.

I would like to thank and congratulate all participants from the bottom of my heart for their excellent work and talent. These photos clearly show the vast pool of talents we have at our disposal within the IPA.

I would also like express my thanks to the Association of Professional Photographers of Cyprus and to Kikis Perikleous, our SCC member in charge of this project, for his excellent work.

We are pleased that all winning photos, as well as 50 further images, will be exhibited during the IPA World Congress 2021 of Spain, and can also be found on the IPA international website. We invite sections to make use of these brilliant works of art for the publication of magazines, calendars, etc., while also mentioning the name of the photographers.

Our top 7 photos are:

<b>Overall Winner:</b>	Radoje Vukovic	IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina	"View"
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<b>Police at Work Category:</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hallgrimur Hallrimson	IPA Iceland	"Assisting a homeless person in the Epidemic"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mei Ching Yuen	IPA Hong Kong	"Fearless"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Eugenijus Onaitis	IPA Lithuania	"Sometimes is really difficult"

<b>Open Category:</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Munisamy Visha Govind	IPA Mauritius	"The Walk of Relief"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Josef Franc	IPA Czech Republic	"Winter Romance"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Andrzej Koziol	IPA Poland	"Stone Seller"



Winner 'Police at Work':  
Hallgrímur Hallrímson (IPA Iceland)

A new video competition for 2021 will be announced soon!

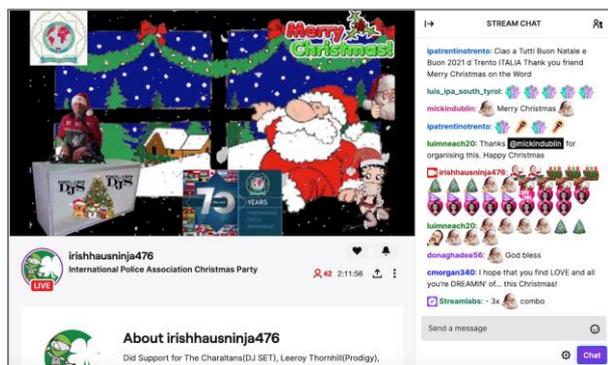
SERVO PER AMIKECO!

**Kyriakos Karkalis, Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission**

## IPA Virtual Christmas Music Party 🎵

2020 could have been described as a virtual year with most of us turning to Zoom and other online platforms for our meetings. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the IEB held a Christmas Zoom meeting inviting delegates from across the world.

This was a great opportunity to reflect on the year, and everyone had the opportunity to toast a Christmas wish. Dubbed in advance as our Christmas party, we felt we needed to finish with something upbeat, and sensed that Zoom lacked that party atmosphere.



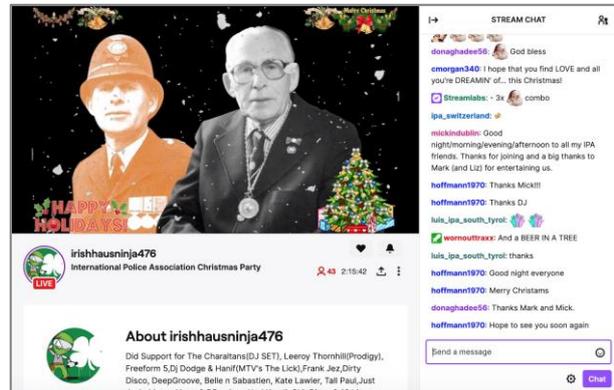
With most of us in some form of lockdown, the world's best artists are finding other ways to entertain us, by streaming live on Twitch, Mixlr, Mixcloud and elsewhere. While the idea of streaming live DJ sets is not new, the pandemic has triggered an unprecedented rise in online DJ streams.

So, with DJ Mark [@irishhausninja476](https://www.twitch.tv/irishhausninja476) behind the decks, the very first IPA virtual music party was broadcast live. Over 100 IPA members tuned in from across the world to listen to over 2 hours of Christmas tunes and other hits to celebrate the IPA's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

By using a green screen, DJ Mark was able to make us all feel at home with his IPA background displays. Audience participation through a live text-based chat stream, coupled with interaction by the DJ on the microphone, fosters an experience which is at once individual and collective.

Through the chat stream, we had the opportunity to converse with each other, while listening to quality music. DJ Mark kept us all entertained and played all our song requests from around the world.

It was clear from the messaging that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event with many asking when we'll have our next one.



The first IPA Music Party for 2021 will be coming soon, so watch this space!

Happy new year,

**Mick Walsh, Treasurer Finances**

## LAST WORD

The new year 2021 has started beautifully weatherwise here in Nottingham: crisp, clear and cold mornings, transforming our local nature reserves into a graceful winter wonderland.



A further hard lockdown has urged all of us here in England to stay at home for the time being, allowing us to go out only once a day for exercise.

I used today's outing to take a winter photo for this edition's Last Word ...

... in -4° Centigrade and rather early in the day, this took all my willpower at first, but after a few minutes of feeling shockingly frozen, I absolutely loved what was out there.

With not many people out and about yet at this early hour, I was rewarded with a beautiful encounter, and hope you enjoy the photo shown.

Happy New Year 2021 – may it bring many happy moments to all of us!

*Elke*

