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Happy Faces



‘Police and Animals’ through the eyes of IPA children:
the lovely overall winner of our Children’s Painting Competition

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

October should have been marked by the IPA's flagship event, the World Congress, which was to be held in Spain. Our annual reunion that enriches the life of our association and makes it unique. In addition, we had planned to celebrate the IPA's 70th anniversary together, and had invited many IPA pioneers to join us. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, as the pandemic forced us to cancel the World Congress.

On a positive note, the International Executive Board invited representatives from all sections to join an international Zoom conference on 13 October at 7pm BST. It was an exceptional moment, and a real joy to be able to gather the whole IPA family in this way! There were about 55 of us online: IEB, IAC, about 40 sections and a representative from Gimborn. For two hours, everyone had the chance to deliver a short but welcome message in these troubled times. All continents were represented, and a special current was felt throughout the evening, day, or night, depending on the location. In two hours, we saw the sunset as well as the sunrise! And a mid-evening toast allowed us to mark the 70th anniversary of the IPA, the friendship that binds us together, and to express our hope of meeting in person as soon as possible.



The Zoom meeting was also an opportunity to pay tribute to some of our members who sadly left us this year, and to offer our condolences, and wishes for recovery and courage to everyone affected by the pandemic. We also thought of those who suffered natural disasters or other acts of war or terror, and wished them a more serene future.

It was a pleasure to discover "new faces" and to congratulate the presidents who have been (re) - elected in 2020 and their committees, as well as to thank everyone for their faith and loyalty to the IPA. Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid, and despite the numerous cancellations of events, everyone could feel that the IPA is a solid ship that will emerge from the current stormy conditions further strengthened by the solidarity and dedication of its members.

Whereas some countries now seem to see the end of the tunnel of the pandemic, others are hit hard by a second wave. In the name of the IEB, I wish all of us courage to face the months to come, convinced that our combined efforts will soon bring the best possible reward for our association's life, that of seeing each other again as soon as possible.

You will be pleased to know that we intend to invite all IPA sections for a further Zoom meeting before Christmas. Until then:

Long live the IPA!

Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

AROUND THE WORLD

#MeetingattheSummit of Lower Silesian IPA members!

This initiative, started by the members of the IPA Lower Silesian Voivodship Group, is a creative and challenging way for all those IPA members who want to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the International Police Association. In the spirit of the motto “Servo per Amikeco” members are climbing the highest peak of the Sudetes mountain range in the beautiful Lower Silesia – Śnieżka.

Unfortunately, due to the prevailing pandemic, they cannot all meet together, therefore the ascent of 1602 metres above sea level is carried out individually, but as part of the larger initiative. Several dozen members of the Association have already stood on Śnieżka to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the IPA!



The view that stretches from the top of the Queen of the Sudetes is amazing. The whole world is literally below you. Lying at your feet you can see not only the mountain hut „Dom Śląski” and the „Równia pod Śnieżką” plateau, but most of all the picturesque Jelenia Góra Valley. It should be mentioned that Śnieżka can be capricious. It is not always possible to see these wonderful landscapes.

At times the summit is covered with clouds, it rains and a strong wind blows, and the only thing that can be seen is another pole showing where the trail leads. Nevertheless, dozens of Lower Silesian IPA members decided to celebrate 70 years of the Association, which brings together police officers from all over the world.

The pandemic does not give up, and we must take into account various restrictions that prevent the typical, ceremonial celebration of such a jubilee.



However, as shown by the members from Lower Silesia, there is always a way! The IPA Lower Silesian Voivodship Group planned to celebrate the jubilee of our organisation on the top of the highest mountain in Karkonosze and Sudetes Mountains – Śnieżka - „Meeting at the Summit”, to strengthen the friendship ties and integrate our members in the spirit of our Association’s motto „Servo per Amikeco”. As the coronavirus has significantly limited the possibilities of this type of undertaking, IPA members decided to slightly modify their previous plans.

The climbing of the peak takes place individually, and its aim is not only admiring the aforementioned beautiful views, but above all celebrating the Anniversary! But that’s not all! In order to commemorate this moment in time and to remember other IPA members, with whom it was

impossible to meet this time, each hiker receives a special pin.

To obtain this memento, each hiker needs to climb to the height of 1602 m and document their achievement, preferably with a photo. There is no denying that it would be even better to pose with a scarf, hat or other item bearing the logo of our Association. All as part of „Servo per Amikeco”.

The Queen of the Sudetes has already welcomed dozens of members of the IPA Lower Silesian Voivodship Group, happy to reach the highest peak in this part of Poland. However, this year’s campaign is just the beginning. Summit meetings are also planned for the future.

A mountain hike amongst friends from the Association is a great opportunity for talks, exchanging points of view, observations and experiences regarding the difficult service in the blue uniform.



Therefore the IPA from Lower Silesia invites you to next year’s climbing of mountain peaks! For now, we encourage you in fighting your weaknesses, steep climbs and difficult weather to get to the Śnieżka peak and to celebrate the long 70 years of the International Police Association!

Text: Krzysztof Marcjan; Translation: Michał Sługocki, IPA Wrocław, Poland

Travelling in times of Covid-19 IPA UK member Chris Heathcote enjoys IPA hospitality

It may feel as though the world has closed down and that the IPA must be 'virtual-only', but in fact some travel is still possible, and the hospitality of IPA colleagues overseas can still be relied upon! In August, I managed to get away to Switzerland, followed by a trip to Slovakia and Poland in September, and I am happy to say that we found a warm welcome from all sections on our arrival.

In **Switzerland**, Maxime Morisod, a city police officer working in emergency response in Aigle showed me round his hometown of Monthey, and took me on a walk in the lush nearby alpage, followed by a dinner of traditional Swiss cheese fondue and craft beers.

On arrival in **Slovakia**, Jan Kover, an investigator in the city of Košice was only too pleased to help with suggestions for accommodation and hiking.

He and his colleague met me at the central police station with many gifts. Over in Banská Bystrica, the head of the economic crime unit Marek Ondras and Andrej Hegenduš joined me at the Slovak Uprising Museum, and after walking around the old town, we enjoyed drinks and goulash.



*A warm IPA welcome in 3 countries during challenging times:
Fondue in Switzerland, meeting colleagues in Slovakia, and a visit to a police station in Poland*

Up in the Tatra mountains and over the border into **Poland**, Maciej Kawk, a sub-inspector in public order and events planning, showed me his police station - a former hotel! - in the beautiful alpine town of Zakopane.

We also met local police commander Piotr Dziekanowski and heard about a recent operation to evacuate 125 injured people out of the mountains after a lightning storm.

My conclusion: Don't let the current coronavirus restrictions stop all your travels!

Chris Heathcote, member IPA UK

IPA Brazil initiate two projects for Children's Day 2020

IPA Brazil – through its Directorate of Academic, Cultural and Educational Affairs - developed two beautiful initiatives to celebrate Children's Day on 12 October 2020, aimed at preventing violence and drug misuse.



Project 1 - Social

IPA Brazil organised a day of celebrations in a disadvantaged community, involving lectures related to a prevention project, followed by a tasty lunch and distribution of gifts for children. At the end of the day, all children had the opportunity to have fun in the swimming pool at a water park club partnered with IPA Brazil.

It was a very pleasant day!



Project 2 - Educational

On Children's Day, IPA Brazil signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Secretary of Education of the Federal District, to distribute educational materials from the IPA Brazil project, highlighting our HQ (Comic Book) related to our heroic media characters, Super "Ipinho" and "Ipinha", as a source for reading, education, prevention of violence, and the misuse of drugs. The Secretary of Education is responsible for delivering educational projects to 26,000 students of various stages, ages and school segments (children and adolescents). With this agreement, the IPA Brazil HQ will appear on the shelves of the reading rooms and libraries of schools in the country. The heroes of our HQ, Super Ipinho and Ipinha will be presented to the IEC at the IPA World Congress 2021 in Spain.

The Comic Book of IPA Brazil in the Brazilian Educational System



The objective of our comic book is to inspire children and adolescents through police officers. The project also presents the opportunity to bring up issues of relevance regarding the prevention of violence, such as the fight against drugs, the destruction of the environment, and the prevention of domestic violence, a sad reality still recorded in Brazil.

A comic book from IPA Brazil to enchant children

The format of the book "Super Ipinho and Ipinha - great heroes, great heroic acts", appeals to many children, and features the most famous Brazilian superheroes. In the first bilingual edition Portuguese/English, the comic book introduces a teenager who dreams of becoming a cop, and who brings along his cousin. Two young people who, in an extraordinary way, gain superpowers and help fighting crime and containing violence. The book aims at valuing police officers and their actions, as well as their humanitarian approach to society.



Free distribution

To ensure a wider distribution of the comic book to schools both electronically and in book format, we provide the PDF free of charge for common use.

In addition to aiming at enhancing the image of the police, we endeavour to establish an open channel of communication for future exchanges between various educational institutions.

Joel Zarpellon Mazo, President IPA Brazil



Marking the Anniversary of the Founding Assembly: IPA Montenegro

In honour of the anniversary of the Founding Assembly of our Section, an apt and pleasant gathering took place on Saturday, 10 October 2020, in the royal capital of Montenegro, Cetinje. Let me remind you that seven years ago, on 10 October 2013, the Founding Assembly was held in Podgorica, in the presence of a large number of guests from Montenegro and representatives of the IPA sections of the region and throughout Europe, led by the IPA President Mr. Moulin and the Secretary General Mr. Katsaropoulos.



Photos from IPA Montenegro's Founding Assembly in 2013

The entire event was held adhering to the measures related to Covid-19, in terms of the allowed number of participants and taking into account the obligation of wearing protective masks and keeping the necessary distance.

Delegations from Shkodra (IPA Section in Foundation Albania) and from the IPA Serbia Moto Club Safety, together with IPA members and friends of the Montenegrin Section, recalled the pleasant memories of the beginning of the development of the IPA idea in Montenegro, for which we are immensely grateful and very proud.



Marking our Section's Founding Assembly Anniversary in 2020

Thanks to the support of the representatives of the National Museum in Cetinje, a visit to the National Museum and the Billiard Palace was organised with the help of the curators, who evoked the historical moments of our glorious history in the right way.

The visit continued with a tour of the Lipska Cave with its amazing galleries of underground halls, of exceptional speleological value, which, along with the tour guide, will remain a pleasant memory.

The lunch with a welcome drink, which was organised for the occasion in a local ethno-restaurant, was of very high quality, with friendly staff and local specialties, and completed our outing in a lovely way.

SERVO PER AMIKECO!

Vojislav Dragović, President IPA Montenegro

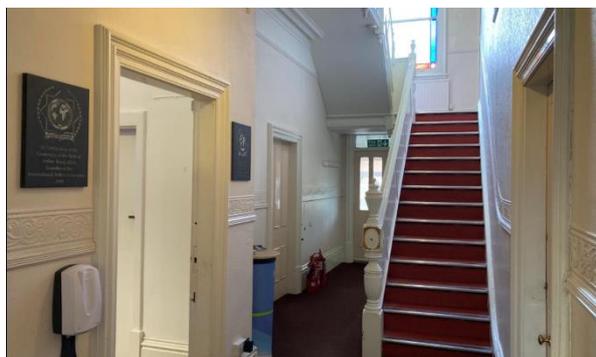
Help IPA UK redecorate the IPA's Home!

Dear Friends around the world,

It was lovely to see so many of you recently at the World Congress Zoom meeting. As I explained, many of our events here in the UK to celebrate our wonderful association's 70th anniversary have had to be put aside this year.

We have, though, taken the opportunity of our staff being required to work from home, to ensure the Section UK IPA home - which we share with the International Administration Centre - is redecorated, to make it more welcoming both for staff and our visitors and guests.

During the same meeting, I asked if all Sections would consider my request to forward to me a pennant from your Sections for a display at Fox Road to remember our anniversary year and all the Sections and our friends abroad.



The bare walls of the Arthur Troop House; and some of the lovely pennants already received

I hope you will be able to support this small request. I look forward to receiving your pennants, and giving them a prominent place in the newly decorated IPA UK home.

In friendship,

Clive Wood, President IPA UK

IPA Romania hold online national Chess Tournament & plan a multitude of future events to support members

The Covid-19 pandemic meant the cancellation of many of the planned activities of IPA Romania, but solutions were found for organising events in an online environment.



In this respect, although the rules imposed for the preservation of health and safety do not allow any type of event, the Romanian Section organised a chess competition, and a contest related to the passions of our members, entitled “Spirit and passion in uniform – virtual exhibition”.

Looking confidently to the future, assiduous preparations are being made for the next period, which is why, in support of motorcycle enthusiasts, IPA Romania has concluded a protocol with riders of IPA LE MC Poland, who have opened the Riders of IPA Prospect Chapter Zalau in Romania, in accordance with their Statutes, and coordinated by Mr. Dan Hadade. We wish them success with this initiative, and safe roads to all bikers.

All these events, although in a unique format, have managed to attract the attention of our members, who have enjoyed following our challenges.



Online IPA National Chess Tournament final rankings:

1. Vasut Zaharia - IPA 3 Maramures
2. Sofronie Iulian - IPA 1 Brasov
3. Sirbu Virgiliu Cosmin - IPA 3 Galati

Virtual exhibition “Spirit and passion in uniform” finalists:

1. Catinean Gelu - IPA 3 Cluj with 1.300 votes
2. Iachim Doru - IPA 1 Constanta with 873 votes
3. Jecu Vasile - IPA 1 Olt with 821 votes



There are many other projects in the pipeline. These range from a literature competition, the initiation of photographic art, plus a talent competition for children, and many more.

We are endeavouring to make this critical period as easy as possible for our members.

Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu, President IPA Romania

IPA Ireland explore new territory holding their first virtual National Council Meeting

I am pleased to share an account of an historic Extraordinary National Council Meeting of Section Ireland, convened for the purpose of ensuring the Rules of our section are adhered to during the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the first time since the foundation of Section Ireland in 1955, that this particular provision has been invoked, and this time, to deal solely with the situation of grave importance foisted upon us by Covid-19, which is being experienced worldwide at present.

Our Rules provide for holding of an Extraordinary National Council Meeting to deal with matters of “grave importance”, and have thankfully sat idle in our Rules and Schedules booklet for many years. It is not unreasonable to say, now in 2020, that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought with it a situation, where the National Executive Committee (NEC) had no option but to invoke those provisions.

The NEC agreed that the management of forthcoming Regional Congresses, Regional Elections, National Council 2020, and National Congress 2021 together with the scheduled election of NEC, Standing Orders Committee (S.O.C.), Internal Auditors (IA) and Honorary Life Membership (HLM) Committee all constituted matters of “grave importance” for our Association and this Section.



The Covid-19 pandemic has been designated a national crisis by the Irish government, and IPA Ireland accepts that we are morally and legally bound to adhere to governmental directives and Health Services Executive guidelines. At present, the law dictates that it would be unlawful to hold the type of physical meeting that we require for National Council. In addition to that, IPA Ireland could not countenance a situation, where our members would be called together by way of an open meeting and run the risk of members falling ill with Covid-19 as a result.

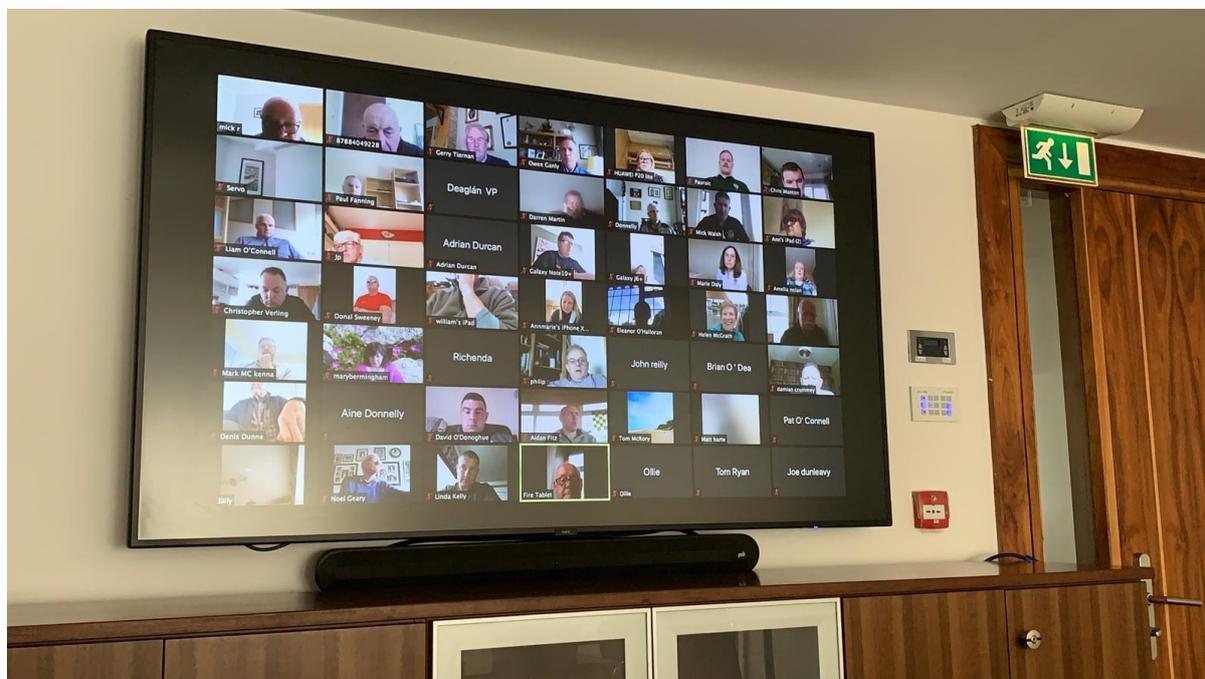
The pandemic placed our section in a very difficult and unprecedented position in respect of Regional Elections, which in themselves are a prerequisite for the completion of Regional Congresses 2020 and the holding of NEC elections in 2021. The NEC is at all times cognisant of the fact that our Rules and Schedules place obligations on us in respect of the management of this Section and the holding of Regional meetings, National Council, National Congress and the election of Regional Committees, National Executive Committee, S.O.C, IA and HLM Committees. Being unable to hold those because of the pandemic, the NEC turned to the Delegates of our Regions and asked for their support in suspending those obligations, which, through no fault of our own, we are unable to meet.

Such suspension will be temporary, with a specified end date and the provision built in, that the suspension will be reversed before such end-date if the Covid-19 situation should allow.

The NEC met by Zoom on 27 August 2020 and agreed that an Extraordinary National Council (ENC) Meeting be held under the provisions of our Rules. That ENC took place on 25 September 2020, to consider a motion proposed by the NEC, for a suspension for a period of not more than one year and ending no later than 25 September 2021 for the provisions relating to:

- the 3-year term of office for the Immediate Past President,
- the holding of a National Council Meeting each year and the National Congress every third year,
- the requirements for Regional Meetings to be held quarterly, for a Regional AGM, and for a Regional Congress in October 2020.
- the term of office for the NEC of 3 years, as well as for standing orders, Honorary Life Membership Committees, and Internal Auditors.

Notwithstanding a suspension, the NEC would be actively pursuing the holding of a National Council Meeting in April 2021, Covid-19 permitting. Because Regions are unable to hold Regional Congresses, this National Council cannot be designated a National Congress, therefore the motion also requested for the National Congress be moved to 2021. The proposed suspension would allow for that.



The National Executive Committee recommended this motion at the Extraordinary National Council Meeting, held via Zoom and attended by 55 Delegates representing our Regions. Each Delegate was afforded an opportunity to comment, and the motion was passed unanimously on a vote by the Delegates and members of the NEC.

On behalf of the NEC of Section Ireland, I am very pleased with the great support given and the unwavering confidence shown in the current management of our Section by all of the Delegates, and I am very grateful to our Regions for the show of support and confidence.

Yours in Friendship

Stay safe

Conor O'Higgins, President IPA Ireland

IPA UK launch Family History Special Interest Group

In July 2020, following expressions of interest from several Section UK members who have a wide interest in family history and genealogy, an inaugural online meeting was held. The range of experience of those attending varied between members who have long been involved in such research, to members who are inexperienced and in the early stages of tracing and recording such information.

It was agreed that a formal structure and purpose for the Group should be identified in accordance with the Section UK Directive on Special Interest Groups (SIG's).

The Section UK Family History Group was formed. The purpose of the Group is to:

'Act as a mutually supportive group of Section UK Genealogists whose aim is to exchange views, knowledge, experience and best practice in the research of Family Ancestry. Where possible, to assist international IPA members in their similar research when it is identified within the boundary of IPA Section UK, thereby building upon friendships and support, a hugely important and increasingly vital part of the International Police Association'.

Entry into the Group is restricted to members of the IPA UK, and at present we have 170 members, a number that is rising.



Regular online meetings are held by the group for everyone to take part in open discussions on their experiences in research and to answer questions that have been forwarded beforehand. There are additional online tutoring sessions designed specifically for absolute beginners new to family history research. It is anticipated that smaller and more local groups will eventually be formed, so that experienced researchers can mentor the less experienced.

The committee recognise that it is highly likely that research will often cross international boundaries. Therefore, international members would often be undertaking research into the history of their own families, which would reach across into the United Kingdom. The members recognise that there may be instances where international members may seek assistance from the UK Family History Group to clarify certain aspects of their research, to obtain photographic evidence of historical addresses or similar. Within reason, the members have agreed that in the spirit of IPA international friendship, they will endeavour to offer such assistance whenever possible.

It should however be realised that within the United Kingdom, there may often be instances where certain investigations require financial payments to commercial or private organisations to access and recover supportive evidence. In such circumstances, agreement to pay those costs would be required to be made by the member seeking assistance. Importantly, we would anticipate that such members seeking assistance would already be a subscriber within their home country to a commercial family history research facility, such as www.ancestry.com,

www.findmypast.com or other similar organisations, and have already commenced such research themselves.

The Section UK Family History SIG would welcome linking with any IPA section who has also put in place a similar historical research group, including possible online joint meetings and discussions or even international visits when circumstances once again permit such unrestricted travel. Hopefully, such international links would also result in agreed reciprocal facilities to UK members for research within other countries.

Initial contact can be made through Andy Wright: andy.wright606@btinternet.com

In Friendship,

Denis Hunt, Chairman Family History Special Interest Group IPA UK

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

Awardees of the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2021

Congratulations to the following awardees of the 2021 Arthur Troop Scholarship:

<u>Awardee:</u>	<u>Section:</u>
Christopher Conwell	Canada
Matthew Write	USA
Christopher Capone	USA
Eduard Kamenski	Estonia
Gordon Alexander Billing	South Africa
Daniel Pierant	Israel
Richard Miles	Australia
Lorraine Fahy	Ireland
Jean-Francois LeBlanc	Canada
Zoltán Kelemen	Hungary
Dann Adelholm	Denmark
Oksana Kapitanska	Ukraine
Sandra Asubila	Kenya



A total of 48 applications had been forwarded for assessment to the Professional Commission, and the 13 awardees of the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) 2021 were approved by the IEB during a Zoom meeting on 6 October 2020.

The awardees will each receive between 450 and 2,300 Euros for their upcoming participation in a seminar at our education facility IBZ Gimborn, or for taking part in comparable further training.

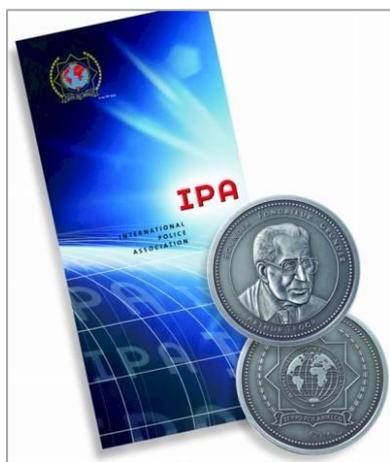
We are looking forward to reading their reports, which will either be published in the IPA Newsletter or posted on the IPA website and circulated to all IPA sections.

Any enquiries or questions regarding the Arthur Troop Scholarship can be forwarded to me at cpc@ieb-ipa.org.

Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Professional Commission

Arthur Troop Scholarship 2022

The Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) 2022 is now open for applications from IPA members worldwide. Arthur Troop Scholarships are awarded annually, and preferably at least one will be granted to each continent in which we have member sections – Africa, America, Asia, Australasia and Europe.



Each scholarship consists of a bursary of up to 2500 €, to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre IBZ Schloss Gimborn, or at a comparable institution.

Applicants must have been an IPA member for at least 3 years before applying, and the scholarship must be taken between 1 January and 31 December of the year following the awarding of the scholarship.

Arthur Troop Scholarships may be awarded to any IPA member active in a law enforcement role, but are predominantly targeted at our younger members. Applicants are required to submit the ATS Application

Form setting out their reasons to support their selection.

Applications must be processed through the below link:

<https://forms.gle/ATS Online Application Form>

The International Administration Centre (IAC) will contact the relevant national sections for confirmation of IPA membership of the applicants after receiving the electronic applications.

The Chairperson of the Professional Commission (PC) will thereafter process the applications with the assistance of his commission members. After the assessment of the PC and the decision of the IEB, awardees for 2022 will be announced during the IPA World Congress in Spain in October 2021.

The Arthur Troop Scholarship Application Form, as well as the accompanying procedure providing more details, can also be found on the international website at <https://www.ipa-international.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship>.

The deadline for applications for the awards for 2022 is 31 March 2021.

Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Professional Commission

1st International Children's Painting Competition – the Results!

The 1st IPA International Children's Painting Competition has been successfully completed.

During the Covid-19 quarantine period, children of IPA members from all over the world had the opportunity to spend their time creatively, producing remarkable pieces of art, which surprised even the experienced professional judges, who were extremely impressed with the participants' talent.

A total of 9 IPA Sections took part in this inaugural competition: IPA Australia (1), IPA Bulgaria (1), IPA Croatia (6), IPA Greece (2), IPA Israel (4), IPA Italy (1), IPA Montenegro (1), IPA Romania (1), and IPA Sri Lanka (8), with a total of 25 children who submitted 26 pictures in the three categories of: Police at Work (15 pictures), Police and Animals (6 pictures), and Children of the World (5 pictures).

We are pleased to present the winners as follows:



*Tudor Ioan Georgescu
(Romania)*

Overall competition winner:

A.M.K. Himidiri Madanali Samaranayaka – IPA Sri Lanka

Police at Work:

1. W.A. Vihas Methsilu Lehasna Weerasena – IPA Sri Lanka
2. Vaia Eyaggelia Gousia – IPA Greece
3. Mario Barišić – IPA Croatia

Police and Animals:

1. A.M.K. Himidiri Madanali Samaranayaka – IPA Sri Lanka
2. Tudor Ioan Georgescu – IPA Romania
3. Elisabetta Durigon – IPA Italy

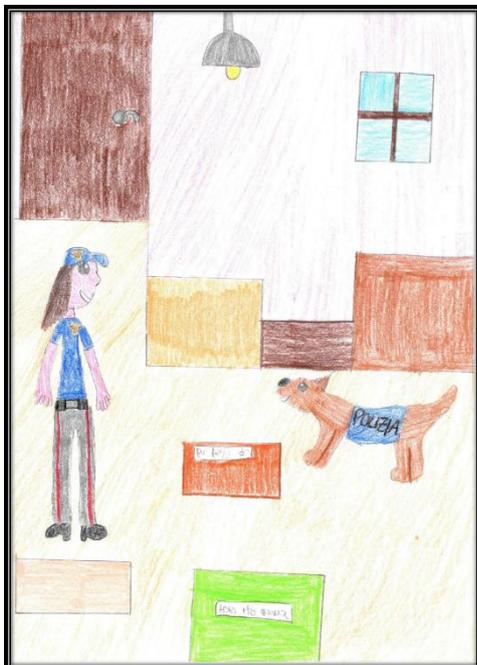
Children of the World:

1. R.M. Imandi Dewmini Rathnayaka – IPA Sri Lanka
2. Ivon Aleksandrova Mitova – IPA Bulgaria
3. Omer Regev – IPA Israel

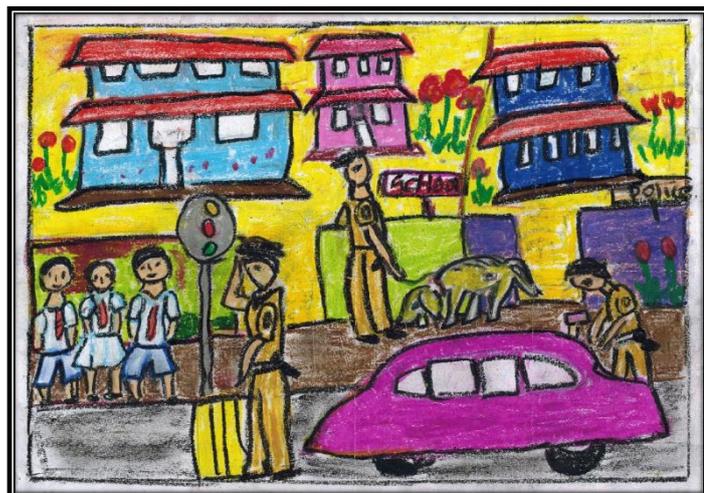
The winners were selected by the Association of Artists in Dubrovnik led by the president, Capt. Stjepko Mamić. All pictures had been marked with only a number and were handed to the association without names or any other information. After inspection, the judges selected the winners by a majority of votes in the three categories, plus the overall winner of the competition.

We are pleased to feature the overall winner's painting on the front page of the November IPA Newsletter.

All competition winners will receive prizes and diplomas. In addition, certificates of participation will be sent to all children who took part. Furthermore, all children will receive an official thank-you letter from the IPA Vice President and Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission, encouraging them to develop their talent further, and promising them that the police will keep protecting them throughout their lives!



*Some of our winners - clockwise from top left:
Mario Barišić (Croatia); Vaia Eyaggelia Gousia (Greece); W.A. Vihars Methsilu Lehasna Weerasena (Sri Lanka); Elisabetta Durigon (Italy)*



The paintings will be made available to all sections, enabling their use in annual calendars, magazine covers etc.

On behalf of the IEB and the Socio-Cultural Commission, I wish to say a big THANK-YOU to the SCC member in charge of this new project: Mr. Vlaho Lujó, who did a fantastic job coordinating the children's painting competition!

Kyriakos Karkalis, Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission

New IPA Collectors Facebook Group

Collecting police memorabilia is a favourite hobby for thousands of IPA members around the world.

Many police officers, whether on duty or retired, collect police badges, hats, pins, uniforms, miniatures of police vehicles, uniforms, key chains, various accessories, and many other items.

All over the world, thousands of such collections have been created privately, even small or large museums. It is worth noting that one of our members, Mr. Andreas Skala from Germany, is a Guinness World Record holder, with his collection of hats and helmets, with 3,044 items in his collection!

Recognising this huge global trend and wishing to help and strengthen the work of our colleagues, the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) chose to initiate an official IPA collectors group, recognised by the IEB, on the most popular social networking platform, Facebook.

Interested IPA members can therefore now easily get in touch with others who share the same hobby, enabling them to trade items and make new friends.

Although only in operation for a short time, the group has already gathered over 400 members, and receives new request to join on a daily basis.



when we are all able to meet up again in person.

Find our new group on Facebook by following the link: [IPA Collectors Group \(Official\)](#)
Become a member and invite your friends too!

Kyriakos Karkalis, Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission



LAST WORD

As you could read earlier on in an article from Clive Wood, the President of Section UK, the redecoration in the Arthur Troop House is now in full swing.

The IAC, though, is not your standard office ... as many of you who have taken the chance to visit us in Nottingham will have seen, our room resembles a little a modern-day museum.

We are pleased and proud to display items from each of the IPA's 68 sections – and hope that our office is a true reflection of the international aspect of our association.

As we found out when preparing the IAC for the redecoration, this comes at a price, though!



With Daniel making a start one afternoon, it took Kerry and me most of the following morning to take down and store all our items safely.

A nice opportunity, on the other hand, for us to meet up once again in person ... and after several hours of climbing up ladders and stairs, trying to reach every little IPA display high up on the walls, as well as building and filling endless boxes, we had a lovely time in a nice little outdoor café, watching the world go by, relaxing and catching up!

And yes, I know ... when the decorators are finished, the ladders and boxes will need to come back out, and we'll need to find a good spot for all of our sections' displays once more ... maybe I'll bring a box of chocolates in for us this time, to make this task easier 😊

Elke

