



# IPA Newsletter

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Until We Meet Again – IPA Games 2022



Happy Memories from the IPA Games  
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## WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear IPA Friends,

Summer is here. A special summer. A summer of freedom and rebirth!

Restrictions and prohibitions, at least to a large extent, have ceased, and this makes us feel optimistic. If quarantine showed us anything, it is what is important in our lives, and what it is that we lack in order to feel as complete and happy as possible.



The events that we missed so much are thankfully coming back: the IPA Games, the Folk Festival, regional meetings, friendship weeks, seminars, and so many other opportunities for travel and gatherings.

These events give meaning and recognition to the IPA's existence as a global organisation

All long-established projects are of course continuing at the same time, but it is worth highlighting that those projects which were initiated during the quarantine period were especially appreciated by IPA members worldwide.

While attending the Mediterranean sections' meeting, which took place recently at the shores of the beautiful Lake Ohrid in Northern Macedonia, I

had the opportunity to meet several of my fellow IPA Socio-Cultural Commission members. It was a great opportunity to review our work so far, but also to plan future activities, which will be announced soon.

Of course, the problems that the entire world faces, have not simply stopped. Wars, threats of war, lack of goods in many countries, are a typical sign of the difficult times we currently live in.

However, the IPA, committed to its principles and values, continues its dynamic offers to our colleagues and to society. I therefore encourage you to meet each other and hug tightly, enjoy the sun and the sea, and regain your strength!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

Have a Happy Summer!

Servo per Amikeco,

***Kyriakos Karkalis, IPA Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cult. Commission***

# ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

## A memorable IEB Meeting in Albania

From 1-5 June 2022, the IEB held its first face-to-face meeting since the virtual IPA World Congress 2021. The location of our meeting was Vlorë, a seaside town in Albania, a country which currently holds the status of a provisionally affiliated IPA section. The hospitality of our Albanian colleagues was a highlight of the meeting. Throughout our stay, Skender Doda, the President, his committee and many other colleagues and IPA members did everything possible to ensure that our stay was a success. A big thank-you from the bottom of our hearts, on behalf of all IEB members.



We devoted two full days to work. The first day focused on ongoing actions as well as the validation of official IEB recommendations for motions submitted by the sections, and the finalisation of documents for the upcoming World Congress. We also had the opportunity to hold a brief session with the Regional Director of Police, the Mayor of Vlorë, and other prominent personalities, at the invitation of our Albanian friends. This was a valuable and appreciated meeting, as it is important for the IPA to maintain links with police chiefs and political representatives. Our legitimacy and our development depend on these recognitions and good relations.

At the end of the meeting, a surprise awaited us! We boarded a speedboat, escorted by a police boat, and made our way across the bay to the beautiful Haxhi Ali Cave before returning for a joint meal with our local friends.



On the second day, the IEB first reviewed the programme for the next World Congress, before spending valuable time reflecting on several strategic issues concerning our association, including the current status and future of the ERC (a motion on this subject will be



submitted to the delegates at the next Congress), IPA marketing, digitalisation within the IPA, the affiliation procedure, etc. The debates were lively, interesting and gave rise to some great ideas, which we will be sure to share when we meet at the World Congress in October.

The IPA in the Vlorë region, concerned about our overly studious state, had organised a fish meal for us at midday, by the sea, a break which was very pleasant. In the evening, we were joined by delegations from North Macedonia, led by the section's president and friend Robertino, and from Montenegro, led by the former president and friend Vojo, who accompanied us until the end of our stay.



Finally, on the last day, our Albanian friends had organised a socio-cultural outing. We left Vlorë for the south and, via the coastal road, reached Saranda and the Butrint National Park for a guided tour of the archaeological, historical and natural sites of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, the more adventurous of us jumped into the water for a welcome swim, before heading back to Vlorë through the centre of the country and discovering some beautiful scenery.



Our official stay ended with an exceptional evening, in a restaurant in the hills above Vlorë, around a richly laid table where friendship and laughter mingled, sometimes even to the sound of local polyphonic music. What can I say, but a huge thank you once again to you Skender, to your colleagues of the national committee, and to all the IPA friends from Albania we met during our stay.

Your motivation for our association is beautiful to see, you have done a great deal of work to establish the IPA in your country, and we could feel that the roots were now firmly planted, solid and promising a beautiful future!

We had a wonderful stay in Albania, it is so good to once more experience the atmosphere of face-to-face IPA meetings that we have missed so much in the last couple of years.

Servo per Amikeco,

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

## Free Online Training Opportunity: 'Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists'

In late October 2020, UNESCO approached me in my capacity as Secretary General of the IEB. They had been looking for a police organisation that had contacts worldwide, to deliver free training to police officers, based on the UN Declaration on Human Rights. The IPA with +370,000 members were of interest. The flagship of the IPA, IBZ Gimborn, was asked if they could produce an online training course as requested by UNESCO. Since then, we have been working hard to bring this project together and apply for funding.

After a long planning process, I am delighted to present our collaboration with UNESCO and IBZ Gimborn in a free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for members of police agencies, on "Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists".



All national sections have received an invitation letter signed by our President, Pierre-Martin Moulin and the UNESCO representative, plus promotional material for this free online course. The MOOC consists of five modules and a live webinar, and starts on 11 July 2022. All information, including a promotional video and banners, can be found on the IPA international website at: <https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/mooc-on-freedom-of-expression-and-safety-of-journalists-collaboration-of-unesco-ipa-and-ibz-gimborn>.

By registering for this MOOC, you will contribute to a safer and more peaceful world. This is ever so important today with a decrease of democracy worldwide and an unsafe world. Journalists are working on behalf of democracy, reporting from war zones, conflict areas, demonstrations and governmental buildings, places where we as police officers are present to protect the public and at the same time freedom of expression.

One of the IPA's aims is to protect human rights and world peace, and by participating in this collaboration and registering for the MOOC, you, as well as the IPA worldwide, will contribute the UN's Sustainable Goal 4 – Quality Education, Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and Goal 17 – Partnership for the Goals.

Taking part in this five-week online course, you will learn how you, as an IPA member, police officer, police staff, and / or journalist, academic or lawyer, can strengthen the protection of freedom of expression.

I encourage you to promote and participate in the MOOC and ask your members, police agencies and additional professionals to register.

Thank you for your support! Servo per Amikeco,

**May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, IPA Secretary General**

## 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Mediterranean IPA Sections in Ohrid: A Report by IEB Member Kyriakos Karkalis

The 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Mediterranean Sections was held with great success from 16-19 June 2022 in the idyllic setting of Lake Ohrid in Northern Macedonia.

Delegations from 16 countries participated: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Malta, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, plus Austria as an invited section.



The founder and President of the Organisation for Human Rights Defence - OADO, Florentin Scaletchi, was invited as well.

I had the great honour of chairing the meeting, and I thank the delegates sincerely for their unanimous vote in this respect.

In addition, my colleague Mr. Martin Hoffman and I represented the IEB, and conveyed the greetings and wishes of the members of the International Board to the meeting's participants.

The Mediterranean Sections' meeting was held in a friendly atmosphere, in accordance with the principles and values of our Association.

Fellow Officers and members of the IPA made an extremely interesting presentation of professional interest.





While attending the event, a meeting of the members of the IPA Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) was also held, following an invitation by the organisers of the Mediterranean Meeting, Section IPA North Macedonia.



As SCC Chairperson, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for this opportunity.

The following commission members participated: Eran Israel, Christos Parginos, Zdravko Duric, Kikis Perikleous and I.

During the SCC meeting, the work of the commission was reviewed, and future actions were planned. I thank all SCC commission members who were able to participate from the bottom of my heart for their presence, hard work and creative ideas.

Last, but not least, I would like to highlight that the organising section IPA North Macedonia took great care to ensure that the Mediterranean Sections' meeting was an unforgettable occasion, with wonderful excursions to the uniquely beautiful landscape, nights with music and impeccable hospitality from all sides.



Many thanks to the President of IPA North Macedonia, Mr. Robertino Aceski and his wonderful team, for the perfect organisation.

We all left with the wish to 'See you again soon'!



Servo per Amikeco,

***Kyriakos Karkalis, IPA Vice President & Chairperson Socio-Cult. Commission***

## IEB member Stephen Crockard enjoys a Trip on the Jazz Train

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, I was pleased to join with a large party of IPA UK, Northern Ireland Region members, who took a full carriage on this year's 'Jazz Train' excursion from Belfast's Lanyon station.

The excursion was run by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, whose Dublin Director of Operations is Joe McKeown, former Treasurer of IPA Section Ireland.

Brian Kennedy from the regional committee sorted out the bookings and kept our jolly group together. The International Auditor Fred Boyd was in attendance, together with members from the North-West and Greater Belfast branches.



A traditional jazz band entertained us at our stopping points en route.

Thank you to the Chairperson, Deirdre, Secretary Cate, and Brian for an enjoyable and memorable evening.

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





## AROUND THE WORLD

### Opening of the Special Olympics Germany with the IPA

Special Olympics is a sports movement for people with intellectual and multiple disabilities officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

In 2022, national competitions will be held in the participating states, and in 2023 the Special Olympics World Games will take place.

The Special Olympics event in Germany was opened with a torch run through Berlin - and the IPA was present and took part.

Police officers from several German regions met for the torch run on the 'Insel der Jugend' (Isle of Youth). It was an almost euphoric atmosphere – with temperatures reaching 35 degrees Celsius.

Christoph Koppe, Jan Paluch, Christine Sagemann and Vice President Philipp Kurz were at the start for IPA Germany. Athletes from Special Olympics Germany carried the torch alternately with runners from the police and the IPA. The official opening ceremony of Special Olympics Germany took place in the evening.



The Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin will also be opened with torch runs, and the IPA will be there.

### Eröffnung der Special Olympics Germany mit der IPA

Special Olympics ist die vom Internationalen Olympischen Komitee (IOC) offiziell anerkannte Sportbewegung für Menschen mit geistiger und mehrfacher Behinderung. Im Jahr 2022 finden in den Teilnehmerstaaten nationale Wettbewerbe und 2023 die Special Olympics World Games statt.

Die Special Olympics Germany wurden mit einem Fackellauf durch Berlin eröffnet – und die IPA war dabei. Polizistinnen und Polizisten verschiedenen Regionen Deutschlands trafen sich zum Fackellauf auf der Insel der Jugend. Es war eine nahezu euphorische Atmosphäre – bei 35 Grad Celsius.

Für die IPA Deutschland gingen Christoph Koppe, Jan Paluch, Christine Sagemann und Vizepräsident Philipp Kurz an den Start. Sportler der Special Olympics Germany trugen die Fackel abwechselnd mit den Läuferinnen und Läufern der Polizei und der IPA. Am Abend fand die offizielle Eröffnungsfeier der Special Olympics Germany statt.

Auch die Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin werden mit Fackelläufen eröffnet – und die IPA wird dabei sein.

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

## IPA UK member Lee Grieves is full of Praise for the 2022 IPA USA Training Programme

When I first joined the IPA several years ago, I wasn't sure what the organisation did or the opportunities it provides to a member, but was soon to find this out in spades.

I have been a volunteer police officer for 15 years and had heard of the IPA, but never investigated it any further until relatively recently. I saw an email from our Region 9 lead back in 2019 with an opportunity to travel to Green Bay in the United States to train with Section US for a week along with colleagues from across the globe. I threw my hat in the ring to secure a place which I was informed that I had.

Then Covid-19 hit and events around the world were being cancelled, and the event eventually was postponed to 2022.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, after 3 flights, a Chicago dog, a bag of 'cheez its', a chat on the flight with a Green Bay chap about British comedy and a delayed checked bag, I finally set foot in Green Bay and met Joe Johnson, Section US President, waiting for us.

We stayed at the prestigious St Norbert College in the City of De Pere, which was our main base for the training which lay ahead.



The week involved a range of specific topics including self-defence tactics, use of firearms, handcuff instructor training with ASP, tactical first aid and treatment of catastrophic injuries, active shooter scenarios and inputs on topics including self-resilience, post traumatic care, as well as native American gangs.

There were social visits and a tour of Lambeau Field finding about the fantastic history of the Green Bay Packers as well as some archery, an introduction to Supper Club (a Wisconsin tradition,) culminating in our end of course banquet at St Norbert College on the Friday.

I learned from the week that IPA events such as this take a lot of commitment and time to organise and can only happen also with the support of members making these happen.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge the significant amount of effort, time, planning, organisation and good will from Joe, Missy, Greg, Roman, Jeremy, Bryan and countless other US officers giving up their time to train us and offer invaluable insights into policing in the US.

This is on top of the donations from local De Pere and Green Bay businesses who wanted to support the event. A huge thank-you from me personally.

Secondly, the new insights I have learned, the new approaches, fresh thinking from colleagues in the US and around the world, have reinvigorated me, the new ideas I can implement and add into my practice in my own force, as well as lifelong friendships and bonds from around the world which have formed.



This was my first IPA event and certainly won't be my last. I plan to get ever more involved, and have already signed up to the defensive tactics group.

My final word and thoughts to anyone thinking of joining the IPA: it is a small investment financially for a huge gain in terms of personal experiences, access to a truly global network, unparalleled experiences, lifelong friendships gained and connections you can forge around the world. As Nike would say 'Just do it'.

***Lee Grieves, IPA UK member***





## IPA Sommerfest 2022 der Landesgruppe Tirol

Vom 19. bis 20. Mai veranstaltete die IPA Landesgruppe Tirol gemeinsam mit allen acht Tiroler Verbindungsstellen und in Kooperation mit dem SIAK-BZS Absam unter der Federführung von LGO Dr. Peter Kern, MA und Landessekretär Walter Schlauer das IPA Sommerfest 2022, bei dem neben internationalen Gästen aus sechs Nationen ca. 300 Besucher begrüßt werden konnten.



Am Donnerstag, den 19. Mai, eröffnete Präsident Martin Hoffmann offiziell das Sommerfest 2022. Neben dem alljährlichen und von der IPA unterstützten BZS-Sportfest mit Fußball-, Volleyball-, Lauf- und Denksportturnieren für Teilnehmer:innen der Polizei-Grundausbildungs- und E2a-Lehrgänge erstreckte sich das BZS-Sportfest dieses Jahr zum ersten Mal über zwei ganze Tage.

Am Donnerstag und Freitag fanden zunächst die Sportturniere statt, bevor jeweils ab 15:00 Uhr mit dem IPA Sommerfest, einer schmackhaften Grillerei, einer Tombola mit Spendenerlösen für einen guten Zweck, „Riesenzwuzler“-Turnieren und zwei Livekonzerten der IPA Connection Band aus Italien der gesellige Teil der Veranstaltung begann.

Im Rahmen dieses Festes veranstaltete die IPA Österreichische Sektion unter der Leitung des Sektion-Schritfführers und Bundesreferenten für junge Mitglieder, Fabian Payr, das erste Vernetzungstreffen mit den jeweiligen Referenten für junge Mitglieder aus den österreichischen IPA Landesgruppen. Die Funktion des Bundesreferenten für junge Mitglieder wurde im Bundesvorstand erst vor kurzem neu geschaffen und soll in erster Linie den Aufbau eines österreichweiten Netzwerkes sämtlicher Referenten für junge Mitglieder und in weiterer Folge eine gemeinsame und zielgerichtete Strategie und Vorgehensweise der jeweiligen Landesgruppen gewährleisten und koordinieren.

Präsident Martin Hoffmann, Landesgruppenobfrau Elke Strohmeyer (Steiermark) sowie die Landesgruppenobmänner Kurt Walker (Salzburg), Fritz Herzog (Oberösterreich) und Michael Güttner (Wien), IPA-Panorama Chefredakteurin Mag. Kathrin Rosanits, Pressereferent der VbSt Graz, Klaus Oswald, Helmut Hierzegger vom IPA Verlag, Dr. Hermann Rieder und Mag. Cathrina Rieder statteten dem Sommerfest ebenfalls einen ehrenwerten Besuch ab.



Zudem folgten insgesamt zwölf IPA-Delegierte, allesamt aktive Polizistinnen und Polizisten, aus den sechs IPA-Sektionen Finnland, Irland, Großbritannien, den Niederlanden, Deutschland und Italien der Einladung der Österreichischen Sektion

und nahmen am IPA-Sommerfest 2022 sowie am umfangreichen Rahmenprogramm teil.



Am Samstagmorgen erwartete unsere internationalen Polizeikolleg:innen ein offizieller Empfang der LPD Tirol im Hotel „Rumer Hof“. BezInspln Christina Prantner des BPK Innsbruck und LPD Pressesprecher GrInsp Erwin Vögele hießen die internationalen IPA-Delegierten im Namen der LPD Tirol herzlich willkommen, bevor das Programm mit einer Besichtigung der Polizeiinspektion Innsbruck-Pradl fortgesetzt wurde.

Inspektionskommandant ChefInsp Hubert Thonhauser und BezInsp Giuseppe Cristiano schilderten den internationalen Polizeikolleg:innen die alltäglichen polizeilichen Aufgaben und Herausforderungen in der Landeshauptstadt Innsbruck. Überdies folgte ein Austausch über die verschiedenen Einsatzmittel und die taktischen Vorgehensweisen der verschiedenen Länder. Unter der Leitung von AbtlInsp Harald Girstmair fand im Anschluss eine Führung durch die Landesleitzentrale Tirol statt. Es folgte ein reger Austausch über die Notrufsysteme verschiedenster Länder samt ihren Vor- und Nachteilen sowie großes Interesse an den Einsatzgegebenheiten und Alarmierungssystemen in Tirol.

Am Nachmittag überraschte die internationalen IPA-Freunde nach einer kurzen Stadtführung ein „Höhenflug“ am Bergisel. Der ehemalige ÖSV-Skispringer Elias Tollinger empfing die IPA-Delegierten im Kessel des Bergisel-Stadions und führte sie direkt bis zum nicht öffentlich zugänglichen Anlauf der Sprungschanze, wo sich den Gästen ein einzigartiger Ausblick über die gesamte Stadt bot. Elias erklärte alles über die olympische Disziplin des Skispringens und sorgte für exklusive Impressionen in der Skisprung-Arena.

Mit einem gemeinsamen Abendessen, einem anschließenden Schwung in das Innsbrucker Nachtleben, unvergesslichen Momenten und zahlreichen Impressionen aus anderen Polizeinationen endete die Veranstaltung am Sonntagmorgen zur vollen Zufriedenheit der Gastgeber und aller IPA-Organisatoren.



**Text: Lisa Tollinger & Fabian Payr, IPA Österreich**

**Fotos: IPA Landesgruppe Tirol**

## First IPA International Management Academy

From 25-29 September 2022, IPA Romania hosted the first and historic IPA international management academy.

The initiative for this academy came from the IPA sections of Romania and Israel. The reason to start such an academy was due to a lack of a professional platform that allows for the study and exchange of information on professional issues of IPA management.

During the World Congress, time is short, and so far, no room for in-depth professional discussions has been found. Every year there are instructive professional lectures on fascinating topics, but without any connection to the IPA. We consider that even at IBZ Gimborn, the education centre and IPA flagship, there is not a single international seminar dealing solely with the IPA.



The purpose of this project is to hold a professional seminar once a year with the participation of members of the presidency and chairpersons of branches. In the first phase, the intention was to hold the first seminar of its kind in a limited way, because the main idea was that it could be carried out in an easy way and allow at the same time for all participants to be actively involved. Now, after the seminar has taken place, and after seeing the feedback of this project, we can say that in the future, several more national sections will be invited to join this project.

The seminar is coordinated by the chairperson of the Professional Commission Demetris Demetriou, and we believe that the IEB understands the purpose of this activity, but also the future benefits for all of us.

With regard to the seminar held in Sibiu, we can inform you that we had 45 participants from 6 sections: Romania, Israel, North Macedonia, Cyprus, and Germany, plus an observer from Bulgaria.

The first part was devoted to the presentation of each section, and everybody spoke about the situation in their own section or region, about the problems, the achievements, the needs for members and local IPA boards.

In the second part, a professional lecture on strategic planning in the IPA was given, and then the representatives were divided into discussion groups, with each group



receiving a topic for discussion. Group leaders were determined, and the summaries were presented in the third plenum to all participants, and a general discussion was held with all participants.

The 4 topics were:

- how to recruit young police officers, and how to encourage young police officers to become interested in activities;
- how to keep veteran IPA members, how to keep in touch and integrate them into activities;
- how to develop contacts with the Police Command at all levels, as well as relevant government ministries and similar organisations;
- Ideas for contacting IPA sections around the world, collaborations, and international initiatives.

A meeting of branch chairpersons, members of the presidency and members engaged in IPA management allows mutual study, understanding issues in depth, without pressure and without pursuing a stressful schedule. Beyond the mutual study, it is very important to meet members from different sections.

All participants testified in their summary that although they had knowledge in everything related to IPA, now they knew much more, their motivation had increased, and connections had been formed that will contribute to tightening the ties and expanding the activities.



Next year, the circle of participants will be expanded, although we want to maintain a limited framework that allows for effective study and discussion.

In conclusion, we can say that it is very important to continue the professional projects related to police work, but it is at least as important to focus on our internal problems as an association, to make an in-depth analysis of the IPA system, to establish exactly where we want to reach, what problems we have and what the best ways are to achieve our goals.

***Mihai Tartareanu, President IPA Romania***

***Dr Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel***

## IPA Croatia host a successful 5<sup>th</sup> IPA Motorcycle Meeting

IPA Croatia's Regional Clubs IPA Međimurje and IPA Varaždin organised the 5<sup>th</sup> IPA Motorcycle Meeting in the Međimurje and the Varaždin counties from 25 to 29 May 2022, gathering 110 participants from 10 countries.

Over four days, the participants visited many beautiful parts of Međimurje County, such as: Čakovec (the Ecomuseum 'Međimurje Malo' Visitor Centre), Peklenica (oil source), Mursko Središće, Štrigova (Church of St. Jerome), Žabnik (the mill on the River Mura and the northernmost point in Croatia), Prelog, Accredo Centre in Zasadbreg, the Šardi Oldtimer Museum in Selnica, the Tomšić and Kossi wineries.

In Varaždin County sights included: the city of Varaždin, Ludbreg, Novi Marof, the Rauš motordrome in Novi Marof, the castle of Trakošćan and the Šafran winery in Breznički Hum.



The Motorcycle Meeting was supported by the Ministry of the Interior, the Međimurje and Varaždin Police Departments, IPA Croatia, Međimurje County, the city of Čakovec, other cities and municipalities, companies, institutions and individuals, plus the partner agency Rudi Travel from Čakovec.

This broad support confirmed that a significant event had been organised, which promoted Croatia, the Međimurje and Varaždin Counties, as well as IPA Croatia on a global level!

The meeting also saw guests: police officers from the Murska Sobota Police Department from Slovenia participated in the ride on the first day of the meeting with their official motorcycles.

At the closing ceremony of the gathering in the Bedem Restaurant in Čakovec, participants of the meeting, guests and valuable members of the club gathered.

The President of IPA Section Croatia - Miljenko Vidak, the president of IPA Varaždin - Siniša Habek and the President of IPA Međimurje - Darko Dragičević addressed the audience with welcoming words. They emphasised their thanks to all participants for taking part, and expressed their wish that the tradition of motorcycle encounters continues. Last, but not least they wished everyone a safe return home.



In addition, the winners of the 'Moto-Alka' game were announced, which had taken place at the Rauš motordrome in Novi Marof – Vitomir Golusin from IPA Bezbednost (Belgrade) won in the individual competition, while Marija Dogazanski and Igor Jovanovski from IPA North Macedonia won in the pairs' category.

The award for the longest trip to the Motorcycle Meeting was given to Juan Antonio Ramirez Perez from Spain, who had covered a distance of 2,000 km.



Recognitions were given to all participating clubs from the 10 countries. In addition, recognitions were also passed to companies and people who supported the organisation of the Motorcycle Meeting.

Traditionally, the clubs gave each other gifts, and words of commendation were sent to all those who participated in the organisation of the motorcycle meeting and had spent months diligently preparing every detail of the event! DJ David Mašić set and entertained the final party with a selected repertoire.

IPA Bosnia and Herzegovina will host of the Motorcycle Meeting in 2023.

Servo per Amikeco!

***IPA Regional Clubs Međimurje and Varaždin, IPA Croatia***



## IPA Euskadi – Ayuda Humanitaria a Ucrania

Dada la grave situación humanitaria que se está viviendo en Ucrania desde el inicio de la invasión de este país por el ejército ruso desde el pasado día 24 de febrero de 2022, la International Police Association, Comunidad Euskadi y Comunidad Foral de Navarra, se plantearon la necesidad de realizar algún tipo de ayuda para mitigar, en la medida de nuestras posibilidades, los efectos de esta guerra sobre la población civil.

Esta ayuda iba encaminada hacia dos aspectos fundamentales. En primer lugar, y no el más importante, el envío de productos de primera necesidad (productos no perecederos, sanitarios, de higiene, etc.). El segundo aspecto era la Repatriación de personas que están huyendo del país, dada la grave situación humanitaria que allí se está produciendo y que afecta de una manera muy especial a mujeres, niños y ancianos.

En principio nuestra asociación se hizo cargo de la logística en cuanto a la planificación del recorrido, medios materiales, humanos, etc., para el cumplimiento de los dos objetivos planteados.

### Salida del 1<sup>er</sup> convoy



El convoy formado por dos vehículos, autobuses con capacidad para 50 personas y un vehículo de apoyo (monovolumen). Además de los conductores profesionales de los autobuses realizarían el viaje 7 componentes de la asociación de IPA Euskadi, 2 médicos y una intérprete de nacionalidad ucraniana, todos ellos voluntarios, salió, del aparcamiento del

centro comercial de Bilbondo en Basauri, el día 21 de marzo de 2022, con dirección a la frontera polaca donde estaba previsto dejar la ayuda y recoger a los refugiados que teníamos asignados.

En este centro comercial recogimos 300 cajas, (unos 4.000 kilos), de ayuda en los que destacamos productos sanitarios (vendas, esparadrapo, alcohol, etc., higiene infantil, higiene femenina, mantas, productos de alimentación no perecederos, linternas, pilas, etc.), y dos hospitales de campaña que nos facilitó la Asociación Humanitaria GBGE de Galdakao.



A las 20:30 horas del martes 22, después de 32 horas de viaje, llegamos al convento de Katowice en Polonia donde hacemos entrega de los 2 hospitales de campaña que habíamos recogido en Bilbondo.

Al finalizar nos trasladamos a un hospedaje cercano para poder descansar y recuperar fuerzas para el largo día que nos esperaba el miércoles.

A las 07:00 horas habíamos quedado con el compañero Thomas, policía de Cracovia, para la entrega del material en un depósito policial y que, como habíamos acordado, se entregaría a los compañeros de IPA Ucrania.

Cerca del lugar de entrega, nos recoge Thomas y nos traslada hasta el depósito donde se entregamos la ayuda.

Finalizada la entrega iniciamos la recogida de refugiados en la estación de Cracovia y el convento de Katowice y el regreso a Bilbao donde se harían cargo las familias de acogida.



Sobre las 08:30 horas del viernes día 26. Llegamos al punto de encuentro donde nos esperaban familias que se habían ofrecido a su acogida. De las 78 personas que llegaron 44 fueron acogidas por familias ya contactadas previamente y para las 34 restantes se contactó con Cruz Roja.

Hacer constar que a todos los refugiados que trasladamos en nuestros autobuses se les solicitaba su identificación (pasaporte, certificado de nacimiento); aquellos niños o niñas que no poseían pasaporte u otro documento identificativo que acreditase su identidad.

### **Salida del 2º convoy**

El convoy estaba formado por dos vehículos, autobuses con capacidad para 50 personas y un vehículo de apoyo (monovolumen). Además de los conductores de los autobuses han realizado el viaje 6 componentes de la asociación de IPA Euskadi, 2 voluntarios y una intérprete de nacionalidad ucraniana (recogida en Cracovia, con la que habíamos contactado previamente).

Como estaba previsto, el convoy salió, del aparcamiento del centro comercial de Bilbondo en Basauri, el día 25 de abril de 2022, con dirección Katowice y Cracovia donde estaba previsto dejar la ayuda y recoger a los refugiados.

En este centro comercial recogimos 122 cajas, (unos 500 kilos), de ayuda cedida por GBGE (Galdakaoko Boluntarioen Gizarte Elkartea), en los que destacamos productos sanitarios (vendas, esparadrapo, alcohol, etc., higiene infantil, higiene femenina, mantas, linternas, pilas, etc.).



El martes, 26, llegamos sobre las 21:00 horas a un Centro de Cáritas en Katowice donde nos esperan y procedemos a la descarga, de parte de la ayuda, en una tienda de campaña que tienen habilitada como almacén.

Finalizada la descarga nos dirigimos a Cracovia, a las instalaciones de la policía, donde mañana miércoles, haremos la descarga de la ayuda que se entregará a los compañeros de la policía ucraniana.

El miércoles después de desayunar, recogemos a Nadiia con la que habíamos quedado para traerla a Euskadi y que nos ayudaría como traductora, nos trasladamos a la comisaría para descargar la ayuda.



En el convento recogemos: 14 niñ@s no acompañados (asociación Chernobil), 4 familias con niñ@s (11) y una chica. Una de las mujeres ucraniana era médico por lo que teníamos cubierta cualquier incidencia sanitaria que se produjese durante el viaje de vuelta.

En total, contando los que recogimos en Cracovia, 30 personas.

A las dos de la madrugada, del día 29 de abril, llegamos a la estación de servicio del km. 22 de la A8 (Hernani) donde familias de Gipuzkoa y Navarra recogieron a los niñ@s, de la asociación Chernobil, que estaban esperando. A las tres de la madrugada, llegamos a Bilbondo, allí nos esperaban las familias que recogieron tanto a los niñ@s de Bizkaia y a las familias que viajaron con nosotros desde Polonia.

### **Agradecimientos**

Desde nuestra asociación queremos agradecer a todos aquellos compañeros, personas anónimas su colaboración aportando cantidades económicas que nos han permitido realizar este proyecto que tanta satisfacción nos ha deparado a todos los que en él hemos participado.



No queremos olvidarnos de Txuri, Imanol, Tino, Toni, José Manu, Ramón, Félix, Andrés, Unai, Juan Carlos, Maitane y Andoni que con su incansable labor han hecho posible que los dos viajes se hayan desarrollado sin ningún incidente reseñable. También agradecer a los conductores su disposición a colaborar con nosotros en todo lo que necesitamos. Sin olvidarnos de Eva y Manu los dos médicos que nos acompañaron durante el 1er viaje. Por último, y no menos importante, Katerina, y Nadiia que desarrollaron una incansable labor haciendo de traductoras.

Organizaremos un 3<sup>er</sup> convoy de ayuda humanitaria a Ucrania?, el tiempo y la situación del país nos irán dando las claves que nos permitan tomar las decisiones oportunas para su realización.

Servo Per Amikeco,

**IPA Euskadi, Spain**



## Beach Clean-Up by IPA Greece Volunteers in Athens

On Saturday, 4 June 2022, members of the Athens-Attica Region from IPA Section Greece kept their promise and came to Pipka Beach in Voula near Athens to volunteer.

IPA members helped to clear the area, plus cleaned and painted pallets, in preparation for them to be installed on the beach, to facilitate access for the children of Attica's Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (PAAPAV), which is located in Voula.



The IPA President of the Region, Mrs. Irini Makridaki stated: "Every year we are looking forward to the day that we will go to the beach all together, to clean, paint, pave the corridors with pallets, facilitating the access to the beach for the children of PAAPA Voula, especially for those children who move in wheelchairs, helping them to enjoy the summer without any obstacles".



Servo per Amikeco!

***Achilleas Begas, Head of International Relations IPA Greece***

## IPA France organise 4<sup>th</sup> International Friendship Meeting

IPA France's Gard region organised their 4<sup>th</sup> International Friendship Meeting from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

As in previous years, the participants from 7 countries (Germany, Belgium, Italy, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Switzerland and France), gathered at the VVF of Méjannes-le-Clap, the starting point for our various activities.

We were happy to welcome former participants as well as new ones, who all came to discover the programme we had put together.

Throughout the week, we were able to show our guests the region:

- the Pont du Gard with a guided tour and entrance to its museum, followed by wine tasting with explanations from a passionate and fascinating winemaker;
- the city of Avignon with its famous bridge, known as Saint-Bénézet, as well as a cruise with a meal on the Rhône in the summer sun;
- the famous market of Uzès and the visit of this city rich in history;
- Nîmes, where one of our members, a history enthusiast and expert in the city of Nîmes in the Roman period, gave us a guided tour. The rest of the day was spent visiting the city (Maison Carrée and Jardin de la Fontaine) to the sound of the féria music and for some, going a bullfight.



The week's programme was enhanced by moments of relaxation (swimming pool, hiking, electric mountain biking, etc.), and we visited the Salamander cave. A musical evening with the sound of the keyboard of Franz, one of our German participants in love with French chansons, allowed us to experience a magical moment.

The organising team of the Gard region would like to thank Corinne, the manager of the VVF, and all her team who were always there to make our stay easier. We

are proud to have had another great time together, and we would like to thank all our participants for attending the Friendship Week. Thank you also to our loyal supporters: Société Générale/BFM, Nîmes City Hall, the Conseil Départemental, the Region and the MGP.

See you soon for new adventures!

**Claire Palisse, IPA France Gard**

## Summer IPA #MeetingAtTheSummit

On the weekend of 18-19 June 2022, preceding the Summer Solstice, when the days were only a few seconds shorter than the longest day of the year and temperatures reached near-record highs, a representation of Podhale members of the International Police Association came to Lower Silesia to climb more peaks of Poland's highest mountains as part of the IPA #MeetingAtTheSummit event.

On Saturday, the guests from Małopolska: Marcin, Natalia, Krzysztof and Mateusz started the day by climbing the highest peak of the Bystrzyckie Mountains - **Jagodna (977 m)**, which was quite a feat considering the high temperatures, despite the easy blue trail leading to the peak from the PTTK Shelter Jagodna. The effort put into the hike was rewarded with beautiful views from the tower at the top. In the afternoon, the hikers traversed the trails of the Orlickie Mountains, accompanied by Marta, the IPA Region Wrocław Secretary's wife, who welcomed the guests to Lower Silesia on behalf of her husband. Together they reached the observation tower on **Orlica (1084 m)**, from which they admired the setting sun.



On Sunday, the group met with the Secretary of the IPA Region Wrocław at the PTTK Andrzejówka Mountain Hostel in the Kamienne Mountains. From the Trzy Doliny Pass, the hikers went along the yellow trail to the start of the northern slope of **Waligóra (936 m)**, and after less than 15 minutes of climbing they reached another peak of the Crown of Polish Mountains. After returning to the Andrzejówka Mountain Hostel and regenerating their strength, the group moved to Boguszów-Gorce, they took the green trail from the parking lot at the foot of



Boguszówka, leading to the highest peak of the the Wałbrzyskie Mountains - **Chelmiec (851 m)**. From the observation tower at the top, they admired the panorama of Wałbrzych as well as the view on the Karkonosze range in the north-west and the Owl Mountains in the south-east. In the clearing under the tower there was a moment of rest by a bonfire and roasted sausages. After a fantastic day spent in good company, the participants went home enriched with positive emotions and wonderful memories.

Another weekend under the banner of IPA #MeetingAtTheSummit resulted in climbing four peaks included in the Crown of Polish Mountains. All thanks to Friendship, which in accordance with the motto of the International Police Association - "Servo per Amikeco" - unites people associated in the ranks of the IPA, by spending time together and pursuing interests.

**Michał Sługocki, Secretary IPA Region Wrocław**



## IPA UK's Kiran Gharial enjoys a fabulous Irish Friendship Week

I first heard about IPA Ireland's Friendship Week from 19-24 April 2022, to celebrate the centenary of An Garda Síochána, in December 2021. Having been to Ireland in 2014 for the section's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, I decided to register for this trip.

Eventually, the big day had arrived, and I departed from Stansted to Dublin. At the airport, I was transferred to the luxurious 'Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa and Golf resort' in County Meath, about 45 kilometres from Dublin city centre, where all participants were accommodated. After a short resting period, there was a social gathering followed by dinner with IPA members from Germany, France, the USA and Latvia – a good opportunity to meet police personnel and introduce ourselves.



On Wednesday, we departed for a visit to An Garda Síochána's Headquarters in Dublin City. We were invited to the Technical Bureau, where we were fortunate enough to have a guided tour of the Ballistics and Fingerprints departments. The ballistics section was one of the first offices set up in Europe, and all homicides are investigated in this building.

Lunch was kindly provided in the staff canteen, after which we went on a visit to the Garda Museum, which entails an interesting exhibition about the history of An Garda Síochána and the Memorial Gardens, which honours members of police killed in service of the state, whose names are inscribed in stone within the Gardens. Both places are next to Dublin Castle. Following this was a visit to Kilmainham Goal, a former prison which held petty criminals as well as political prisoners, including leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising, involved in Ireland's struggle for independence. With the day's busy schedule complete, it was time to head back to our hotel for dinner, followed by an evening out on a brilliant Irish pub-crawl!

Thursday began with a trip to the Heritage Centre in the medieval Town of Kildare, which included a magical virtual reality experience – "Legends of Kildare"! Afterwards, we went on a walking tour of the town and experienced St Brigid's Ale tasting in a local pub. For lunch, we made our way to the glorious Irish National Stud, where horses have been born & bred on the 800-acre site since 1900. Colonel William Walker, who had a passion for racehorses, set about turning the Tully land into one of Europe's premier studs, housing some of the world's finest stallions.

A guided tour of the stables was followed by a visit to the Japanese Gardens on the same site. A colourful and spiritual portrayal of a soul's journey from birth to death.



In late afternoon, we visited 'Solas Bhríde' – a Christian Spirituality Centre with a focus on the legacy of St. Brigid. A popular destination for pilgrims and visitors. Next, a brief stopover at St. Brigid's well, to collect some 'holy water', for good luck! With a drive past the military museum, it was time to return to our hotel for dinner and another late evening trip to a local traditional country pub – a 20-minute walk around the corner. Great atmosphere!



On Friday, following breakfast, we headed off to Dublin City and started our itinerary with a tour of Pearse street Garda Station, which happens to be at the centre of Ireland's most crime-ridden district. We were allowed access to the custody suite and cells, as well as a visit to the front office, C.I.D and frontline-policing quarters. In the afternoon, we had a walking tour of the city centre and some free time for shopping etc., including a stopover at Guinness brewery.

Saturday started off with a trip to the 'Battle of the Boyne' (which included a guided tour). This was a battle, in 1690, between the forces of

King James II of England & Ireland, VII of Scotland, and those of King William II, who had acceded to the Crowns of England & Scotland in 1689. The conflict took place across the river Boyne and resulted in a victory for William. This turned the tide in James's failed attempt to regain the British Crown and aided in ensuring the continued Protestant ascendancy in Ireland. Afterwards, we headed off to the village of Slane, within the Boyne Valley of County Meath, where we had a guided tour of the castle and the distillery.

The castle, which has been the family seat of the Conyngham family since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, holds the Slane festival. U2, David Bowie, Bob Dylan, Queen, The Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, Madonna and Oasis have all performed in the natural amphitheatre on the castle grounds! After a busy day out, we returned to our hotel to round the week off with a drinks' reception and banquet – following the end of IPA section Ireland's National Council Meeting.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brendan Matthews, Owen Ganly, Ann Liston, Declan & Jen O'Byrne and all the local volunteers for their kind hospitality, as well as to congratulate IPA section Ireland on the success of their friendship week to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of An Garda Síochána.

***Kiran Gharial, Social Secretary 9 Region - IPA UK***

## OBITUARY

### “Glück auf” – Udo Göckeritz has left us

“Glück auf” was his greeting and his trademark. This is how people greet each other in his homeland, the Vogtland in Saxony.

Udo Göckeritz led the federal states in eastern Germany into the united German IPA Section. Shortly after the fall of the wall that separated the Federal Republic of Germany from the German Democratic Republic, he joined the IPA, founded the IPA region Saxony and became its leader.

For the next twelve years he was the face of the new regional groups in the reunited IPA Germany.



Thanks to his sincere, friendly and decent manner, he enjoyed the trust of the IPA in the reunified Germany and was elected Vice President in 1999.

Another six years later, he became President of the German IPA Section.

His work received a great deal of attention both in Germany and abroad. Many impulses and initiatives of the German section were taken up and are connected with his name.

In 2011, he retired from all IPA functions as an honorary member of IPA Germany.

It was a pleasure working with him. He knew how to lead without commanding. Everyone was happy to comply with his “Please take care of it”. And when he said “I’ll talk to him” in tricky situations, you could be sure that the matter would be resolved amicably.

Udo Göckeritz passed away on 25 June 2022, four days after his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday.

IPA Germany has lost a wonderful friend who lived the values of the IPA and was always there for everyone.

We are very sad, and our thoughts are with his family.

“Glück auf” Udo!

***The National Executive Board of IPA Germany***



## READERS' CORNER

### 'Amenazas y Desafíos a la Política de Seguridad del Siglo XXI' - Javier Gamero Kinosita -

En el marco de un acto solemne de conmemoración del 38° Aniversario de la Asociación Internacional de Policía (IPA) - Sección Peruana, se llevó a cabo el martes 10 de mayo de 2022 en la ciudad de Lima la conferencia magistral “Amenazas y desafíos a la política de seguridad del siglo XXI” y presentación del libro del mismo nombre por su autor, el oficial de policía, jurista y criminólogo peruano Javier Gamero Kinosita, miembro de IPA - Sección Perú. Dicho libro fue editado por el Grupo empresarial Swiss Peru SAC en coordinación con la Asociación Internacional de Policía (IPA) - Sección Perú, y los Foros Reflexión Perú (FORPERU) – Capítulo Suiza y Capítulo Nacional.



#### **Instituciones de disertación y presentación del libro en el Perú**

La obra constituye un compendio de artículos publicados por el autor a lo largo de 30 años, en su gran mayoría en revistas de las secciones IPA de los distintos países miembros de la organización, que se ponen a disposición de los profesionales de la seguridad para construir una cultura de seguridad en el seno de la sociedad.

El libro está prologado por el presidente internacional, Pierre-Martin Moulin, el presidente de la IPA Peru, coronel de la Policía Nacional del Perú (r), Alejandro Manuel Ismodes Mezzano y la Directora Gerente del Grupo empresarial Swiss Peru SAC, Señora María Julia Visalot Castrillón.

#### **Recopilación de ensayos y artículos**

La obra en mención es una extensa recopilación de ensayos y artículos de análisis reflexión, debate y propuesta en materia de defensa, seguridad e inteligencia publicados en América Latina y principalmente en Europa entre 1991 y el 2021, que cuenta con 766 páginas y 289 notas de pie, que refieren las fuentes bibliográficas utilizadas o precisa las revistas y el año, que sintetiza un sinnúmero de cátedras, coloquios académicos, trabajos de investigación realizados en distintas facultades de seguridad y justicia criminal e institutos de derecho penal y criminología de universidades europeas, además de publicaciones periodísticas, discursos y entrevistas que han sido redactadas y publicadas en revistas especializadas militares, policiales, jurídicas, culturales y diplomáticas, abordando los actuales desafíos geopolíticos, desafíos ecológicos, desafíos tecnológicos y desafíos demográficos, poniendo adicionalmente especial énfasis en la seguridad ciudadana, el crimen organizado, el terrorismo internacional, la reforma y modernización de la policía, la corrupción, gobernabilidad y moral pública sostenible, la corrupción en los cuerpos de

seguridad y policía, la criminología, el tráfico de cocaína y delincuencia organizada, los delitos ambientales, los delitos contra el patrimonio cultural, etc.



El lector de la obra en mención tendrá en sus manos una obra de divulgación refrendada por una amplia relación bibliográfica y un impresionante caudal documental, que esgrime los elementos esenciales para diseñar una nueva arquitectura de seguridad y pergeñar un nuevo discurso de seguridad pública, que permita esbozar a las autoridades y los profesionales de la seguridad, políticas públicas de prevención y control de la criminalidad, consonantes con una política criminal racional, coherente y moderna acorde con los estándares internacionales de las sociedades democráticas modernas, que nos permita contar con la seguridad pública sostenible que el siglo XXI exige.



Further information on Javier's book can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/amenazasydesafiosalapoliticadesequidaddelsigloXXI>

**Carlos Fernando Velasquez, Past President IPA Peru**

## LAST WORD

This edition of the IPA newsletter shows how full and rich IPA life can be: whether you register for a free seminar, take part in a Friendship Week, enjoy a sporting event, volunteer your time for a good cause, or take advantage of an IPA training course ...the opportunities the IPA offers are endless!

The current edition includes several articles in Spanish and German – to make the most of the entire newsletter, here is just a little reminder that there is an easy-to-use translation tool, if you choose to read the newsletter in the Flipbook format. Why not give it a go?

As every year, the summer edition is a combined issue covering two months. From the International Administration Centre, we wish you a good summer break, and we look forward to sharing more IPA news with you in September.

*Elke*



