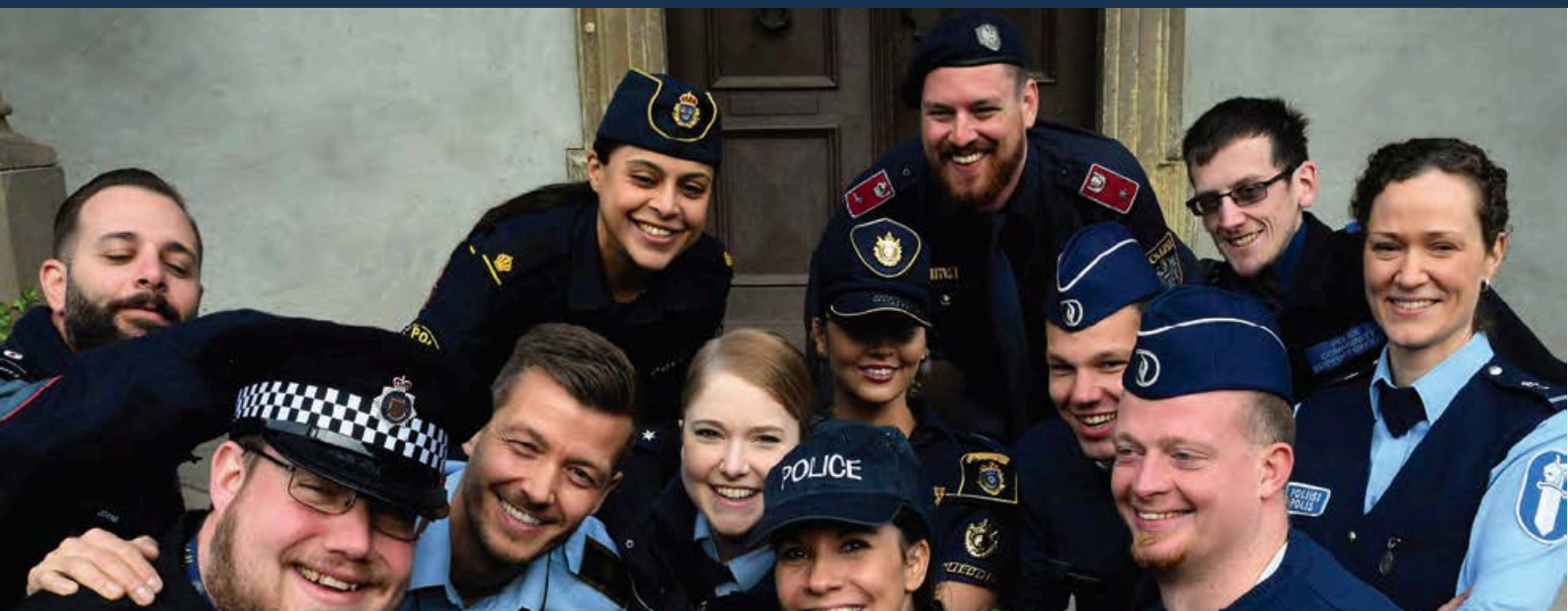




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EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S POLICE LEADERS: IEB'S COMMITMENT TO YOUNG MEMBERS

The International Executive Board (IEB) is proud to spotlight its dedicated initiatives for young police officers worldwide. Through tailored training, conferences, and seminars, including the Young Police Officers' Seminar in Romania, the Strategic Young Members Conference in Germany, and the Next Gen Policing Seminar, young professionals are encouraged to engage, exchange ideas, and broaden their perspectives. These programmes provide valuable experiences in professional development and international cooperation within the IPA community.

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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: IEB AND ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL MEETING IN TOKYO



The IEB and Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting took place in Tokyo, Japan, from May 18 to 23, 2025, bringing together representatives from across the region for strategic dialogue and planning. As part of the IEB's ongoing ambition to grow IPA membership and identify opportunities beyond Europe, the meeting focused on strengthening collaboration, building regional capacity, and expanding the Association's global reach. Read more on page 8.



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INTRODUCTION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARTIN HOFFMANN



MARTIN HOFFMANN

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear IPA Members, Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this edition of the IPA International Newsletter and to share with you some important developments that reflect the direction, spirit and energy of our global Association in 2025.

One of the most meaningful events of the past months was the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, held in May 2025 in Tokyo. Representatives from all sections of the region came together to strengthen cooperation, discuss shared challenges and define opportunities for the future. The meeting demonstrated once again that regional exchange is vital to the unity and strength of our global community. It was also a clear expression of our strategic intention to support and empower sections outside of Europe, and to help them grow – both in membership and in visibility.

The aim is to ensure that the voice of every region is heard and that the benefits of IPA membership are accessible and relevant across all continents.

I would like to sincerely thank our colleagues in IPA Japan for their outstanding hospitality and flawless organisation. The discussions in Tokyo were not only strategic, but also marked by mutual respect and friendship – the very essence of the IPA.

A second event that deserves special mention is the 1st IPA World Football Tournament, hosted in Albania. This event brought together IPA members from around the globe – not in a conference room, but on the football pitch. What a powerful reminder that the IPA is not only a professional network, but also a space where we share joy, passion and true camaraderie. My heartfelt thanks go to IPA Albania for launching this excellent initiative with vision and enthusiasm. The IPA World Football Tournament will now take place every two years, alternating with the IPA Games, and will serve as another opportunity to combine physical activity, international friendship and shared identity.

Both events – different in nature, but united in spirit – are excellent examples of what we mean when we say: Experience IPA. This is more than a slogan. It is a call to action and an invitation to live our values – not only in formal structures, but in real experiences and personal encounters. We want our members to feel the IPA, not just belong to it.

With this in mind, several new international projects are now gaining momentum.

See over...

INTRODUCTION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARTIN HOFFMANN

From the Clean the Beaches initiative, which promotes environmental responsibility through local action, to the publication of the first official IPA Book under the leadership of Antonio Gomez Montejano, and the planning of the biennial IPA Fest, we are investing in projects that connect our members, promote creativity, and strengthen the visibility of our association.

Another meaningful step forward is the development of the “SHEisIPA” seminars, which will take place at IBZ Gimborn and focus on empowerment, leadership and inclusion for women in policing. These seminars are part of our broader commitment to diversity and to offering space and voice to all those who contribute to the IPA’s success.

In addition, I am pleased to share that the Young Police Officers’ Seminar (YPOS) 2025 will take place from 10–15 November 2025 in Bucharest, Romania. This event continues our tradition of providing young colleagues with international exposure and lifelong professional connections. Looking further ahead, we are preparing for the next IPA Games, which will be held in May 2026 in Wrocław, Poland – another major opportunity to combine sport, friendship and international solidarity.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our sections, project teams and volunteers around the world. I am deeply grateful to all those who contribute their time and energy – often on a voluntary basis – to keeping the IPA active, visible and meaningful at every level.

I also encourage all sections to share their experiences, ideas and good practices. Whether through reports in this newsletter, regional cooperation or direct dialogue with the IEB, your voice matters and helps shape the IPA we are building together.

The coming months will bring more opportunities to connect and grow. I invite all of you to stay involved – through international events, project initiatives, and by helping others to truly experience what the IPA stands for.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you informed, we will no longer be combining the July and August newsletters. Instead, we will continue to publish one newsletter each month. Please keep sending us your updates and activity reports from your sections. We will be delighted to include them.

Let us use this momentum to build the IPA of tomorrow: dynamic, visible, inclusive – and united in friendship.

Martin

Martin Hoffmann
International President

YOUNG MEMBERS: EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLICE PROFESSIONALS

The International Executive Board (IEB) remains firmly committed to supporting young members of the International Police Association through targeted training and education programmes. This focus is a key part of the IEB's strategic plan for the current term, designed to nurture young officers' development and engagement across all IPA sections.

To this end, we are excited to present three flagship projects dedicated to young members: the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) 2025, the Strategic Young Members Conference (SYMC) 2025, and the Next Gen Policing Seminar. Each offers unique opportunities for learning, networking, and skill-building.



Strategic Young Members Conference (SYMC)

When: September 5–7, 2025

Where: IBZ Schloss Gimborn, Germany

Who: Young member representatives responsible for recruitment and engagement, active-duty officers authorised to wear uniform abroad

Fee: €100 per participant (shared room, subsidised by IEB), €130 for single room; additional participants welcome at higher fees

Registration: Contact national section for application form and information.

SYMC is the essential forum for young member leaders across IPA sections to collaborate on recruitment strategies. The conference includes keynote speeches and interactive sessions on topics such as targeted communication in digital spaces, mentoring best practices, on-patrol events, and exchange programmes. This event is an excellent platform for shaping the future of young membership within IPA.

Next Gen Policing Seminar

When: September 14–19, 2025

Where: IBZ Schloss Gimborn, Germany

Who: Young police officers and IPA members interested in counter-terrorism and investigative skills development

Fee: €499 | IPA Members €369 (includes accommodation and catering)

Registration & Info: Contact national section for application form and information.

[Strategic Young Members Conference \(SYMC\)](#)



This engaging seminar explores the challenges terrorism presents to modern law enforcement. Led by experienced trainers, participants will be introduced to key stages of the terrorism planning cycle, including intelligence gathering and response strategies. Through real-world case studies and interactive group activities, attendees will develop a basic understanding of threat awareness, surveillance, and coordinated response. The seminar also provides a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow participants and experts from across the IPA network.

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Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS)

When: November 10–15, 2025

Where: Bucharest, Romania

Who: Active police officers with up to 10 years' service and good English proficiency

Fee: €250 (covers accommodation, training, meals, and excursions; travel not included)

Registration deadline: August 29, 2025. Contact national section for application form and information.

Hosted by the IPA Romanian Section, YPOS 2025 centres on "Law Enforcement Institutions – Integrated System". Participants will explore the interconnected roles of various law enforcement bodies through interactive sessions and practical learning. The seminar is held at Hotel MyContinental, Bucharest, conveniently accessible from Henri Coandă International Airport. Early registration is encouraged.

IEB Subsidy Grant

To encourage participation, the IEB offers a subsidy grant of €150 for one participant from each IPA section attending any of these young member programmes. This support helps reduce the financial barrier and promotes wider involvement across IPA sections worldwide.

The IEB encourages all young IPA members and representatives to take advantage of these opportunities to grow professionally, expand their networks, and contribute to the global policing community. Early registration is recommended to secure your place in these highly sought-after programmes.

For further details and registration forms, please contact your national IPA section or visit the relevant links.

ASIA PACIFIC REGION & IEB JOINT MEETING, TOKYO, JAPAN

The IEB and Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting took place in Ikebukuro, Tokyo, from May 18 to 23, 2025. We were honoured to welcome members of the IEB (International Executive Board), the IAC Office Manager, the Legal Advisor, and delegations from Armenia, Australia, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macau, New Zealand, Russia, and Sri Lanka, as well as their guests.



Last July, the IEB decided to hold the meeting in Tokyo. We began preparing by seeking instructions from the IEB and advice from the South African and Brazilian sections, which had previously hosted this type of meeting. The road to the meeting was certainly challenging, but we all worked well together as a team, and the opening day finally arrived. Once it started, it passed quickly, but it was a wonderful time and experience with the IEB members and our Asia-Pacific friends.



There was a lot of discussion in the joint and separate meetings about how we can develop our region. We recognise that we have a long way to go in developing the Asia-Pacific region, but we also recognise its huge potential. At the opening ceremony on May 18, we welcomed the Commissioner General of the National Police Agency. Another notable event was when the participants made a courtesy call to the Superintendent General of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.

As part of the social programme, we visited the nearly 1,400-year-old Sensoji Temple in Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, and the Imperial Guard Headquarters. We also enjoyed dinner on a houseboat called the Yakatabune, which sailed in Tokyo Port and on the Sumida River. The stunning night time view from the 58th-floor restaurant of a nearby high-rise building seemed to celebrate the future of the Asia-Pacific region and our beloved IPA.



ASIA PACIFIC REGION & IEB JOINT MEETING, TOKYO, JAPAN

IPA Japan would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the participants of this meeting. As chief logistics officer, I would also like to thank the Japanese members for their dedication and contributions.

Servo per Amikeco

Toru Uto
IPA Japan



IEB REPORT ON ASIA PACIFIC & IEB REGIONAL MEETING

A key focus of the IEB strategy is to grow our membership, with particular emphasis on expanding beyond Europe. The IEB recognises the enormous potential in these regions. We also acknowledge that members outside of Europe often face challenges in fully participating, as travel can be costly and time-consuming. Consequently, many IPA activities and seminars held in Europe are difficult for them to attend.

To better understand and address these challenges, the IEB has taken the opportunity to meet with sections in the Asia-Pacific region. These visits aim to assess the current situation, build and strengthen relationships with police leadership (including commissioners and relevant ministries), and identify ways the IEB can support sections in growing their membership. The region holds huge potential for promoting the values and opportunities of the IPA.

During the visits, the IEB provided sections with practical tools and marketing solutions to help achieve their objectives. Sections were also encouraged to promote participation in key initiatives such as the Arthur Troop Scholarship, the Young Police Officers' Seminar, and the Strategic Young Members' Conference.

In addition, the IEB shared updates on the new procedures that allow for seminars to be held outside of Gimborn and encouraged the Asia-Pacific region to explore opportunities to host future events. Sections were also reminded of the importance of participating in local social and cultural initiatives—such as beach clean-ups and tree-planting activities, which can be organised at both national and regional levels.

These visits offered the IEB valuable insight into the region, and plans are now in place to provide ongoing support to foster growth and engagement.

The IEB extends its sincere thanks to all sections for their open and honest conversations, productive meetings, and the warm hospitality that made for memorable social occasions and strengthened friendships.

Special thanks go to Japan for their flawless organisation and exceptional hosting. They have truly set the standard for IPA meetings through their meticulous planning and generous hospitality.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL POLICE IN JAPAN

After the IEB & Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Tokyo, 2025, International President Martin Hoffmann and his wife, Angela, visited other Japanese prefectures. On May 28th, he wore the IPA International President's chain again and attended the Kanagawa Prefectural Police's official events. These activities encouraged many Japanese police officers and promoted the IPA.



Encouraging members of motorcycle police force as inspector at departure ceremony

Kanagawa Prefecture has a higher number of traffic accident fatalities involving motorcycles than the national average. In response, the Kanagawa Prefectural Police (KPP) held a departure ceremony to boost the motorcycle police force's morale as it stepped up traffic enforcement. At the ceremony, IP Hoffmann said, "Your skills, discipline and dedication reflect and contribute the KPP's high standards of public safety." Inspired by these words, they departed for locations across the prefecture. The ceremony promoted traffic safety through social media and was featured on television and in newspapers, raising awareness of the IPA and its collaboration with the police force. Mr. Masahito Kanetaka, President of IPA Japan, and other board members also attended the ceremony. This event marked a new step forward in the history of cooperation between the police and the IPA in Japan.



Lecture to cultivate international mindset among police academy students

IP Hoffmann gave a lecture to the 500 cadets at the Kanagawa Prefectural Police Academy (KPA) on the same day. He introduced the IPA and its core activities: professional development, international cooperation and socio-cultural contributions. He also explained how these activities develop police officers' skills.

Young police officers assigned to a police box in Kanagawa Prefecture, home to U.S. military bases and popular tourist attractions, recognise the need to improve their ability to interact with foreign nationals. Since 2017, the KPA has implemented various measures to address this issue, including lectures by Mr. Koji Nakamura, Honorary President of IPA Japan.

IPA Japan requested IP Hoffmann to give a lecture to the cadets for this occasion. These efforts will lead to the permanent organisational collaboration of IPA Japan through the dispatch of a lecturer to the KPA.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL POLICE IN JAPAN



Call for safe use of small mobility vehicles

To achieve a decarbonised society, the Japanese government is encouraging the use of electric kick scooters, bicycles, and other small mobility vehicles. However, as sharing and rental services for these vehicles spread, concerns have emerged that users, including foreign visitors, don't follow the traffic rules. This is mostly due to a lack of opportunities to learn them. The KPP considers teaching people how to correctly ride these new vehicles an urgent issue and has established an English version of a traffic rule learning function in the official KPP app, "[Kanagawa Police](#)." The app was introduced to the IEB & AP meeting participants, and IP Hoffmann agreed to help promote it.



The [video message from IP Hoffmann](#) will be sent out by the [official account of the KPP Traffic Administration Division](#) (40,000 followers) in English and Japanese. And it will be sent to each IPA section using the multilingual and mention functions. This initiative, a collaboration between the KPP and the IPA, will allow foreign visitors to learn our traffic rules in advance.

All these efforts will result in "cooperation with related organisations in policing," as mentioned in the welcoming speech by Commissioner General Masanobu Kusunoki of the NPA in the IEB and AP Meeting. It will also lead to cross-cultural understanding for a society where foreign nationals stay and move safely. "Before traveling to Japan, let's download and take the quizzes on the app, and learn the traffic rules, including how to ride small mobility vehicles."

[Download app from here](#)



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL POLICE IN JAPAN

Certificate of Appreciation for Kanagawa Prefectural Police's efforts

The KPP received a certificate of appreciation for hosting the IEB and AP Meeting and implementing collaborative measures with the IPA. Following the aforementioned traffic safety demonstration in the opening ceremony, some of the participating sections requested the presentation materials and inquired about training opportunities for motorcycle police officers in Japan. Additionally, police academy students who observed the motorcycle police departure ceremony, as well as those planning to take the recruitment exam, expressed interest in becoming motorcycle police officers. IP Hoffmann's lecture also helped some of these students apply for IPA membership.



After those events, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann, who live in Austria which does not border the sea, enjoyed the ocean breeze while visiting the Yokohama Waterfront Police Station's security boat. They also had the opportunity to talk about Vienna with Mr. Kaoru Wada, Chief of the KPP, who had worked in Austria before.

The series of cooperative measures among the KPP Traffic Department, the Police Academy and the IPA was highly significant. This collaboration is particularly an opportunity for future development for IPA Japan. As the secretary general of the IPA Kanagawa region, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to IP Hoffmann and the KPP, as well as to our members for their efforts.

Kazuko Sato

Secretary General of IPA Japan Kanagawa Region



Links

APP Download link

<https://app.police.kanagawa.dsvc.jp/html/install/index.html?type=hp>

IP Hoffmann message video

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/16SrFw5T28/>

KPP X Official account link (to message from IP Hoffmann)

https://x.com/kpp_koutuu/status/1933381485790441620

ERAN ISRAEL INTERVIEW WITH ARTHUR TROOP – IPA ISRAEL

Eran Israel, Secretary General of IPA Israel and long term member of IPA, recalls his time in the International Police Association and his meetings with the founder Mr Arthur Troop.

I first met Arthur Troop, the founder of IPA, in 1998 at the 28th IPA Congress in Athens (IEC 28).

Later, I also met him at a conference in Menorca, Spain, in 1999 and in Bournemouth, England, in 2000, where the World Congress was held to mark the 50th anniversary of the IPA. Unfortunately, and symbolically, Arthur Troop passed away at the end of that year, the year of the organisation's jubilee. At that congress, he transferred the position of IPA international President from Armand Jaminet of Luxembourg to Michael Odysseus of Cyprus.

I interviewed him for the IPA Israel magazine in Athens in 1998, when I discovered that we share the same birthday: 15.12. I also had the privilege of interviewing him in 1999 in Menorca, and in 2000 we only spoke briefly, he was no longer in good health.

IEC 28 was the first conference I attended and for the first time I was exposed to the size of the association, the international cooperation and for the first time I met the founder of IPA, who for me was a special person and had a huge vision.



In fact, I met a modest and small man who, according to his testimony, joined the Lincolnshire Police in 1936 as a simple policeman, whose main occupation was in the field of traffic. When we talked about his police background, he was proud of his rank: "I did not reach the rank of officer and I did not want to, I was a special sergeant all my service and that is how I finished my service".

I was interested in knowing how he got along with his commanding officers, when a police sergeant writes articles and presents a vision of an international police organisation.

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"It wasn't easy. You have to understand that in a very formal hierarchical system there are different organisations. We had officers' organisations and senior officers' organisations, and my intention was not towards a professional police organisation, but rather towards a social organisation that would connect police officers from all over the world. You have to remember that the years 1948-9 were the years after World War II, and I thought it was time to look for the one that connects and brings police officers closer together. I wasn't a pacifist, but I thought that communication and friendship were preferable to war."



I asked him how it all started, from his perspective. "It all started with an article I published in a professional police magazine, where I explained my ideas and vision. Following the article, I received many sympathetic responses that encouraged me to develop the idea. We established the first section in England, and I served as Secretary-General."

I asked him how his senior commanders reacted, mainly because it was an international vision, without ranks, religion, gender, and unlike all the organisations of those with ranks and positions. "There was great opposition, they did not look favourably on my initiative, but there was also growing support, even outside Britain. We established the organisation in 1950, but it took another five years before it was possible to hold an international congress in 1955 in Paris. All the sections were established in Europe." I asked Arthur why it took another six years for the first sections outside Europe to be established (in 1961 the IPA sections were established in Canada and Hong Kong, which was under British control).

"I was surprised by the reactions and the desire to integrate into the IPA. It is true that it takes time for such an idea to expand, but you have to look around today to understand how much the organisation has developed and grown in 48 years. I held the position of Secretary General until 1966 and since then I have been a guest at these conferences and it excites me to see new members every year, new sections being established, the number of members in the world increasing."

ERAN ISRAEL INTERVIEW WITH ARTHUR TROOP – IPA ISRAEL



The IPA Israel was one of the first to be established outside of Europe in 1963. The founder was Hans Schleimer, who knew Arthur Troop well, as did the group of founders. The affiliation of IPA Israel was in Oslo Norway 1963.

Two years ago, the Israel section celebrated its 60th anniversary and is now the fourth largest in the world. IPA Israel hosted the IEC 9 in 1968 and the 2012 World Congress in Eilat.

When I met Arthur Troop the last time in 2000, at the World Congress in UK, we had a brief conversation and I asked him why he didn't publish a memoir, or take care of his personal legacy. There was a small booklet prepared by his son, but it was amateurish, small and far from the effort that the organisation should have invested in its legacy.

"My legacy is IPA, you have to look around and it's less important to engage in personality cults. It's true that there is a place to engage in the history of the organisation, in the important events, decisions, changes, but less in people. The legacy is an organisational legacy and not a personal one."

When I joined the ICC, the International Cultural Committee, one of the main issues I took on was the legacy of IPA, establishing an international photo archive, a video archive and an archive that would centralise written and visual information from all IPA sections around the world. This issue was also addressed by the SCC later, after they brought the two commissions together.



ERAN ISRAEL INTERVIEW WITH ARTHUR TROOP – IPA ISRAEL

I had many conversations with Alan Carter, who was the International Secretary General, and we tried to publish a legacy book that would express Arthur Troop's contribution to history.

As of today, there is a heritage section on the IPA international website and there are many materials concentrated on the IAC and there is also a video that summarises the organisation's legacy from 1998 . https://youtu.be/LnFwrzjn_8Q

It is worth remembering that there was a decision by the IEB and before that the PEB that at every world congress, Arthur Troop's memory would be honoured and his picture would appear on the stage. This decision was not implemented.

Eran Israel
IPA Israel Secretary General



IPA FRANCE SHOOTING COMPETITION



Last June 11 and 12, the very first European shooting championship in situation took place at the Provence Shooting Club in Aix-en-Provence (13), organised by the French section of the IPA!

40 members were aligned on the shooting range, notably officials from the National Police and the General Directorate of Customs and Indirect Taxes. These, all came from the four corners of France (Lens, Paris, Strasbourg, Rennes, Tours, Grenoble, Lyon, Bordeaux, Perpignan, Aix en Provence, Marseille). Foreign counterparts had made the trip, from the National Police of Madrid and the Costa Brava in Spain, from the Federal Police or even from the Belgian anti-terrorism, coming from Brussels and Liège, not forgetting our colleagues who came from Andorra!

Beyond this competition, which brought together active workers and retirees, this event was placed under the sign of conviviality, allowed to strengthen friendships between institutions and our foreign counterparts. Private trips are coming between several of the participants, in order to discuss even more deeply, concerning professional techniques, in particular.

We thank all the actors present at this event.

More particularly our sponsor BIENVIVANCE and Stéphane, boss of the Provence Shooting Club, who with his team put us in the best conditions, with magnificent infrastructures.

Note now in your calendars, an edition number 2 (in June 2026?)... Who will want to be INTERNATIONAL "Servo Per Amikeco" **Brice Fresko, President IPA France**

#SHEisIPA – OLENA GULOBEVA IPA UKRAINE

The #SHEisIPA feature continues throughout the month of July and we continue to hear from inspired women who attended the recent seminar held at IBZ Gimborn in April “Embracing an Inclusive Vision for the Future 2”

Olena of IPA Ukraine describes the Power of Women’s Unity on an International Level.

From April 13 to 17, 2025, I had the great honour of representing Ukraine at a seminar of the International Police Association (IPA), held at the picturesque and historic Gimborn Castle Educational Centre in Germany. Organised under the ambitious #SHEisIPA initiative and titled Embracing an Inclusive Vision for the Future 2, this seminar became a unique platform for inspiration, connection, and professional growth, bringing together 55 women from 25 countries around the world.

Each participant – charismatic, experienced, and deeply committed – arrived from a different part of the globe, bringing with her a distinct cultural and professional background. And while our languages varied, our hearts spoke in unison – united by a common desire to reshape the police community into one that is inclusive, equitable, and proudly representative of women.



At the Heart of the Seminar: Inclusion and Solidarity

Inclusion was not just a theme – it was the driving force of the seminar. Currently, women make up only about 15% of IPA’s membership, while globally they represent around 35% of the broader law enforcement community. This disparity demands action. The #SHEisIPA project aims not only to increase the number of women within IPA but to transform the culture of communication, leadership, and decision-making within the organisation.

#SHEisIPA – OLENA GULOBEVA IPA UKRAINE



The seminar offered a rich and multifaceted programme. We heard inspiring talks from women leaders, took part in roundtable discussions, and exchanged experiences through engaging meetings. Topics ranged from strategies for female leadership and breaking down stereotypes, to enhancing the visibility of women in IPA structures. The personal stories of overcoming seemingly insurmountable barriers were especially powerful and moving.

An Atmosphere of Trust, Support, and True Connection

This seminar was more than an exchange of knowledge — it was an exchange of hearts. A warm, genuine atmosphere of trust and solidarity grew among participants. We supported one another, shared our struggles and triumphs, laughed, and even cried together. Out of this incredible space, new friendships were born, and the seeds of future partnerships and joint initiatives were planted.

I returned home not only professionally enriched, but deeply transformed. This was an experience that inspired me, empowered me, and made me believe even more strongly — women can do anything. Across the world, they are already leading a quiet revolution in the realm of security and law enforcement — with courage, compassion, and an open heart.



Women's Strength in Wartime: Ukraine's Voice

My participation carried particular emotional significance, as I represented Ukraine — a nation that has been courageously defending its freedom and sovereignty for over two years. In times of war, Ukrainian women police officers display exceptional bravery, resilience, and professionalism. They maintain public order, support communities, evacuate civilians from war zones, and serve in bombed-out towns and villages. Their contribution is invaluable.

At the seminar, I became a voice for these women. I spoke about the war, about pain and hope, about unbroken spirit. And I felt truly heard by my international colleagues. That sense of being seen and understood was deeply meaningful.

#SHEisIPA – OLENA GULOBEVA IPA UKRAINE



Gratitude from the Heart

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the organisers of this exceptional seminar, the #SHEisIPA team, and the entire staff of the Gimborn Castle Educational Centre for the impeccable preparation and thoughtful planning. Every session, every detail, every moment was purposeful and impactful.

My heartfelt thanks also go to IPA President Mr. Martin Hoffmann and Chair of the IPA Professional Commission Diego Trolese for their presence, empathy, and steadfast support of women's initiatives. Their active engagement demonstrated a clear commitment from IPA leadership to foster real change – and to lead it by example.

The Future Is Female — Inclusive and Strong

The #SHEisIPA seminar marks not the end, but the beginning of something powerful. We returned home not only inspired, but with a clear sense of purpose: our strength lies in unity, solidarity, and the will to reshape the future. Women have every right to not only be present but to be at the heart of decision-making.

I am sincerely grateful to the leadership of the Ukrainian IPA Section for entrusting me with the honour of representing our country. This was not only a responsibility — it was a privilege. I believe this experience will serve as a solid foundation for future initiatives, international cooperation, and shared victories — not only within the IPA, but far beyond.

Together we are capable of so much more. And we will prove it.

Olena Gulobeva
Section Ukraine



#SHEisIPA – THERESE IPA NORWAY

From the very bottom of my heart I would like to say thank you for one of the best times of my life; #SHEisIPA, Gimborn 13th – 17th of April 2025. It was much more than a seminar.

It was fellowship, sisterhood and hopefully the beginning of a new Female Police Movement.

Back home in my own country which is Norway I look back with great appreciation, joy, humbleness and the sensation of being very privileged. To meet "Sisters in Blue" from 25 different countries makes me very proud of being in the police force. Even though I represent the Norwegian Police I feel part of something much greater – A Worldwide Police Force – in spirit and love! To all my gorgeous sisters around the world you are always welcome to visit my beautiful country and stay with me. Your sister and friend forever.

Love Therese <3



STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC BONDS – IPA ROMANIA

Strengthening Transatlantic Bonds: Over 15 Years of International Police Association Romania–Broward Sheriff’s Office Partnership

For more than 15 years, the International Police Association (IPA) Romania has been honoured to maintain a strong and meaningful partnership with the Broward Sheriff’s Office in Florida, USA. This long-standing collaboration is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the officers and trainers from Broward Sheriff’s Office who

have consistently travelled to Romania to share their expertise and support professional development within the Romanian law enforcement community.

This year, the partnership reached a new milestone. A delegation of Romanian police officers, representing International Police Association Romania, traveled to the United States to participate in an exceptional program coordinated with Broward Sheriff’s Office. The visit offered a valuable opportunity for international exchange, cultural understanding, and professional growth.

The programme began in Washington, D.C., where the Romanian delegation had the privilege of visiting key landmarks of American democracy, including the U.S. Capitol and the White House. While in the capital, the delegates also attended a prestigious law enforcement event, further enriching their experience and strengthening international ties.



Following their stay in Washington, the Romanian officers travelled to Florida, where they were warmly welcomed by Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony and his team at the Broward Sheriff’s Office. During their meeting, the Romanian delegates expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the continued support and friendship shown by Broward Sheriff’s Office over the years. On behalf of the International Police Association Romania President, the delegation extended a formal invitation to Sheriff Tony to visit Romania –

a symbolic gesture of appreciation and the desire to further deepen this unique international collaboration.



STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC BONDS – IPA ROMANIA

As part of their visit, the Romanian officers toured several operational units within the Broward Sheriff's Office, gaining insight into their organisational structure and advanced operational procedures. A highlight of the trip was their participation in hands-on training at one of the most modern police training facilities in the world – an experience that showcased cutting-edge techniques, technology, and best practices in modern policing.

Importantly, this initiative reflects not only a key component of International Police Association Romania's international outreach but also aligns with the broader strategic vision of the International Executive Board (IEB). Strengthening the relationship between International Police Association and law enforcement partners in the United States is not only a strategic goal but a necessity. It lays the foundation for the development of impactful professional projects across the Atlantic and reinforces International Police Association's global mission of fostering international cooperation and excellence in policing.



This journey stands as a remarkable chapter in the International Police Association Romania–Broward Sheriff's Office partnership, exemplifying the values of international collaboration, mutual respect, and professional growth. As this collaboration continues to thrive, both parties remain committed to building bridges across borders and promoting the International Police Association (IPA) motto:

Servo per Amikeco!

Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu
President of IPA Romania

IPA POLAND VISITS THE NETHERLANDS

Thanks to the productive cooperation with the IPA Limburg Region in the Netherlands, the idea of organising an exchange with the Lower Silesia Provincial Group of the IPA Poland Section arose, which will allow police officers from both countries to get to know the specifics of their work, equipment, but also to exchange experiences and, most importantly, to make long-lasting acquaintances and friendships. In December 2024 we had the pleasure of hosting three police officers from the IPA Limburg Region in Wrocław, and this year it is time to visit our Dutch partners.

From April 22nd to 25th, a representation of the IPA Lower Silesia Provincial Group: Martyna and Michał from the IPA Wrocław Region and Marcin from the IPA Głogów Region, visited the city of Venlo in the province of Limburg, in southern Holland.

On April 22nd, in the afternoon, we took off from Wrocław airport and, after just over an hour's flight, landed in Eindhoven, from where our friend from IPA Limburg Aron took us to Venlo. Checking into the hotel was followed by an evening welcome party with our hosts Aron and Monika, who briefly talked us through the program of the visit and the planned activities for the coming days.



On April 23rd, we had the morning off to ourselves, so we used the time to walk around the neighborhood, explore the city centre and admire the diverse architecture. At 1pm, we checked in, as planned, at the Venlo Police Station, where police officers Jeroen and Julian showed us around the unit and showed us the holding cells, the Prevention Department, as well as personal equipment and police car equipment. Then we were able to look at the work of Dutch policemen by accompanying them on patrol. The service of police officers in the Netherlands is not very different from that of police officers in Poland. Social problems and crime, regardless of the borders and language barriers separating us, are the same everywhere, what is different are the laws and the methods and means of applying them. After spending the day with the incredibly kind and open to exchange experiences policemen from Venlo, we went to the city centre for dinner, after which we returned to the hotel.



IPA POLAND VISITS THE NETHERLANDS

On April 24th, after breakfast, Monika picked us up from the hotel and we went to the Venlo Police Station, where Roel was already waiting for us to show us around another part of the station dedicated to forensic technicians. We were given a tour of the department by Sjraar, who passionately told us about his work and demonstrated the equipment used by technicians on a daily basis. After lunch at the police station's buffet, where every policeman can choose from a range of hot meals, we headed to the Police Training Centre in the town of Sevenum. Our host and guide at the training facility was instructor Kevin. He showed us the entire training complex, which provides a wide range of training opportunities for officers, from physical training, intervention techniques, simulation facilities posing as city streets and rooms for practicing intervention tactics, to a room where they perfect the use of a taser and a modern shooting range.

After an exciting day, in the evening we met with our friends Monika, Roel and Aron for dinner, during which we were able to share our impressions and sum up the trip.

April 25 was the last day of our stay in Venlo. We were invited by Roel to have lunch at his house, from where we went on a flight to home.

Cooperation initiatives between IPA regions/sections, giving police officers on active duty the opportunity to learn aspects of police craftsmanship and to exchange experiences with police officers in another country, are undoubtedly some of the fundamental evidence that regardless of latitude and longitude, we are united by service. Service through Friendship.

Michał Sługocki

IPA Region Wrocław, Poland



During the visit to the sports and shooting training facility, we proudly presented T-shirts promoting the IPA Games 2026 in Wrocław, which was met with the interest of the shooting training instructors.

IPA UK MEMBERS CONNECT WITH POLISH HOSTS IN WROCŁAW

I arrived in Wrocław (pronounced Roslav), full of anticipation, having practiced, "dzień dobry, nazywam się Emma Portfleet. Miło mi cię poznać." I was met at the airport by Michał and Urszula. But instead of doing my Polish introduction, my mind went blank, and I squeaked out a "hi" and made it awkward.

Thankfully, Michał, who is an Inspector, and Urszula who is a second in command Sergeant, both from community policing teams, were lovely and spoke amazing English. They took me on a tour of the Old Town where we climbed 300+ steps to the top of the church tower and had incredible views over the city and out to the mountains.



I stayed on a German military base, now the Wrocław Police training complex, built in 1936 when the Soviets had control of Poland. I was joined by Kacper, a Met Police officer, who thankfully speaks perfect Polish and English, having grown up in Poland before moving to the UK aged 17.

The base once had a river running through it, a subsidiary of the river Odra, that allowed for shipments to arrive by boat. During high water, the river runs through the complex, but currently just a lake remains. The last remaining bridge of its kind still stands as a crossing over the lake. It is made up of 4 different sections, constructed of different materials; stone, concrete, brick and steel.



Polish history is important to the identity of Poland and is commemorated at their HQ building. Kacper and I had the pleasure of being shown around by Bartek from Centralne Biuro Śledcze Policji which is a branch of their serious and organised crime unit, similar to a cross between our ROCU and NCA. Bartek has an expansive skill set, certainly one to be envious of.

HQ was built in 1928 and contains many artistic and beautiful features. Sadly, it also contains a number of less original features, such as bullet holes. The corridors of the HQ building are all curved. This is a legacy of German engineering and of many conflicts featuring in Poland's history. The corridors are curved so that shots cannot be fired from one end to the other, ensuring escape, but also for secrecy. Two suspects from the same job can be held there for interview, without knowing the other is there.

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A further feat of German engineering is the three stories of underground basement levels. While it has been governed by Germany many times as well as Russia, HQ has always been used for policing.

While at HQ, I met up with Anna, SHEisIPA representative and organiser of the exchange, and met the CEO of IPA Wrocław, Bartłomiej. See [Women in IPA](#) for more information about SHEisIPA. This year is the 100th anniversary of women in the Polish Police, and I was honoured to be interviewed by Monika, with the recording being used as part of the celebrations.

While the processes are very much like Essex 20+ years ago, where everything is handwritten, they do have some great partnership working. There is a multi-agency control room, joint with fire and ambulance. The control room is much more up to date, using technology to record incidents, as we would in Essex. The Wrocław police control receive an average of 500 - 600 incidents a day.

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Unfortunately, the British and Spanish football fans did not represent our countries very well, with many fights occurring before the game. I'm not one for public order; investigations and public protection is more my thing, but I did quite like the litre canisters of CS the OPP (the public order officers) carry. I also found out they have ghost busters style backpacks of CS for public order situations!

Sticking with sport, next year sees the IPA Games being held in Wrocław. IPA UK will send a team out to partake in the games. See [IPA - Sports](#) for more information. Will you be there?

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The most important thing I learnt, is that pierogi is delicious. It is like a dumpling that is boiled and can contain meat, or vegetables and cheese, or even fruit. Sometimes the dumplings are then fried. But pierogi can be oven baked instead of boiled and these taste like little calzone pizzas. Pierogi is another reference to the war-torn history of Poland as its creation was borne out of The Great Hunger.

There is so much more that I could say about policing in Poland, but I will finish with another highlight. My last night ended with a fabulous boat trip along the river Odra, curtesy of Bartek, where I got to see the city from a different angle. Anyone who knows me will know I love being on the river, so it made the last night truly magical.

We welcome some of our Polish friends later this year to show them Essex and London when they complete their exchange.

Emma Portfleet
IPA UK

IPA GERMANY BREMEN KOHLTOUR 2026

IPA Bremen, invite you all to the next International IPA Kohltour from February 6–8, 2026.

This special event is a long-standing North German tradition and a fantastic opportunity to connect with police officers, retirees, and their partners—both from Germany and around the world—in a relaxed and friendly setting.

The Kohltour has become a beloved tradition not only in Germany but internationally, with growing participation each year from IPA sections around the globe. It's a great way to experience local culture, make new connections, and strengthen the IPA spirit.

Registration and full event details are available here:
[IPA Germany Bremen Kohltour 2026](https://forms.gle/sPdAam7gEHmfNxUM6)



IPA MOLDOVA CELEBRATE 12 YEARS SINCE FOUNDING



On May 27, the IGSU Office of the IPA – Republic of Moldova Section marked 12 years since its founding.

On the occasion of the anniversary, between May 23-25, 2025, the Bureau organised cultural, sports and festive activities, with the participation of guests from Romania (Region 4 Bucharest, Region 2 Argeş, IPA-VIP Club Romania and IPA Romanian Section), Kosovo-Pomoravlje IPA Region, IPA Serbia Section and Kumanovo Region IPA North Macedonia Section.

It is worth mentioning that, over the years, the IGSU Office of IPA – Republic of Moldova Section has managed to sign a series of Partnership Agreements with different IPA Regions from several counties of Romania, carrying out several projects in common agreement.

To expand such activities, on May 24, 2025, a Memorandum of Partnership was signed with the Kumanovo Region IPA Section of North Macedonia, with which the IGSU Office has several joint activities.

During the festivities, visits to tourist attractions in the Republic of Moldova were organised for guests, especially from Macedonia and Serbia, but also some of the members of the Romanian delegation,

who visited the Republic of Moldova for the first time, being impressed by the Moldovan traditions, customs, values, nature and cuisine,

At the same time, a basketball tournament was organised, with the support of the administration of the "Andrei Vartic" Theoretical High School, Ialoveni city, in the person of the director Aurelia GAMARȚA-EȘANU,

The festivities culminated with a celebratory dinner attended by Mr. Mihai Cebotari, President of IPA – Republic of Moldova Section and Mr. Mihail Avram, Secretary General of IPA – Republic of Moldova Section



The leadership of the IPA – Republic of Moldova Section honoured the members of the IGSU Bureau with diplomas and certificates, and Mr. Dorin Matveev, president of the IGSU Bureau, was awarded the IPA medal "For Outstanding Merits" for his prodigious activity in promoting the values of the International Police Association.

IPA Moldova

3RD IPA EXPERT FORUM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN POLICING – GERMANY

On May 27, 2025, the 3rd IPA Expert Forum of IPA Germany took place in Stuttgart, focusing on the opportunities and challenges of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in policing. Experts from law enforcement and academia examined the various possible applications and critically discussed the limits and risks of the technology.

High-profile Participants and a Diverse Program

The event was opened by Jürgen Mathies, former State Secretary from North Rhine-Westphalia. In his welcoming remarks, Philipp Kurz, President of IPA Germany, posed a central question: “How much AI does our constitutional state need – and how much can it tolerate?” – capturing the tension between technological possibilities and the principles of the rule of law.

Dr. Stefanie Hinz, State Police President of Baden-Württemberg, emphasised the untapped potential of the technology in her welcome address, while also stressing the indispensable role of humans: “There will never be a substitute for well-trained police officers.”

Andreas Stenger, President of the Baden-Württemberg State Office of Criminal Investigation (LKA), highlighted in his keynote the fundamentally ethical question of how much responsibility police should delegate to machines. “We need a high level of digital literacy” to use this technology responsibly and to correctly assess its boundaries and possibilities.



Cybercrime vs. Police – How AI Is Shuffling the Deck

A central question of the forum was addressed by Bernhard Lacker from the LKA Baden-Württemberg: “Who has the upper hand – criminals or the police?” His thesis: AI is transforming the capabilities of both sides.

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Lacker emphasised a crucial aspect: the technological decoupling of expertise and capability. Thanks to large language models (LLMs), people without programming knowledge can now create their own software. This development has far-reaching implications – both for criminals, who gain easier access to technical tools, and for investigators, who acquire new possibilities in fighting crime.

How AI Makes the Invisible Visible

Timo Mix from the LKA Baden-Württemberg demonstrated impressive real-life examples of how AI is used in investigations. He emphasised: “AI provides relatively good results with relatively little effort.” At the same time, he urged caution: “We must not only ask what AI can do, but also what it should do.”

The Berlin ‘Lion Case’

As a first example, Mix discussed the sensational case of the alleged lion sighting in Berlin in 2023. The search mobilised hundreds of officers, helicopters, drones, and thermal cameras, at a cost of around €100,000. Following expert analyses and investigations, it turned out that the animal was most likely a wild boar – a conclusion confirmed through DNA tests on hair and faeces samples.

Mix later trained an AI specifically to detect lions and wild boars using fine-tuning methods and fed it the original, blurry footage. The result was clear: 73% probability for a wild boar, only 9% for a lion.

AI in Investigative Work

Another impressive real-world example showcased the comprehensive use of AI in telecommunication surveillance. The AI handled nearly all the groundwork:

- Translating spoken language
- Transcribing conversations
- Assigning content to individuals
- Analysing conversational context
- Categorizing conversations as relevant or irrelevant
- Conducting network analyses

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The AI became an indispensable investigative tool, allowing for efficient prioritization. During the analysis of data traffic, it identified that relevant information was not found in the content of the conversations, but in specific signal patterns of transmitted data packets – patterns unnoticed by human investigators, but reliably detected by AI.

Counterterrorism and AI – Experience from the Czech Republic

An international perspective was provided by Lukáš Vilím from the Czech Republic. As head of the Prague-based Anti-Terrorism, Extremism, and Cybercrime Unit, he shared insights into the use of AI in counterterrorism operations.



Challenge: Cloud Storage

Vilím raised a growing challenge in investigations: “Can we even access the data?” He pointed out that more and more relevant information is being stored in the cloud rather than on local devices, making it significantly harder for authorities to obtain data and posing new logistical and legal obstacles in the fight against terrorism.

Training with Historical Data

As a solution, Vilím described using AI trained on historical cases: “We feed AI with old cases to uncover what we failed to see before.” Systematic training with closed cases can reveal patterns and connections previously overlooked, providing valuable insights for future investigations.

Facial Recognition in Police Operations – Generating Identity Leads

Lena Bowitz and Patrick Rolfes from the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) presented the use of AI-based facial recognition in practice. They addressed both the potential and the critical aspects of this technology.

Rolfes explained that facial recognition error rates have dropped fortyfold over the last ten years. AI can handle large data volumes and trivial questions extremely efficiently: “Do I have 1 million images of 1 million unique people? Or just 5 individuals appearing repeatedly?”

The BKA experts also emphasized organizational advantages: AI can streamline processes and significantly reduce administrative burdens. Bowitz also saw opportunities for staff: “Employees with less to do thanks to AI can be reallocated to other tasks. This offers the chance to reorient and grow.” She advocated for a “boldness for change” in adopting new technologies.

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AI-Driven Classification of Toxic Online Speech

Prof. Dr. Melanie Siegel from Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences presented a sophisticated system for automated analysis of hate speech on the internet. Her approach allows for pre-classification of German-language hate comments based on various criteria:

- Identification of hate speech
- Assessment of toxicity levels
- Evaluation of criminal relevance, even by specific legal paragraphs

However, Prof. Siegel warned of limitations and risks: "You need to be aware that there is always bias in the data." She urged critical reflection on AI-generated content: "We must be careful not to assign meaning to everything that sounds good." This is especially true in the context of fake news and AI-generated content.

Her clear recommendation: "Don't use generative language models for every task. Use your own servers and models, and control the data used for training."



Panel Discussion on Hate Speech Online

The event concluded with a panel discussion titled "Hate and Incitement Online – Detection and Classification Using AI," featuring Bettina Rommelfanger from the Competence Center Against Extremism in Baden-Württemberg, Prof. Dr. Melanie Siegel, and Bernhard Lacker.

The event offered participants not only expert input but also valuable opportunities for networking and exchange between professionals from law enforcement and academic sectors.

Philipp Kurz
President IPA Germany



POLICE DAY 2025 IPA LUXEMBOURG



On Whitsun Sunday and Mother's Day, Police Day took place in the north of the country in the cantonal town of Redange. Thousands of visitors gathered to observe the workings of their police force and to inspect the necessary equipment. IPA Luxembourg also had a booth, and this year's theme was "Prevention for Children." In addition to the popular colouring book "Mam Poli ennerwee" the children were given a free, glowing prevention bracelet.

These initiatives were very well received by the children. Table planners were available for older visitors to take home at the booth. Representatives of police forces from Germany, the Benelux countries, and even the Italian police gave the event an international flair. One particular highlight caught the visitors' attention: the Italian colleagues who arrived in their Lamborghini. The Luxembourg police gave various demonstrations by various police units. During the course of the afternoon, our Grand Duke and Head of State paid a visit to the IPA booth. The visit was attended by Interior Minister Léo Gloden, the police leadership, and the mayor of the city of Redange. The head of state was received by President Eugène Thommes, along with the other board members present. The Grand Duke showed great interest in our association, and the visit took place in a very harmonious atmosphere. It was a great honor for us that you took the time to visit our association, and we honor this visit. Our Grand Duke was bid farewell with a heartfelt thank you.

Eugene Thommes
President IPA Luxembourg



POLICE DAY 2025 IPA LUXEMBOURG

On June 20, 2025, the "International Police Association - Republic of Moldova Section" hosted the Meeting of the Presidents of the IPA National Sections - Central Europe Region.

The event was honoured by the presence of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Mr. Alexandru Bejan, and the Director of the State Protection and Guard Service, Mr. Vasile Popa, who conveyed messages of support and appreciation for strengthening regional cooperation.



Two important cooperation agreements were signed with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova and the State Protection and Guard Service – a clear signal of commitment to professional development, exchange of experience, and increased operational efficiency in the field of law enforcement.

These initiatives also reinforce the European integration process of the Republic of Moldova by aligning security policies with European Union standards and facilitating the transfer of best practices among partner institutions.

The meeting continued with in-depth discussions on strategic topics concerning the regional development of IPA, marking concrete steps toward expanding international cooperation, continuous training, and professional solidarity.

In the spirit of police diplomacy, the IPA presidents from Region Europe Mid held a courtesy meeting with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Ms. Daniella Misail-Nichitin, and her team – an open dialogue about the common values that unite public order structures in the region.



IPA Section of the Republic of Moldova reaffirms its commitment to act as a reliable partner in strengthening transparency, promoting professionalism, and enhancing international cooperation in the field of law enforcement and the values of the International Police Association.

IPA MOLDOVA HOLD MEETING FOR EUROPE MID REGION



We shared memorable moments and lasting bonds, in an event that harmoniously combined professionalism and authentic Moldovan hospitality.



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IPA Moldova

In a setting full of tradition and refinement, our delegates and guests explored the treasures of Moldova: the underground city of Cricova, unparalleled wine heritage, the timeless elegance of Castel Mimi, and the tranquility of nature at the "Natura Parc" Condrița Guesthouse.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYBER CRIME AT PÉCS IN HUNGARY

Pécs (Hungary) – The International Conference on Cyber Crime organised by the IPA Baranya Delegation, represented by President Zsafia Varga and the precious support of the IPA Hungary Section with President Maria Meszaros, has just ended in Pécs, a splendid university city and with great success.

Present were the International President for the professional commission Diego Trolese, the XXI Venezia Giulia Delegation represented by President Giannieri Domenico and Vice President Manuel Movio; the Monfalcone Committee with the President Giorgio Botò and the President of the Lignano Basso Friuli Local Committee Giovanni Dimitri.



The event brought together law enforcement professionals, cybersecurity experts, institutional representatives and academics from various European countries to address one of the most urgent and current issues: the fight against crime in cyberspace. Giannieri took the opportunity to thank President Zsafia Varga of Ipa Baranya with whom the twinning between the 21st IPA Venezia Giulia Delegation and the IPA Baranya Delegation was signed, signed in Trieste on 14 December 2024. Twinning formalised at the end of a path of friendship and collaboration that lasted approximately twenty-four years.

Twinning, we remember, formally establishes a relationship built on common values, shared experiences and the desire to actively cooperate in future projects, promoting cultural exchanges and joint activities in the field of safety and professional training.

Editorial director of IPA Italy magazine
Mauro Nardella



IPA FRANCE PATCH COLLECTION – BLUE SOLIDARITY FOR LITTLE LÉO



CALL FOR SOLIDARITY – FOR LITTLE LEO

IPA France appeal to all sections and IPA members in the spirit of brotherhood for a little hero who really needs our support.

Leo is an extraordinarily brave young boy from the North of France. He suffers from a rare and severe disease, an eosinophilic esophagitis, which forces him to frequent hospital stays. His daily routine is difficult and painful.

Despite this, Leo keeps a dream buried in his body: to become a policeman to stop the bad guys. That dream is the door, gives him strength... and today we have the opportunity, all together, to make him smile again.

We are launching a call for the collection of police, police, customs or other security-related badges.

Just a few markers can brighten his everyday life and remind him he's not alone — that he has a big family watching over him.

If you have badges to offer, or if you know a colleague, a relative, a unit ready to participate in this solidarity momentum, please take part in this great initiative and send one of your badges to the National Bureau of IPA France at:

IPA FRANCE (at Orpheopolis)
44 Roger Salengro Street
94126 Cedex Underwood Fontenay

The collected badges will be handed over to little Leo.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Brice Fresko
President IPA France

A FRIENDSHIP WEEK TO REMEMBER: IPA JAPAN WELCOMES IPA UK

In March 2025, IPA members from around the globe were warmly welcomed by IPA Japan for an unforgettable Friendship Week, filled with rich cultural experiences, extraordinary hospitality, and genuine international camaraderie. Hosted across several iconic cities, the programme gave members a deep and personal insight into both the historical and modern sides of Japan, all while strengthening bonds within the global IPA family.



Warm Welcomes and Early Adventures

Several IPA UK members, including Liz, Jane, and Steve, arrived in Japan to explore the country. Liz arrived before the formal programme began and was graciously hosted by retired Tokyo Police Chief Toru and Megumi, a former road safety officer from Kanagawa. Together, they explored Tokyo's temples, enjoyed traditional izakaya fare, and shared stories of life and retirement after policing. These early encounters offered something even more special than sightseeing—real friendship and cultural exchange.

A Journey Across Japan

The official programme began in Osaka with a welcome dinner hosted by IPA Osaka, where guests were treated to their first of many beautifully presented banquet meals. The days that followed were a whirlwind of travel and discovery: Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum provided moments of deep reflection; Miyajima's floating torii gate inspired awe; Kyoto's temples, castles, and gardens captured the country's elegance and history. A highlight in Kyoto was a gala dinner with performances from Maiko dancers, offering a rare glimpse into the artistry and discipline of traditional Japanese culture. Other unforgettable stops included Himeji Castle (of James Bond fame), Nijo Castle with its "nightingale floors," and the glittering Golden Pavilion.



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Expertly Hosted and Smoothly Run

From navigating Tokyo's vast train stations to getting 46 people onto a bullet train in under 90 seconds, the week was a logistical feat made effortless thanks to IPA Japan's devoted members. Easily spotted in yellow gilets, hosts guided guests through crowded streets and stations, ensuring everyone felt safe, informed, and part of the group.

Even small details stood out—like thoughtful gifts from hosts, origami workshops, and quiet moments at temples and gardens. Members visited the Imperial Palace grounds for an exclusive demonstration of martial arts, archery, and police motorbike skills. In Tokyo Bay, a night-time dinner cruise offered dazzling skyline views, while the visit to Hakone aimed at catching a glimpse of Mt. Fuji—despite the fog!



IPA members from Estonia, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Brazil, Italy, Sweden, Australia, Canada, USA, Belgium and IPA UK



Steve presented the flag to Mr Masahito Kanetaka, President of IPA Japan with IPA UK contingent.

A Fond Farewell in Yokohama

The week concluded with a lively gala in Yokohama, hosted by IPA Kanagawa. Alongside entertainment and traditional games (including a memorable round of Bingo), IPA UK presented a Thin Blue Line Union Jack to President Masahito Kanetaka as a gesture of thanks and friendship.

Reflections of Friendship and Gratitude

For all who attended, this week was far more than a sightseeing tour—it was a celebration of everything IPA stands for: international friendship, cultural understanding, and professional respect. As Steve Chalmers put it, "Truly the nicest people on earth!" The exceptional hospitality, endless attention to detail, and warmth from IPA Japan made the 2025 Friendship Week an unforgettable experience.

Whether it was navigating Tokyo's Shibuya crossing, sampling sushi and sashimi, or exchanging gifts with new friends, everyone left Japan with memories—and friendships—that will last a lifetime.

Would we go back again? The tickets are being booked for next September.

Steve, Catherine and Morgan Chalmers

IPA UK

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IPA FEST 2025 – ROMANIA

**A Celebration of Culture, Friendship,
and Responsibility in the Heart of the
Danube Delta**

**Green Village Resort, Sfântu Gheorghe,
Romania**

From the tranquil waterways of the Danube Delta to the shores where the Danube meets the Black Sea, IPA Fest 2025 brought together more than 400 IPA members and guests for an extraordinary celebration of international friendship, cultural diversity, and social responsibility. Hosted at the stunning Green Village Resort in Sfântu Gheorghe, the event welcomed over 200 delegates from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Moldova, Austria, Israel, North Macedonia, Germany, Spain, Finland, alongside more than 200 Romanian IPA members.



The festival featured an impressive lineup of activities including live music, traditional dance, theatre, and a spectacular musical performance. Evenings were filled with the flavors of authentic traditional food and drinks, creating the perfect atmosphere for cross-cultural exchange and celebration.



Beyond the festivities, IPA Fest also served as a platform for education and community engagement. IPA Romanian Section, with the support of the Tulcea County Police Headquarters, the Tulcea Gendarmerie Inspectorate, and the Tulcea Border Police Unit, organized a special educational session in a local school. The presentation focused on bullying, drug use and trafficking, and violence in schools—reinforcing IPA’s mission to contribute actively to community safety and youth awareness. We are deeply grateful to these institutions for their crucial support in organising the school presentation and prevention activities. Their dedication and partnership were key to the success of our educational initiatives.



IPA FEST 2025 – ROMANIA



In line with our commitment to environmental stewardship, participants also took part in a beach clean-up activity in the stunning natural area where the Danube meets the Black Sea, helping to protect and preserve one of Europe's most beautiful ecosystems.



We extend special thanks to the organizing committee, the Green Village Resort, the Tulcea County Council, the local authorities, and all those who helped make the event possible.

IPA Fest 2025 was not just a celebration—it was a meaningful gathering that reflected the core values of the International Police Association: friendship, service, and responsibility. We thank everyone who contributed and participated, and we look forward to meeting again at future IPA events around the world.



After three successful editions—the first two hosted in Bulgaria and Cyprus—we are confident that IPA Fest has grown into a truly significant event in the cultural life of our association. Looking ahead, we are determined to build a solid structure for the biggest cultural IPA event, ensuring it continues to take place every two years, with even greater reach, participation, and impact.

Servo per Amikeco!

Mihai-Liviu Tărtăreanu,
President of IPA ROMANIA

IPA GERMANY AT THE EUROPEAN POLICE CONGRESS 2025 IN BERLIN



IPA Germany looks back on a highly successful participation in the European Police Congress 2025, held on May 20–21 at the CityCube Berlin. As one of the leading international platforms for police, security authorities, politics, and the private sector, the congress once again offered excellent opportunities to strengthen and expand the IPA network.

United for Security and Child Protection

As in previous years, we presented ourselves alongside our trusted alliance partners – the Child Protection Alliance and IBZ Schloss Gimborn – at our joint exhibition stand. This collaboration allowed us to effectively showcase our commitment to child protection, prevention, and police training. The close cooperation was very well received by numerous visitors and led to many engaging conversations and new contacts.

Strengthened Networks and Strategic Partnerships

The congress provided ideal conditions to maintain existing contacts and establish new strategic partnerships. Through numerous discussions with representatives from law enforcement, academia, and industry, we were able to gather valuable ideas and impulses for future projects and joint initiatives.

International IPA in the Spotlight

A key objective for IPA Germany was to raise greater awareness of the international IPA network. Visitors showed strong interest in the many opportunities offered by the worldwide IPA community. Personal exchanges at our stand once again highlighted the importance of international friendship and collaboration within the police profession.



Welcoming New Members

We were also pleased to welcome new members to the IPA during the congress. Our team was on hand throughout the event to answer questions and provide information about the benefits and opportunities of IPA membership.

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Strong IPA Presence in Panel Discussions

IPA Germany was also prominently represented in the congress programme:

- Vice President Jürgen Glaub participated in a panel discussion on the launch of the new Child Protection Alliance app, emphasising the role of digital innovation in protecting children and young people.
- Vice President Hermann-Josef Borjans moderated the well-attended expert forum "On Duty – Partial Legalisation of Cannabis." Under his guidance, experts from the police and civil society discussed the challenges and opportunities of partial legalisation, the role of law enforcement, and the importance of clear legal frameworks for cannabis associations.



Conclusion

The European Police Congress is a fixed date in the annual calendar of IPA Germany. This year, we once again succeeded in strengthening our network, initiating new partnerships, enhancing the international profile of IPA, and making our commitment to child protection and prevention visible alongside our partners. Our active contributions to the panel discussions underscored the professional expertise of IPA.

We thank all visitors for their interest and look forward to continuing the inspiring conversations and collaborations that began at the congress.

Servo per Amikeco!

IPA Germany



#IPAGAMES WROCLAW 2026 ON BABIA GÓRA PEAK

On May 1st, according to a long-standing tradition, members of the International Police Association meet on Babia Góra to promote mountain hiking and encourage Association members and police officers to be physically active.

This year, a group of IPA Wrocław Region members along with police officers from the Wrocław-Fabryczna Police Station and friends, wearing T-shirts promoting #IPAGAMES Wrocław 2026, decided to tackle the trail to the highest mountain in Poland, outside the Tatra Mountains.



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The route to the summit led along some challenging trails, but the difficulty of the climb gave way to admiration of the magnificent views from the top over the Tatra Mountains to the southeast and the Beskids to the north and west.

Michał Sługocki
IPA Region Wrocław, Poland

IPA KENYA SECTION VISIT TO CEREBRAL PALSY SOCIETY OF KENYA



On the 11th of June 2025, the International Police Association Section Kenya (IPA-K) under their President, Mr. Jared Ojuok, partnered with United Hands of Hope (UHOH) led by Dr. Marrietta Reformado and the Dr. F. S Abdalla Foundation to donate food items, toiletries, clothes and wheelchairs to the Cerebral Palsy Society of Kenya (CPSK) Centre in Donholm, Nairobi.

CPSK is a community-based charitable organisation, run by parents and well-wishers working towards improvement of the welfare of children/persons afflicted by Cerebral Palsy (CP) in Kenya. It offers rehabilitation services to over 350 children/persons with special needs. The organisation's support services include therapy, psycho-social support, and the general well-being of the affected families, including the education for the children and promotion of awareness and advocacy. Since most of the children/parents are from disadvantaged backgrounds, CPSK also assists them with medication, which can be costly; food; and toiletries (nappies), which the beneficiaries described as the most urgent need. "It gives dignity to the children," one of the mothers told the guests.

The donations by IPA Section Kenya and partners included 10 medical wheelchairs, Diapers valued at KES 53,700, 10 bales of maize flour, 50 brand new T-shirts, 5 cartons of biscuits, and five packets of sweets. In addition, the UHOH promised a long-term engagement with the CPSK for support.

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The IPA Kenya team, led by the President, Mr. Jared Ojuok, HSC; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Wilhelm Kimutai; Assistant S.G. (Retirees), Mr. Francis Sunda; Office Administrator, Ms. Sabrina Kool; and IPA Member, Madam Nancy Nyaboke, were received by the CPSK Treasurer, Mr. Abbot Okello, and the CPSK staff.



In his address, the CPSK treasurer said he was honoured to have had the opportunity to collaborate with IPA Section Kenya, and he expressed deep appreciation to IPA for its unwavering commitment to those most vulnerable in the community.

The IPA Section Kenya President expressed gratitude to the UHOH leadership under Dr. Marietta and her team and IPA Member Dr F.S. Abdalla for their continued support.

Jared Ojuok
President IPA Kenya



IPA FRANCE 6TH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP MEETING



**6th International Friendship Meeting
IPA Gard Hérault
Béziers from May 28, 2025 to June 2, 2025**

What a 6th edition!!!

There were 60 of us during the week and 80 on the weekend: a new record! THANK YOU ALL

The IPA Gard Hérault delegation had the immense pleasure of welcoming you during these few days in the Hérault region, more precisely in Villeneuve les Béziers.

The sun shone in the sky and in our hearts throughout the stay, which was specially prepared for our visitors and friends: Saint Guilhem le Désert via the Devil's Bridge, Carcassonne, Pézenas, and the Canal du Midi were all on the programme.

Here is a brief summary in pictures:

Day 0 Preparations



Day 1 Opening of the meeting in the presence of elected officials from the Béziers town hall, notably Ms. Ménard





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Day 2 Visit to a wine cellar and St Guilhem le Désert



Day 3 Carcassonne Crs and city



Day 4 Pézenas and evening by the Canal du Midi





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Day 5 Cruise



In the evening(s)...



Through these few photos, we can still feel those powerful moments of friendship, conviviality and sharing between all the participants aged 7 to 84: what joy!

This is the very essence of the IPA that flows through our veins and continues to motivate us :

See you next year with new surprises...

Until then, take care of yourselves.

Servo per Amikeco

On behalf of the IPA Gard Hérault delegation
Claire Palisse



ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP KEITH TRURO

Introduction

As a serving member of the Toronto Police Service with 18 years of experience in policing, I was honoured to be awarded the 2024 Arthur Troop Scholarship. This recognition provided me with the incredible opportunity to attend a professional development seminar at IBZ Schloss Gimborn in Germany.

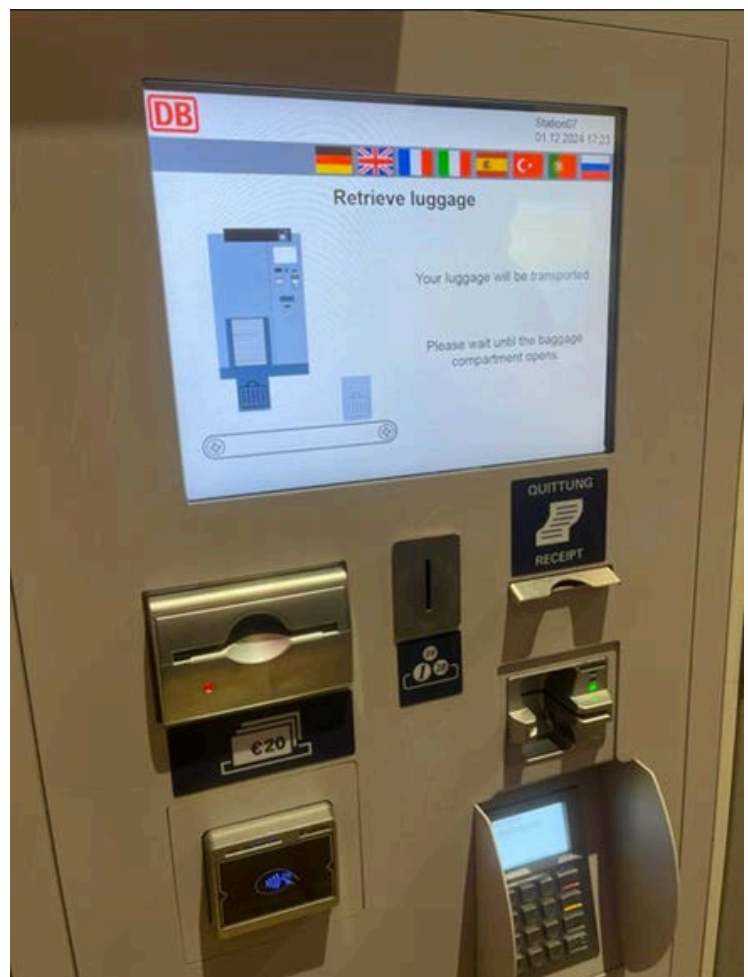
My selection of the course, "Countering Terrorism in the Digital Age: Understanding Cycles and Strategies," was motivated by the current global landscape of conflict and its implications for Canadian law enforcement. Civil wars and geopolitical conflict in regions such as the Middle East and Ukraine, the rise of cyber-enabled misinformation campaigns, and the migration dynamics involving groups like Khalistani separatists into Canada have significantly influenced the complexities of modern policing.

The seminar's focus on counterterrorism strategies within the digital sphere aligned perfectly with my professional role and objectives. Additionally, attending a seminar at IBZ Schloss Gimborn offered a unique platform to engage with international colleagues, fostering the exchange of ideas and collaborative solutions.

Travel and Arrival

The journey to Germany was long but memorable, involving a seven-hour stop in Amsterdam and an additional four-hour stop in Munich before arriving in Cologne. With the seminar scheduled to begin the following day, I had the opportunity to explore Cologne's vibrant Christmas markets. Reflecting on the later tragic attack on the Magdeburg Christmas Market, which claimed lives and injured over 200 individuals, the importance of proactive counterterrorism measures was starkly underscored.

Inga Potthoff from IBZ coordinated with me prior to arriving in Cologne to arrange transportation from the Cologne train station. I made my way from the Cologne airport by train, which I found to be very convenient.



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At the Cologne train station, I utilized a self-service baggage drop-off system that was fully automated and safe. This service, costing just six euros for 24 hours, allowed me to store my luggage securely in an underground storage facility and explore Cologne unencumbered. I highly recommend this service to anyone visiting the area.

The drive to Gimborn from Cologne, while delayed by Christmas market traffic, was scenic and enjoyable. Gimborn itself is located in a picturesque setting surrounded by wooded mountains, offering an inspiring environment for learning. The castle's historic architecture, combined with its modern amenities, created a unique balance of tradition and innovation, making it an ideal venue for such an intensive programme.

Seminar Highlights

Day 1: Introduction and Fundamentals

- Keynote: Introduction to the terrorist planning cycle, emphasising target marking, information gathering, and the necessity of understanding adversarial behaviour.
- Workshop: Exploring Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques used by terrorists to gather information, highlighting vulnerabilities in digital landscapes.

Day 2: Planning and Surveillance

- Lecture: Strategies employed during the planning and surveillance stages of terrorist operations, including the use of cyber-OSINT and psychological preparation.
- Practical Exercise: Participants simulated surveillance and the acquisition of tools necessary for a hypothetical terrorist operation, offering insights into the adversarial mindset.

Day 3: Financing and Dry-Run Execution

- Discussion: The financial structures underpinning terrorist activities and the role of fundraising in sustaining operations.
- Case Study: An analysis of a real-world terrorist attack, examining the planning, execution, and financial logistics.
- Cultural Experience: A visit to Cologne to explore its Christmas markets, which inadvertently connected to the broader seminar themes due to the tragic Magdeburg attack.

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Day 4: Crisis Management

- Lecture: Anti-terrorism responses and crisis management strategies employed post-attack, focusing on intelligence sharing and international cooperation.
- Simulation: Participants engaged in a crisismanagement exercise, navigating the complexities of post-attack scenarios.

Day 5: Assessment and Certification

- The seminar concluded with a comprehensive exam, participant feedback, and the distribution of certificates. This final day offered a moment to reflect on the intensive learning experience and its practical applications.



Insights and Learnings

The seminar provided an in-depth understanding of:

1. Terrorism Dynamics: Principles, psychology, and components of the terrorist planning cycle.
2. Cybersecurity Threats: Key concepts like “cyber-enabled” vs. “cyber-dependent” crimes, the goals of cyber terrorism, and the types of insider threats.
3. Global Perspectives: Collaborating with peers from Ireland, Germany, and Austria during group projects revealed diverse approaches to counterterrorism.

One of the most enlightening aspects was examining the role of women in terrorism. Discussions highlighted how women are often overlooked in counterterrorism strategies despite their significant roles in recruitment, logistics, and operational support.

The group project was particularly impactful. Collaborating with Adam Rankin from Ireland, Lisbeth Splietorp from Germany, and Lukas Steiner and Fabian Remich from Austria, we simulated a mock terrorist attack, focusing on the planning and execution phases. This immersive exercise offered invaluable insights into thinking like an adversary to better anticipate and counter threats.

Practical Application

Upon returning to Canada, I’ve gained valuable insights to:

- Enhance community-based counterterrorism initiatives by understanding the psychological motivations behind radicalization.
- Strengthen inter-agency collaboration using global best practices.
- Implement digital awareness strategies within the Toronto Police Service to combat misinformation and online radicalisation.

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Additionally, the seminar has provided me with a global network of colleagues who are only an email away. This connectivity fosters the sharing of knowledge and strategies, which is critical in a field as dynamic and multifaceted as counterterrorism.

Acknowledgments

I am profoundly grateful to the IPA and Renee Kauffman, Director of IBZ Schloss Gimborn, for their tireless efforts in organising this seminar. Their dedication ensures a world-class learning environment for law enforcement professionals.

To my colleagues at IBZ Gimborn, particularly Adam Rankin, Lisbeth Splietorp, Lukas Steiner, and Fabian Remich, thank you for enriching this experience with your perspectives and camaraderie. The hospitality extended by the staff at Gimborn, including Jacqueline, who organised the delightful sour cherry waffles during our breaks, added a personal touch to the experience. Moments like these created a sense of community among participants.

Lastly, I encourage my fellow officers to explore professional development opportunities at IBZ Schloss Gimborn. The serene environment, exceptional instruction, and invaluable networking opportunities make it an unparalleled experience. Moreover, the focus on cutting-edge issues like digital terrorism equips participants with tools that are immediately applicable in their respective roles.

Conclusion

The Arthur Troop Scholarship has been a transformative milestone in my career. It has broadened my understanding of counterterrorism and empowered me with tools to better serve my community. I remain committed to leveraging this knowledge in the service of public safety and in fostering international cooperation among law enforcement agencies. The experience at Gimborn was more than just professional development; it was a reaffirmation of the power of shared learning and global collaboration.



Keith Truro

Section: IPA Canada

Course Attended: Countering Terrorism in the Digital

Age: Understanding Cycles and Strategies

Location: IBZ Schloss Gimborn, Germany

Date: December 2, 2024 – December 6, 2024

IPA PHOTO COMPETITION – FINAL CALL

The deadline for submissions to this year's IPA Photo Competition is fast approaching!

Submit your entries by 31st July 2025 for a chance to showcase your talent and win some fantastic prizes.

This annual competition is open to all members of the International Police Association. Each participant may submit up to 5 photographs per category, giving you plenty of room to express your creativity and perspective.

Award Categories

1. Open Category – Any photographic subject or theme
2. Subject Category – Police at Work

Submission Details

Send your entries with the official entry form via email to: anetasobieraj@ipapolska.pl

Don't miss this opportunity to gain international exposure and celebrate your passion for photography!

We look forward to seeing your vision through the lens.

Best of luck!



IPA CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION – FINAL CALL



The IPA's Socio-Cultural Commission warmly reminds you that entries for the 5th International Children's Drawing Competition are closing soon!

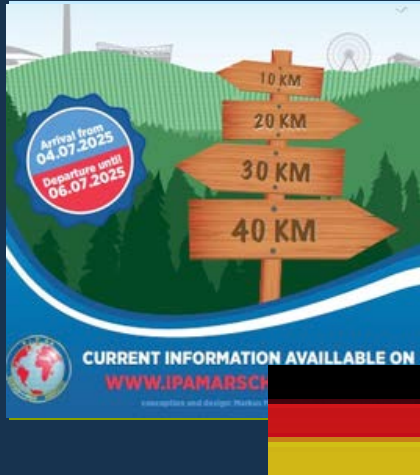
This is a wonderful opportunity for the children or grandchildren (aged 6–12) of IPA members to showcase their creativity and artistic talent on an international stage.

Entry forms and full terms & conditions are available on the IPA International website.

Don't miss out—encourage your young artists to participate today!

[TERMS & CONDITIONS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



IPA Stuttgart Hike

5 July 2025



IPA Estonia – Summer Event 2025

25–27 July 2025

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
Central Scotland Branch



THE HEART OF SCOTLAND FRIENDSHIP

9th to 16th August 2025

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary



Scotland Friendship Week

9–16 August 2025



IPA UK – Liverpool Friendship Week August 2025

24–29 August 2025



IPA Belgium Region Charleoi 50th Anniversary

24–31 August 2025



IPA Brazil Favela on Duty 2025

2–13 September 2025

Here are some of the events taking place throughout the IPA over the next couple of months. Visit our international website for a full list of our upcoming events:

ipa-international.org/Events

GIMBORN SEMINARS

IBZ Castle Gimborn also referred to as the flagship of our association offers professional seminars, conferences and meetings and plays a vital role in fostering professional exchange among law enforcement officers. These seminars help to build personal networks that are the cornerstone of successful international crime-fighting.

Find the link to the seminar programme and book today!

[**CLICK HERE**](#)



UPCOMING SEMINARS

25 24	30.06. – 04.07.	■ Islamistischer Terrorismus – Globale Netzwerke und lokale Auswirkungen	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 25	07.07. – 10.07.	■ Social Media im Polizeieinsatz: Professionelle Kommunikation und Krisenmanagement	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 26	14.07. – 18.07.	■ Police Street Survival Training	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 27	04.08. – 08.08.	■ Defensive Training Instructor Course for Women in Law Enforcement	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 28	25.08. – 29.08.	■ Modern Forensic Methods for the Investigation of a Crime Scene	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 29	01.09. – 05.09.	■ Eagle Strike – Terrorism Counter Strike Training for Task Forces	599 €	IPA 469 €
25 30	15.09. – 19.09.	■ Seminar for Young IPA Members – Cyber Griffin Incident Response Training	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 31	22.09. – 26.09.	■ Technologie trifft Polizeiarbeit: Chancen und Grenzen der digitalen Transformation La tecnología se une a la policía: oportunidades y límites de la transformación digital	499 €	IPA 369 €
25 32	29.09. – 01.10.	■ Demokratiebildung für Polizeibehörden – Ein länderübergreifender Austausch für Entscheidungsträger	399 €	IPA 299 €
25 33	29.09. – 30.09.	■ Taktische Erste Hilfe	599 €	IPA 469 €
25 34	01.10. – 03.10.	■ Gestion des situations de tuerie de masse en milieu urbain : stratégie et pratiques policières	399 €	IPA 299 €
25 35	06.10. – 10.10.	■ Traffic Policing: Enhancing Traffic Management, Safety, and Accident Investigation: Digital Technology Solutions and Beyond Βελτίωση της διαχείρισης της κυκλοφορίας, της ασφάλειας και της διερεύνησης ατυχημάτων: Τεχνολογίες ψηφιακής τεχνολογίας και πέραν αυτών	499 €	IPA 369 €



MARKETING



Help Us Share Your Story – Social Media Update

Whilst we are not currently featuring police related images from our sections, we are currently focusing our social media on promoting IPA events and member benefits and this does not mean we don't need your input. Quite the opposite!

We encourage all sections to send us details of your upcoming or recent events, along with a few photos and a short description. These contributions help us showcase the incredible diversity and energy of our global IPA family.

The IPA is nothing without its members. Your activities are the heartbeat of our association, and it's important that we celebrate and share all the amazing things happening across the world. Whether it's a small gathering or a major event, we want to highlight your efforts and achievements.

We're also committed to improving how we promote events and activities—so please make sure to keep us informed by emailing iac@ieb-ipa.org.

And if there's anything you'd like to see more of on our social media, don't hesitate to let us know. We'd love to hear from you!

New International Website Coming Soon!

We're excited to let you know that we're currently working on a brand new international IPA website! The new site will offer a refreshed look, improved functionality, and better access to the latest news and resources. Stay tuned—announcements and launch details will be shared soon!



Scan the QR code to view our social media channels. Make sure you follow us for the latest events and information.



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