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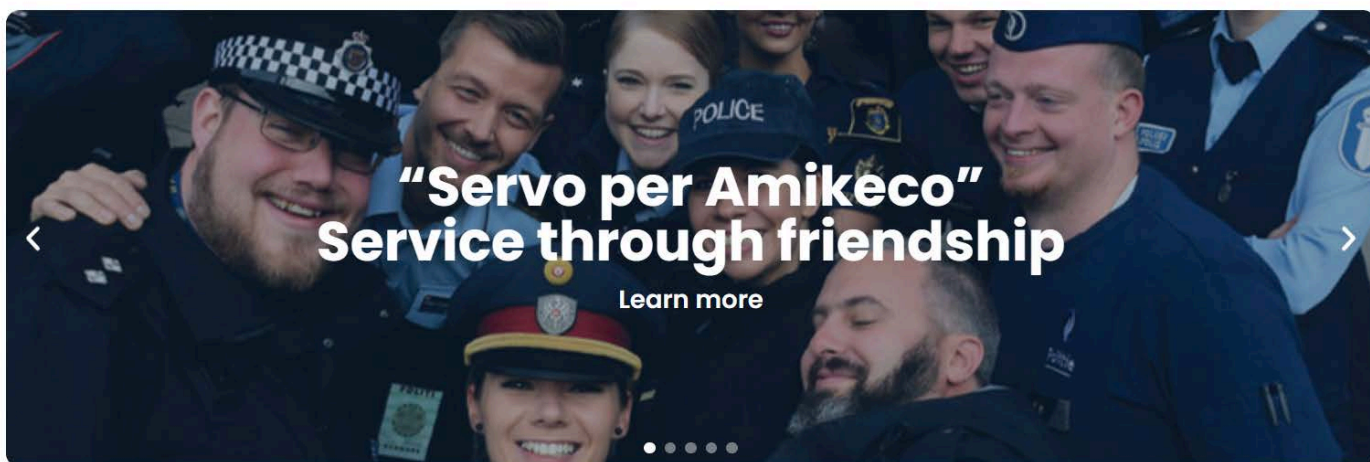
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Our updated website is now live, bringing improved navigation, refreshed branding, and easier access to key resources for members and visitors.

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Your chance to enhance your skills with a course of your choice, supported by funding of up to €2,500.

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**Arthur Troop
Scholarship**

Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) 2025, Romania



Young police officers from around the world gathered in Romania for this year's seminar, focusing on learning, collaboration and professional development.

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Introduction from Head of Administration Clive Wood



Clive Wood
Head of Administration

As we approach the end of 2025, we also come to the close of a remarkable milestone—the 75th anniversary year of the International Police Association. Throughout this special year, we have celebrated our history while strengthening the foundations that will carry the IPA confidently into the future.

This month, the International Executive Board will gather in Lapland, Finland, just before Christmas for an important meeting at the IPA House. This mid-term session marks the halfway point of our current four-year mandate and provides a vital opportunity to review progress on our international strategy. Together, we will assess the achievements of the first two years and refine our priorities to ensure the IPA continues to grow, innovate, and serve its members with excellence.

One of the most exciting developments is the launch of our fully redesigned international website at the end of November. This modern platform—combined with our refreshed branding—will elevate our global identity and provide members with a more accessible, informative, and engaging online experience. It represents a significant step in strengthening communication and supporting collaboration across all sections.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work of our International Administration Centre staff, Hana and Lisa. Their professionalism, dedication, and tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure the smooth operation of our international functions and provide essential support to the IEB, our sections, and our global membership. Their contribution is deeply appreciated.



Introduction from Head of Administration Clive Wood

Reflecting on the past year, it is inspiring to see the fantastic work taking place across all areas of the IPA. With new sections joining our family and our membership now reaching 380,000 members worldwide, the Association continues to grow in both strength and diversity. The commitment of our national sections, volunteers, and members has taken the IPA to even greater heights, furthering our mission and expanding opportunities for friendship, cultural exchange, and professional development.

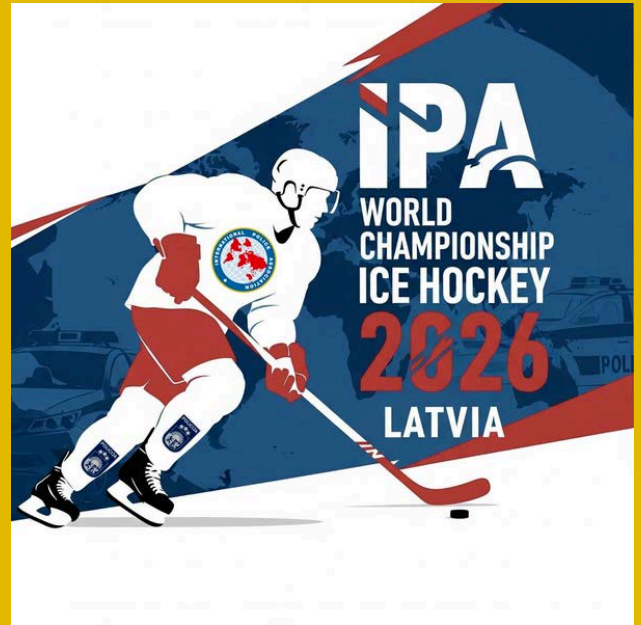


On behalf of all members of the International Executive Board, I extend a heartfelt message of peace and friendship to every member of the IPA, wherever you may be. As we close this anniversary year, may the spirit of Servo per Amikeco guide us all—today, throughout the festive season, and into the promising year ahead.

Wishing you peace, safety, and friendship.

Clive

Clive Wood
Head of Administration



IPA World Ice Hockey Championship 2026

The International Police Association is proud to announce the World Ice Hockey Championship 2026, bringing together law enforcement and emergency service teams from across the globe.

Dates: 19–22 March 2026

Venue: Volvo Ice Hall, Jūrmalas gatve 78D, Riga, Latvia

Hosted by the IPA Latvian Section, in partnership with Volvo Ice Hall and Riga City Council, the championship aims to promote ice hockey within the policing community, encourage an active lifestyle, and determine the top international team.

For more information visit our website:

[More Information](#)

Join us in celebrating athletic spirit, international cooperation, and the unity of the IPA family.

The New IPA Website is Here!

After much anticipation, we're delighted to announce that the brand-new IPA website officially launched on 28th November!

This fresh platform is designed to be the "shop window" of the IPA – an inviting, easy-to-navigate space where members, visitors, and friends can discover who we are, what we do, and how the IPA can support and inspire you.

Our new website reflects the updated IPA branding and brings improved functionality to help everyone explore everything the Association offers. You'll now find five key navigation buttons on every page, guiding you to the core benefits of IPA membership – including learning and development opportunities, global events, travel information, and our IPA Houses.

There's also a dedicated area for Sections to access essential documents and resources, while members can easily explore the full range of IPA benefits. Visitors can learn more about the Association, discover how to join, and even watch our new introductory video to get a feel for our mission and projects worldwide.

As with any new platform, it's still evolving – we'll continue adding content and refining pages over the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience and support as we put the finishing touches in place and proudly step into this exciting new digital era for the IPA.

[Visit our New Website](https://www.ipa-international.org)



Welcome to the largest police organisation in the world

The International Police Association is a friendship organisation for members of the police force, whether serving or retired, founded in 1950 by police sergeant Arthur Troop.

As of 2025 we have 380,000 members in 100 countries on 6 continents, making us the largest police association in the world.



We have a truly global audience



100
countries



380,000
members



68
sections

Latest information



IPA at the Women4Security Conference 2025 in Chişinău

Martin Hoffmann, International President of the International Police Association (IPA), represented the IPA at the High-Level Women4Security Conference held on 11–12 November 2025 in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova. The event, hosted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, marked the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and brought together more than 150 participants from government institutions, international organisations, civil society, academia and law enforcement agencies.



The Conference was officially opened by Daniella Misail-Nichitin, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, together with Martha Kos, European Commissioner for Enlargement, who underlined the importance of women's leadership and gender-responsive security policies.



In his contribution, the IPA President provided a concise overview of the International Police Association and its strong commitment to international cooperation, professional development and the advancement of women in policing. He highlighted the global initiative #SHEisIPA, which promotes leadership, mentoring and international networking for female officers, referring in particular to the most recent seminar held at the IPA Training Centre IBZ Gimborn. Increasingly, the work of the IPA is being recognised at ministerial level and among senior police leadership, demonstrating the growing relevance of the Association in global discussions on security and professional development.



Martin Hoffmann served as a speaker in the panel "Translating global WPS commitments into meaningful impact," where he addressed how governments, development actors and women-led organisations can cooperate to ensure that WPS goals result in real improvements at community level. He emphasised the unique role of the IPA as a global NGO that connects practitioners and provides training, exchange and capacity-building opportunities.

IPA at the Women4Security Conference 2025 in Chişinău



Current IPA initiatives, such as the new Spanish-language online seminar series and the upcoming “AI and Policing” seminar planned for February 2026, were presented as examples of practical contributions to the WPS agenda.

During bilateral meetings, the IPA President also highlighted the IPA’s participation in the United Nations campaign “Orange the World – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women,” in which IPA Sections across the world raise awareness, promote prevention and support local

initiatives against gender-based violence. This global engagement reflects the IPA’s commitment to contributing to safer, more inclusive and more resilient communities.

A particularly warm moment of the visit was the invitation from IPA Moldova, where Martin Hoffmann met with Section President Mihai Cebotari and the members of the National Executive Board. The meeting offered an excellent opportunity to discuss ongoing IPA projects, strengthen cooperation and acknowledge the remarkable dedication, hospitality and professionalism of the Moldovan Section.



The Women4Security Conference provided an excellent platform for strengthening international cooperation, exchanging expertise and presenting the work of the IPA in front of a global audience. The presence of the IPA President underlined the Association’s continued commitment to supporting women in policing, promoting leadership, and contributing to international efforts for peace and security. The IPA will continue to work closely with Ministries, police organisations and IPA Sections worldwide to support the Women, Peace and Security agenda and to contribute to meaningful, community-level impact.

Martin Hoffmann
International President



IPA and UNESCO – Fortify Collaboration on Critical Global Issues

We are delighted to announce the outcomes of a strategic meeting held with Mr. Eliot Minchenberg, Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations.

As the International Police Association (IPA) holds Consultative Status with UNESCO, this high-level dialogue was instrumental in solidifying our commitment to collaborative action on several critical global mandates. Our discussions focused on concrete areas where the IPA has been formally invited to contribute its unique operational expertise and global network to the ongoing UNESCO policy cycle. This collaboration aligns perfectly with the IPA's mission of promoting professional development and international cooperation among police officers.

The IPA's contributions will concentrate on three key areas:

- * **Safety of Journalists and Crimes against Journalists:** We will be lending our police-centric experience to help strengthen international frameworks and national capacities aimed at preventing crimes against media professionals and ensuring perpetrators are brought to justice.

- * **Crime Prevention in the Area of Schoolchildren:** The IPA will contribute to policies and initiatives focused on safeguarding young people, promoting secure environments, and developing effective crime prevention strategies tailored for educational settings.

- * **The Fight Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage:** Leveraging our international reach, we are committed to supporting UNESCO's vital work in combating the illicit trade of cultural property, which is essential for preserving the world's shared history and heritage.



This invitation to contribute directly to UNESCO's policy development is a significant recognition of the IPA's authority and reach in the global law enforcement community. We look forward to leveraging the expertise of our members in over 70 countries to inform and shape these crucial policies.

Oli Hoffmann
International Vice President

A Legacy of Learning – Supporting Your Professional Journey

Apply Now for the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2027

As part of its commitment to professional development and lifelong learning, the International Police Association (IPA) proudly offers the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) – one of the Association's most valued benefits.

Named in honour of Arthur Troop, the IPA's founder, this annual scholarship supports serving IPA members in advancing their professional skills through education and training.

What Does the Scholarship Offer?

Each year, selected applicants receive up to €2,500 to fund participation in a seminar or professional training programme of their choice. This bursary may be used toward any relevant course, with many awardees choosing to attend seminars at the IPA's Education Centre – IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

This is your opportunity to access world-class training, broaden your expertise, and enhance your professional impact – with the support of the IPA behind you.



How to Apply

Applications for the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2027 are open now and must be submitted online via Google Forms.

Arthur Troop Scholarship – Online Application Form

Deadline: 31 March 2026

(Please note: The form is open for submissions year-round, but applications for 2027 must be submitted before the deadline)

For full details, eligibility, and selection criteria, please refer to the ATS Procedure Document available on the IPA International website.



Why Apply?

- ✓ Up to €2,500 in funding
- ✓ Choose a seminar or training aligned with your career goals
- ✓ A recognised IPA endorsement of your professional growth
- ✓ Opportunity to study at IBZ Gimborn, a world-renowned education centre
- ✓ Strengthen your skills, your network, and your future

Invest in yourself. Learn. Grow. Lead.

Don't miss the chance to develop your career through this enduring legacy of learning – apply today!

Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS)

2025 Romania

From 10 to 15 November 2025, IPA Romania hosted in Bucharest the 2025 edition of the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS), the international program dedicated to the professional development of young police officers, organized under the auspices of the International Police Association (IPA).

This year's event brought together a total of 50 participants from 24 countries worldwide, including 13 young officers from Romania and 37 participants from the other 23 countries.



From the International Executive Board (IEB), Diego Trolese, Chairperson of the Professional Commission, together with Mirco Ciccacese, member of the Young Members Project Team, took part in this edition of the seminar, offering valuable support and contributing to the international dimension of the event.

The topic of this year's seminar was the presentation of the integrated system operating within the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs, highlighting the responsibilities of each institution, as well as the shared, interconnected and coordinated tasks that ensure efficient cooperation and the best possible operational outcomes.



Official opening at the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy

The official opening ceremony took place on 11 November at the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy. The leadership of IPA Romania – Mihai Tărtăreanu (President), Cătălin-Ștefan Bălțeanu (Secretary General) and Marius Mureșan (Vice President) – underlined the crucial role of education, dialogue, and international cooperation in shaping the new generation of law enforcement professionals.

Major General Liviu Uzlău, the Academy's Commandant, delivered a message of appreciation and encouragement, highlighting IPA Romania's commitment to supporting professional development and leadership among young officers.

Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) 2025 Romania



Working visits within the Romanian Police

The seminar continued with a series of professional visits to key structures of the Romanian Police, offering participants an overview of operational priorities, challenges and cooperation mechanisms in a rapidly evolving global context:

- Directorate for European Affairs, Missions and International Relations
- Directorate for Combating Organized Crime
- Directorate of Special Operations
- National Institute of Forensics
- Directorate for Professional Training

These sessions provided valuable insights into modern police work, international collaboration, and technological developments that shape today's law enforcement activity.



Dedicated day to the Border Police and the Palace of the Parliament

On Thursday, the international delegation visited the Romanian Border Police, where they learned about the institution's responsibilities, recent achievements and current challenges in border management. The discussions were structured, efficient and focused on sharing best practices.

Later in the day, participants visited the Palace of Parliament, the largest administrative buildings in the world, discovering its history, architecture and role within Romania's democratic system.



Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) 2025 Romania

Closing day at the Romanian Gendarmerie

YPOS 2025 concluded with a visit to the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Gendarmerie, where participants attended official presentations of the institution's missions and witnessed an impressive live demonstration performed by the Special Intervention Brigade of the Gendarmerie. The demonstration presented tactical procedures, intervention techniques and specialized equipment used during daily and high-risk missions, including those performed by divers, paratroopers and anti-terror units.



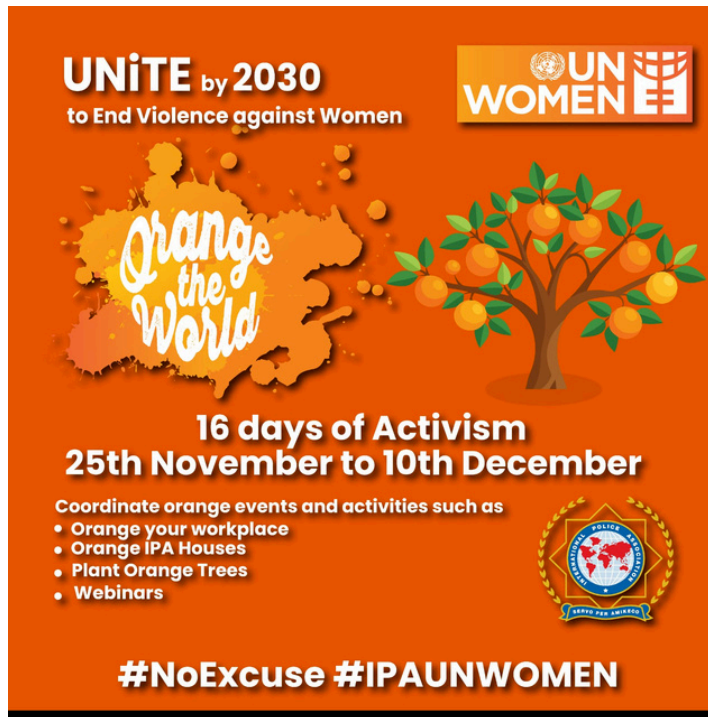
A week of friendship, professional growth and international cooperation

Throughout the week, YPOS 2025 offered an exceptional platform for professional exchange, training and cross-border collaboration. IPA Romania was honored to host 50 young officers, reaffirming its commitment to the IPA values of friendship, solidarity, and professionalism. The event once again confirmed that the future of public safety is built through cooperation, dialogue and strong international partnerships.



Mihai Tărtăreanu
IPA Romania President

16 Days of Activism 2025: UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls



From 25 November to 10 December 2025, the International Police Association proudly joins the global community in marking the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence. Each year, this international campaign calls for action to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls in all its forms.

This year's theme — "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls" — shines a spotlight on one of the fastest-growing forms of abuse worldwide. As technology evolves, so too do the risks. Women and girls face increasing threats such as online harassment, cyberstalking, image-based abuse, and other forms of digital exploitation that can have devastating consequences both online and offline.

The 2025 campaign also aligns with the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, one of the most influential frameworks for advancing women's rights. It serves as a reminder that digital safety is now a core component of gender equality. Ensuring that women and girls can participate online without fear or harm is essential for their empowerment, education, and freedom. The International Police Association is committed to supporting this year's UNiTE campaign by raising awareness within our global network, promoting education on digital safety, and standing with partners dedicated to ending all forms of gender-based violence. Across our Sections, members are encouraged to share information, engage their communities, and champion safe online practices.

Everyone can take part in the 16 Days of Activism. Whether by speaking up against online abuse, supporting those affected, promoting responsible digital behaviour, or sharing educational resources, each action contributes to a safer digital world.

And as always, we invite members and friends to wear or display the colour orange throughout the campaign — a global symbol of hope, solidarity, and a future free from violence. Together, we can help build online spaces where women and girls are safe, respected, and empowered.

Oli Hoffmann & Desislava Viktorova

Chairperson International Relations Commission & Project Lead of UNiTE in the IRC

IPA Games 2026

Event Overview

The IPA Games 2026 will take place in Wrocław, Poland from 10-15 May bringing together IPA members from around the world to celebrate sport, camaraderie, and international friendship. Participants will compete across a wide range of disciplines while enjoying the vibrant culture and historic charm of one of Poland's most beautiful cities.

The event includes competitive sports, social activities, cultural experiences, and opportunities to explore Wrocław's famous landmarks.



Event Schedule (Outline)

Sunday – Arrival (meal provided)

Monday – Accommodation check-in, starter pack distribution, Opening Ceremony (14:00)

Tuesday – 5K Running + additional disciplines

Wednesday – Pistol Shooting, Swimming, Chess + more

Thursday – 10K Running + additional disciplines • Closing Ceremony (18:00)

Friday – Departure

A detailed sports timetable will be released after registration closes.

Main Sports Disciplines

Team Sports

- Football (5+1 system) – outdoor natural surface; up to 12 players per team
- Volleyball – indoor; 6x6 system; up to 12 players
- Basketball 3x3 – 3 players + 1 reserve

Individual & Team Competitions

- Table Tennis – male/female singles; team category (3 athletes + reserve)
- Pistol Shooting (9mm) – male/female individual; team event (3 athletes); weapons provided
- Running – 5 km and 10 km; male/female; age categories

Mind Sports

- Chess – rapid chess, 7 rounds, Swiss system (15 min + 12 sec per move)

Martial Arts

- Judo – male and female; age and weight categories

Additional Sports Disciplines

- Swimming – 50m freestyle, 50m classic, 4x25m MIX (at least one woman)
- Tennis – men's and women's singles (open)
- Badminton – men's/women's singles, 40+, doubles, mixed doubles

Participants may register for one additional discipline; confirmation will follow after the registration period ends.

IPA Games 2026



Accommodation Overview

All official IPA Games hotels are:

- 10–15 minutes' walk from Wrocław's historic centre
- Close to sports venues
- Easily accessible from public transport
- ~40 minutes from Wrocław Airport

Accommodation packages include:

- Breakfast
- One additional daily meal (half board)
- Full participation in IPA Games 2026 programme

Hotels range from Campanile and Hotel Piast to Mövenpick Grand Hotel, Mercure, Novotel, and others.

Additional Activities

- Regional Evening (details to be confirmed)
- PowerZone Event (details to follow)
- #SHEisIPA feature
- Safety guidance and local information
- Guidance on drinking safe tap water in Wrocław
- "Get to Know Wrocław" cultural highlights

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Registration & Payment

- Registration opens: 11 November 2025
- Registration closes: 1 February 2026
- Payment deadline: 28 February 2026
- Registration must be completed via National Sections – individual entries are not accepted.
- Link and forms have been sent via the IAC to National Sections.

IPA Games 2026 – Registration Now Open

We are delighted to share that registration for the IPA Games 2026, taking place in Wrocław, Poland, is now officially open.

The organising team has confirmed that all registrations must be submitted through your National Section.

Individual registrations will not be accepted.

Important Information

- Registration Deadline: 1 February 2026
- An Entry Book and sample registration form have been provided to National Sections for internal coordination.
- Regular updates are shared via:
 - Facebook: @ipagamesofficial
 - Instagram: @ipa_games_2026
- Detailed rules, schedules, and additional materials will soon be available at:
- www.ipagames2026.pl

Need More Information?

Members wishing to participate should contact their National Section directly for registration, guidance, and copies of the required documents.

For event-specific enquiries, the organising committee can be reached at: ipagames2026@ipapolska.pl

We look forward to seeing IPA members from around the world come together in Wrocław for an unforgettable #IPAGAMES2026!

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IPA Games 2026 Organiser, Poland

[More Information](#)



42nd National Congress – IPA Cyprus



The 42nd National Congress of the International Police Association – Cyprus Section was successfully held on between 13–16 November 2025 in Paphos, hosted at the Aliathon Resort. The Congress served as an important annual institution for the policing community.

185 members from 18 Sections, Albania, Austria, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Netherlands Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia attended to the Congress and the celebrations.

A particular honour for the Cyprus Section was the presence of the International President, Mr. Martin Hoffmann, who, in his official speech, highlighted the longstanding contribution of the Cypriot delegation and the continuous importance of strengthening international cooperation. The conference also welcomed members of the International Executive Board Mr. Oli Hoffmann and Mr. Christos Parginos, whose participation added further prestige to the proceedings.

During the Congress events, a football match was organised. IPA Cyprus Vs IPA Region Paphos, in which our visitors from abroad also took part. The awards were presented by the International President.



During their stay our guests had the opportunity to tour in the beautiful city of Paphos and to enjoy the sea and the hotel activities.

On Saturday evening, the Farewell Gala Dinner was successfully held with the participation of 400 members from Cyprus and International and enjoyed the night with lot of food, drinks and Dance.



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Kikis Perikleous

IPA Cyprus

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IPA Section Kenya Holds International Investigations Seminar 2–7 November 2025



The IPA Section Kenya conducted an international seminar on “strengthening professional policing and crime management in a changing world” at the National Criminal Investigations Academy (NCIA), South C, Nairobi, from 2nd to 7th November 2025.

Press Spokesperson Angélica Tapia outlined the strengths of the marketing department, represented by associate Elisa Arrivasplata; and Public Relations Spokesperson Francisco Andrade requested a link with the Chief of Staff of the Peruvian National Police to design an institutional strategy that would allow for the drafting of a synergistic project to coordinate, identify shared objectives, and structure the coordination of actions to enhance the holding of the aforementioned World Congress and a parallel event on the fight Over the five days, the participants were taken through Preventive Investigations, Cyber-Enabled Crimes and Digital Evidence Management, Enhancing Investigative Planning and Case Management, Counterterrorism – Kenyan Experience, Coordinated Response to Cross-Border Crime, Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA), and Road Safety – Regional Perspective. The highlight of the seminar was a visit to the National Forensic Laboratory (NFL) and the Nairobi National Park.

IPA Section Kenya Holds International Investigations Seminar 2–7 November 2025

In his opening address, the President of the IPA Section Kenya, Mr Jared Ojuok, said, “It is in this spirit of friendship and commitment to fostering the rule of law that today we assemble 32 participants from various law enforcement agencies around the world, including Kenya, Germany, South Africa, Nigeria, Eswatini, Malaysia, Taiwan, Cameroon and South Sudan. In the course of this week, our officers will have the unique opportunity to interact with colleagues from other countries, share professional experiences, learn from each other, and, most importantly, form cross-border friendships.”



The Inspector General of the National Police Service (IGP), Mr Douglas Kanja, on 3rd November 2025, officiated the opening ceremony. In his address, IG Kanja stated that the seminar was an excellent opportunity to share experiences, rethink strategies, and reaffirm dedication to professional, people-centred policing in an ever-changing and dynamic world.

He encouraged participants to embrace the need for strengthening crime management techniques in a complex world – an area that requires three key shifts: technological integration, inter-agency and international cooperation, and community-centred policing.

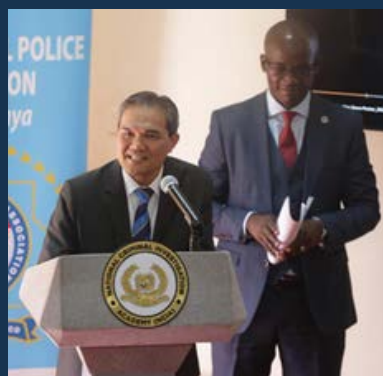
He assured the association of his unshakeable determination to ensure the National Police Service remains committed to enhanced professional training and capacity building for all officers. He also pledged to continue working hand-in-hand with regional and global security actors to effectively tackle transnational crimes, including drug and human trafficking, cybercrimes, money laundering, cross-border stock theft, gunrunning, and terrorism.

Mr Jared Ojuok appreciated the supportive role of key partners such as the International Justice Mission (IJM), United Hands of Hope, Mr Dhiren Chandaria of Insta Products EPZ Ltd, and Dr F.S. Abdalla of Unique Group of Companies.

IPA Section Kenya Holds International Investigations Seminar 2–7 November 2025



Present at the opening ceremony were the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Kenya, H.E. Ruzaimi Mohamad; the Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr Mohamed Amin; the NCIA Commandant, Mr Sospeter Munyi, SAIG; the IJM Country Director, Mr Vincent Chahale; the Director of Corporate Communication, Mr Muchiri Nyaga, AIG; the 1st VP of the IPA Section Kenya, Ms Poline Munyi; the 3rd VP, Ms Elizabeth Amachar; the 4th VP, Mr Kalpesh Solanki; the SG, Irene Kerubo; the Ass. SGs, Susan Njoki, Benard Nyakundi, and Francis Sunda; and the Treasurer, Arcard Mneni.



On Thursday 6th, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Kenya Police Service, Mr Eliud Lagat, presided over the closing ceremony of the seminar. In his address, he highlighted the "invaluable" exchange of knowledge, experience, and investigative methodologies that the programme facilitated for the global law enforcement community.

Mr Lagat commended the IPA and the NCIA management for their commitment to professional development and international cooperation. He also acknowledged the facilitators for sharing their wealth of knowledge and congratulated the participants on successfully completing the seminar.



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He challenged the officers to apply their new knowledge and skills in their respective commands to improve investigative outcomes, uphold respect for human rights, and enhance service delivery.

Reiterating the National Police Service's commitment to international cooperation, the DIG noted that partnerships such as the IPA strengthen the collective resolve to combat crime and ensure global peace and security.

He concluded by encouraging participants to be ambassadors of professionalism, discipline, and dedication. The closing ceremony was also graced by Dr Harrison Gilbert of UHOH and veteran IPA member Dr F.S. Abdalla, among other officials.



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By Jared Ojuok
IPA Section Kenya

70 Years of IPA Germany – A Celebration of Friendship in Bremen

In the festive setting of the 84th National Board Meeting, the International Police Association (IPA) German Section celebrated its 70th anniversary.

The historic Bremer Ratskeller provided a fitting venue for this special jubilee celebration – a place whose long tradition and unique atmosphere perfectly reflected the spirit of encounter, appreciation, and community that defines the IPA.



In his welcome address, Philipp Kurz, President of IPA Germany, emphasized the special significance of this milestone:

“70 years of IPA Germany – that means 70 years of lived friendship, trust, and international collegiality. Our community connects generations and transcends borders – true to our motto *Servo per Amikeco* – Service through Friendship.”

Among the numerous guests were distinguished representatives from the police, politics, and the IPA family:

Ms. Antje Grotheer, President of the Bremen Parliament, Mr. Nicolai Roth, Inspector of Police Bremen, Ms. Petra van Anken, Head of the State Criminal Police Office, and Ms. Andrea Wittrock, Head of the Operations Directorate, attended the celebration as guests of honour and conveyed their warm congratulations.

A special welcome was also extended to IPA friend Diego Trolese, representing the International Executive Board, as well as to former IPA Germany Presidents Wolfhard Hoffmann and Horst W. Bichl. Particularly noteworthy was the attendance of Honorary Member Rainer Zottmann, whose decades of dedication have left a lasting mark on IPA Germany.



70 Years of IPA Germany – A Celebration of Friendship in Bremen

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of honorary membership in IPA Germany to IPA friends Hans-Joachim Tilgner and Heribert Leber.

Both were recognised for their outstanding and long-standing commitment to the ideals of the International Police Association.

They accepted the honour with heartfelt emotion and to great applause – a moving moment that beautifully reflected the deep sense of unity within the IPA family.



Tree Presentation for the 70th Anniversary of IPA Germany – A Symbol of Friendship and Sustainability

Instead of traditional gifts, the representatives of the regional groups were presented with a tree donation as part of the Green IPA Project – a gesture rich in meaning and symbolism.

Each tree donation represents a living symbol of friendship, unity, and responsibility towards future generations.

The tree stands for the deep roots of camaraderie, the strong branches of international friendship, and the sustainable growth of a community devoted to the motto “Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship.”

May it grow and thrive, reminding us always that true strength lies in friendship, peace, and solidarity.

70 Years of IPA Germany – A Celebration of Friendship in Bremen



Accompanied by music and warm conversations, the evening served as a reminder of what the IPA has represented since its founding: friendship across borders, and the shared commitment of people dedicated to peace, cooperation, and mutual respect.

In his closing remarks, President Philipp Kurz expressed heartfelt thanks to all participants, guests, and volunteers who made this anniversary celebration possible:

“The IPA lives through the people who sustain it – through your enthusiasm, loyalty, and dedication. This 70th anniversary is not only a moment to look back with pride, but also a moment to look forward – into the future of our shared community.”

The evening at the Bremer Ratskeller concluded in an atmosphere of gratitude, joy, and genuine friendship – in the true spirit of the IPA motto:

Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship.

Philipp Kurz
IPA Germany



"Get to Know Montenegro to Love It More" Meeting

The IPA section of Montenegro, from October 23 to 27, 2025, organised an IPA meeting in Budva under the slogan "Get to know Montenegro to love it more".

This event was attended by 140 members and friends of IPA from 19 sections: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Israel, Kenya, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Serbia and UK.



During this activity, the Day of Internal Affairs, 12 years of work of the Montenegro section and pink October, the month of the fight against breast cancer, were marked.

During October, police officers in all Montenegrin cities distributed informative flyers to road users about the importance and method of performing preventive inspections. This IPA activity was realised with the support of the Institute for Public Health, whose representatives were present at the IPA meeting in Budva.

"Get to Know Montenegro to Love It More" Meeting

At this event, the IPA Green ecological project of tree planting and beach cleaning was promoted. Representatives of the Kenya, Greece and Romania sections, which made the greatest contribution to the realisation of these activities, were guests in Montenegro and were presented with awards by the president of the Socio-Cultural Commission Christos Parginos.

An excursion was organised for all guests, during which they could see the mountain Lovćen, the UNESCO-protected city of Kotor, Perast, Marina Tivat, Budva and the city hotel Sveti Stefan.



At the final evening, a dance competition was organised, and prizes were awarded to the best dance couple.

This was another opportunity to share the experiences of IPA members and develop friendships in the spirit of our motto *Servo per amrikosti*.

Biljana Dulović
President of the IPA Section Montenegro



IPA Kazakhstan Hold Elective Conference

October 17-19, 2025, the Kazakhstan section has held a report and election conference, which was attended by delegates from regional branches and invited guests.

The conference was attended by representatives of the Council of Police Veterans and the National Guard, as well as representatives of various public associations. In his speech, Galym Beristemov, President of the Kazakhstan Section, reported on the outcomes of the 68th World Congress and the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting held within the framework of the World Congress.



A delegation from the capital city of Kazakhstan, Astana, arrived in Almaty for the conference after traveling 1,215 kilometers by car from Astana to Almaty. At the end of the conference, a new composition of the Central Executive Committee of the Kazakhstan Section was elected by unanimous decision of all delegates.

**The President of Kazakhstan Section,
Beristemov Galym**



German IPA Radio Amateurs at the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend 2025

The ILLW is an activity of radio amateurs (HAM-Radio) all over the world where they are working from many lighthouses and lightships on the third weekend in August. It is an activity of radio amateurs all over the world where they are working from many lighthouses and lightships – and at the same time make radio operation accessible to the public.



This year, we IPA radio operators (DC2WF, DJ5QE, DL1GBP) have planned something very special: to mark the 70th anniversary of the IPA's German section, we travelled to the Buk lighthouse on the Baltic Sea – located between Kühlungsborn and Rerik, in the small community of Bastorf. It is a wonderful place: the tower itself measures 20.8 metres, sits enthroned on a 78-metre-high hill and thus towers 95 metres above sea level.

We were assigned the special call sign DL7ØPASD for our operation. In addition, the DARC awarded us the special DOK 70IPA – a nice recognition in this anniversary year.

Thanks to the great support of the Waterways and Shipping Authority Baltic Sea, Lübeck and Wismar branch, and the Bastorf lighthouse community, we were even allowed to install antennas directly on the lighthouse and use a workspace inside



However, the summer heat drove us outside: we set up our station in a breezy shelter – perfect for welcoming visitors at the same time. Many were interested in our work, asked questions and thus gained a direct insight into the world of amateur radio and the goals of the IPA.

Our logbook speaks for itself: we were able to establish almost 400 radio contacts, mainly across Europe. The QSL cards are already being prepared and will soon be on their way.

And because radio makes you hungry, we didn't miss out on the delicious cake buffet at Café Valentins right next to the lighthouse – a highlight for body and soul.

Which navigation mark/Lighthouse/Lightship we will activate next year is still open. But one thing is certain: after this successful weekend, we are already looking forward to ILLW 2026!

Lighthouses are more than just buildings; they connect countries, continents, and peoples.

Jan Pearce, Lighthouse Keeper of Hook Lighthouse

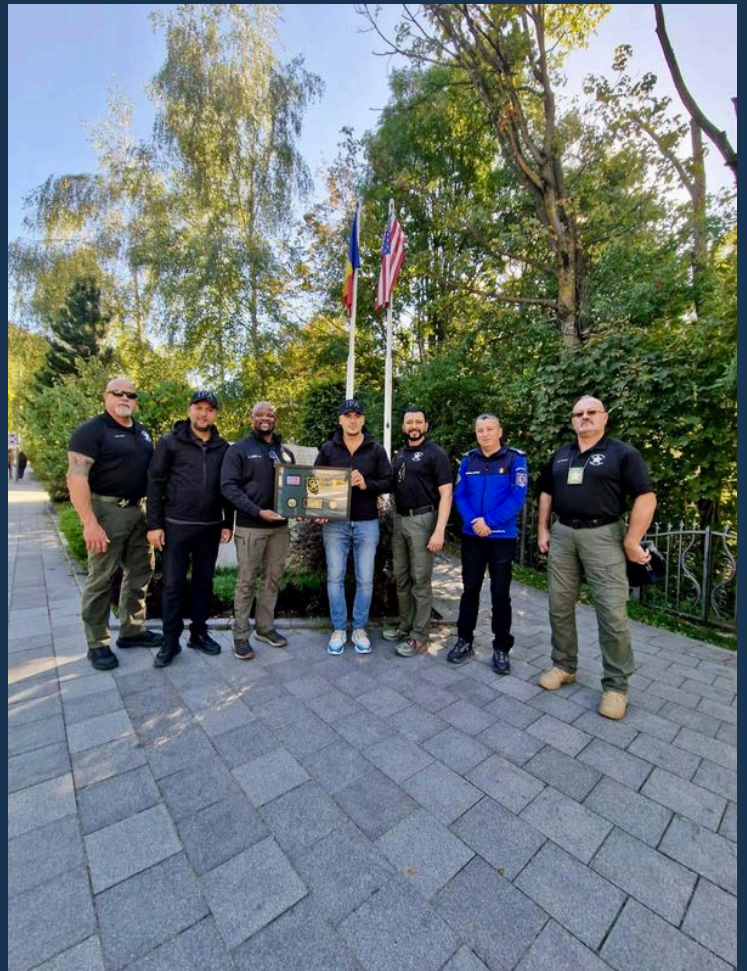
Broward County Sheriff's Office Delegation Visits Romania



A delegation from the Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO), Florida, U.S.A, led by Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony, carried out an official visit to Romania to explore opportunities for professional collaboration in the field of law enforcement training and development.

The delegation included Colonel Ahmed Munib Matloob, Captain Davis Clyde Joseph, and Detective Traian Breabăn. The visit was organized in partnership with the International Police Association (IPA) – Romania, represented by President Police Commissioner Chief Mihai Liviu Tărtăreanu and Secretary General Lieutenant Colonel (Res.) Cătălin-Ștefan Bălțeanu.

During the mission, the United States representatives began with an official visit to the Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy, and held high-level meetings with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI), the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police (IGPR), the Border Police (IGPF), the Gendarmerie (IGJR), and the 'King Carol I' Center for Advanced Training of Mountain Gendarmerie Personnel – Sinaia (Centrul de Perfecționare a Pregătirii Cadrelor Jandarmi Montan „Regele Carol I” – Sinaia).



Broward County Sheriff's Office Delegation Visits Romania

At the Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy, the U.S. representatives held a meeting with Chief Commissioner of Police, Professor Dr. Viorel Veliscu, Vice-Rector, during which they discussed the training and education of students throughout their studies.

At the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police (IGPR), discussions were held with Deputy Inspector General, Police Chief Vasile Costea, and the Head of the Professional Training Directorate, focusing on modern approaches to police training and the possibility of implementing conflict de-escalation modules.



At the Border Police Headquarters, Inspector General, Police Chief Cornel Laurian Stoica, together with the directors of the main training structures, expressed interest in accessing the Broward Sheriff's Office course portfolio, in view of identifying relevant modules for future cooperation.

At the 'King Carol I' Center for Advanced Training of Mountain Gendarmerie Personnel – Sinaia, Colonel Valeriu Ciobotă, Commander, and Colonel Lucian Miu-Grigorescu, Deputy Commander, emphasized the importance of first aid and emergency medical training, given the specific challenges of mountain intervention missions.

A key meeting took place at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, with State Secretary, Police Quaesitor General Bogdan Despescu, who underlined Romania's openness to professional cooperation and highlighted the relevance of the integrated system approach—a principle also at the core of the Broward Sheriff's Office, which operates under a unified command encompassing police, special operations, and fire services.



Broward County Sheriff's Office Delegation Visits Romania

In closing the visit, we had the chance to note that these discussions reinforced the mutual interest in developing a sustainable professional partnership. We proposed the signing of a cooperation protocol between the Broward Sheriff's Office and IPA Romania, with IPA serving as the platform for future exchanges of expertise and training.

Throughout the meetings, Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony emphasized the shared mission of law enforcement agencies on both sides of the Atlantic and the opportunity to learn from one another. He presented the structure of BSO's training programs, expressed openness to hosting train-the-trainer programs in the United States, and offered to send specialists to Romania to deliver courses in the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI) training centers.

This visit marks an important step toward strengthening professional ties between U.S. and Romanian law enforcement institutions, building a framework for collaboration, mutual learning, and the exchange of best practices in public safety and policing.

Mihai Liviu Tărtăreanu
President of IPA ROMANIA

IPA Germany Mannheim International Party Boat Cruise

Get ready for an unforgettable summer night on the water!

IPA Mannheim invites you to join the 8th International Party Boat Cruise on Friday, 17 July 2026.

Cruise Highlights (18:00 – 22:00)

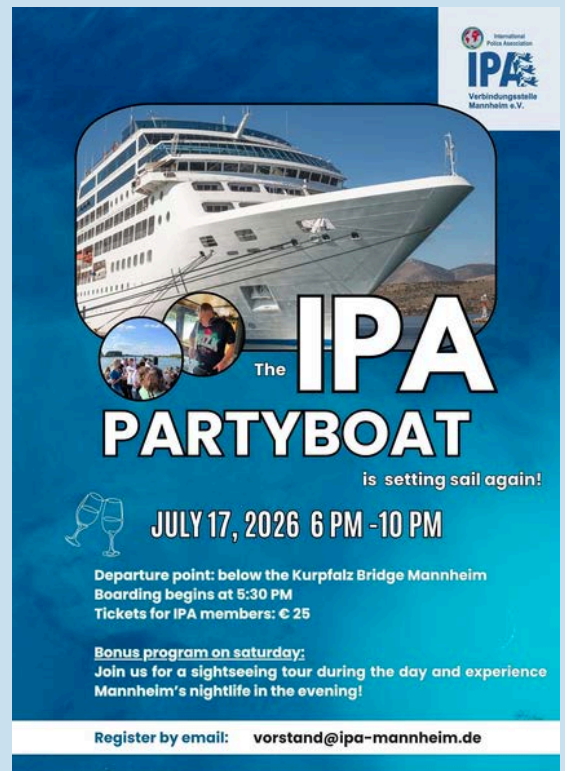
- 4-hour boat trip along the Neckar and Rhine
- Live DJ, dancing, lights, and a fantastic party atmosphere
- Celebrate alongside 240 IPA friends from around the world

But the weekend doesn't end there!

Saturday, 18 July 2026

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Mannheim, discover the rich Palatinate culture, and continue the fun with an evening out in the city.

Join us for a weekend filled with music, culture, and international friendship!



The poster features a large image of a white party boat on the water. In the top right corner is the IPA logo with the text 'International Police Association' and 'Verbindungsstelle Mannheim e.V.'. Below the boat image, the text 'The IPA PARTYBOAT' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Underneath that, it says 'is setting sail again!'. The date and time 'JULY 17, 2026 6 PM - 10 PM' are listed. To the left of the date are two glasses of wine. Below the date, the departure point is 'below the Kurpfalz Bridge Mannheim', boarding begins at 5:30 PM, and tickets for IPA members are € 25. A 'Bonus program on Saturday' is mentioned, inviting participants to join a sightseeing tour during the day and experience Mannheim's nightlife in the evening. At the bottom, it says 'Register by email: vorstand@ipa-mannheim.de'.



Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement Seminar

Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement'

SHEisIPA Seminar 3

23 – 27th October 2025 at IBZ Gimborn

The Professional Commission's SHEisIPA project has recently delivered its third successful seminar at IBZ Gimborn. Focusing on leadership, the 'Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement' event brought together 28 women from 17 Sections into the wonderful learning environment offered by the team at IBZ Gimborn. The seminar was led by one of our own young female leaders and project team member – Kimberly Geber – Police of Lower Saxony – Section Germany.

The first day of the event saw the group visiting the police training camp at Bruhl, Cologne where we were provided with the most fantastic demonstrations and presentations from both the K9 Unit, led by Nicole Klapper, and the Evidence Collection and Arrest Unit of the Riot Police, led and facilitated by Jeanette Bloemen and Carsten Schmitz. Following this unique insight, the group went into Cologne to experience that most beautiful city and take in some of its fantastic culture and history, before returning to IBZ Gimborn later that evening.

On the second day of the seminar, topics discussed ranged from International Police Association (IPA) Fundamentals, delivered by Magda Raducu (SHEisIPA Project Team) to 'Empowered Women Empower Others' delivered by President Section Botswana, Commissioner Dinah Marathe – Botswana Police Service. This was followed by 'Understanding the Mindset of Gen Z' delivered by Head of Learning and People Development at Devon and Cornwall Police (UK). All of these presentations touched on the modern challenges and opportunities within the IPA and policing. In her presentation, Commissioner Marathe said:

"When I first joined the Botswana Police Service over four decades ago, the corridors of leadership looked very different from today. The walls echoed with certainty that, that women were too gentle for command, too emotional for enforcement, too delicate for discipline. But someone, somewhere, opened a door for me and said "Dinah, step in, Try".





Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement Seminar



Commissioner Marathe was the first woman to lead the Botswana Prison Service, as well as being the first woman to lead the Botswana Police Service. It was simultaneously inspiring and motivating to listen to a woman who was sharing how she had overcome the various obstacles in her path.

The same with Ruth, who used her own background and family to illustrate the context of the generational differences when considering Generation Z against their predecessors, the Silent Generation (born pre-1945 – seek comfort and financial security, traditional, loyal), Baby Boomers (born 1946 – 1964 – strong work ethic, disciplined, focused, independent), Generation X (born 1965 – 1980 – Entrepreneurial, value work-life balance, independent), Generation Y (Millennials born 1981 – 1995 – value work-life balance, confident, tech-savvy) and then Generation Alpha born after 2010. This was fascinating because we are all living with, working with or seeing members join from Generation Z, and it is really helpful to understand their social context in order to really understand what motivates them.

From both a policing and IPA perspective, this is really important if trying to maximise engagement in activities and indeed get someone really involved within the organisation. What is successful for one generation is not necessarily effective for another. As a new Section President (UK) with member engagement and recruitment as a core priority, this was something of a lightbulb moment as Ruth went through the tools that would be useful in engaging Generation Z officers and staff.



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After lunch, we were provided with an overview of the work that has been going on within the African Chapter countries by Pel Marumo, one of the SHEisIPA Project Team from Section Botswana. Over the last couple of seminars now, we have had the pleasure of welcoming women from Eswatini, Kenya, Botswana and South Africa. There is some amazing work going on within the African Chapter and it was a great opportunity to hear about it first-hand.

The day rounded off with a presentation by Meike Ahler (Specialist in mental and physical health – Oldenburg Police Department, Lower Saxony, Germany) focusing on ‘Authentic leadership, power, authentic presence in male dominated fields and why mutual empowerment is important’. This was a soft skills session designed to provide tools that delegates could utilise to overcome some of the more common workplace and organisational challenges faced on a daily basis. Meike’s presentation was supported by a most thought-provoking World Café exercise on day three, which made delegates really engage with each other to discuss shared experiences and learning. After all, these seminars are designed to get delegates from around the world sharing best practice and learning across all manner of themes, and Meike’s workshop exercises did that perfectly and were fun and very well received.



Seminar Chair, Kimberly Geber rounded off the day with a very thorough and carefully delivered presentation about ‘Leadership and Mental Health’, something very close to the hearts of the officers in the room as the challenges of policing in the current climate add to the pressures placed daily on officers and those leaders responsible for them. Kimberly focused on spotting the signs and symptoms of stress, as well as tools to deal with them. She considered the ‘7 pillars of resilience’ when considering this through a leadership lens. The entire presentation gave those in the room much to go away and reflect upon.





Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement Seminar

The final day of the seminar took the leadership theme forwards through a presentation about 'Inclusive Leadership' delivered by Dr Jose Rooijers (Section Netherlands) and then 'A Candid Conversation: Critical Incident and Response: Leadership Lessons Learned' by former US Capitol Police Acting Chief Yogananda Pittman. Both women are senior operational leaders in their own fields of policing, making their insight very current and relevant. Jose spoke about the 'Five Pillars of Inclusion', 'Why Inclusive Leadership Matters', 'the Dutch Model of Inclusive Leadership' and the questions leaders should be asking that transform organisational culture. This was a model that everyone could take away and reflect on in their own part of policing. She left the group with this message as a shout out to the need to be your authentic self in whatever you are doing:

"Be Brave Enough to be Imperfect"

When Yogananda Pittman took to the floor, it was to the sound of 'I'm every Woman' by Chaka Khan, a song to motivate anyone at any time. Yogananda was speaking about the Capitol Hill riots of January 6th. However, it was a reflection in leadership and managing a critical incident on an epic scale, rather than anything to do with politics. It was about dealing with the conflicting interests of stakeholders, managing the press, managing staff welfare and dealing with a huge upcoming event with the associated security concerns within a couple of weeks (the Presidential Inauguration). It was a personal reflection mixed with faith, culture and literature. It was quite something else. The day rounded off with a very positive message from International President Martin Hoffmann, the very definition of a male ally to the SHEisIPA project, and we are always very grateful for his, Chair Professional Commission Diego Trolese and the wider IEB's support.

As ever with any event at IBZ Gimborn, the joy of the environment is the ability to stay on site in the evenings, go to the Turmbar and get that cultural exchange underway in style. We saw traditional dancing from Spain and Cyprus, traditional food and drink, as well as some lovely music from all around the world. It is this that makes events at IBZ Gimborn so special. The cultural immersion that delegates will remember for years should they not find the opportunity to return. It is here that bonds are strengthened, friendships forged and the SHEisIPA network cemented.

None of that would be possible were it not for the wonderful team at IBZ Gimborn, led by Rene Kauffmann and Ulrike Neuhoof who work tirelessly around all of these seminars to ensure that the quality is high, and the individual experience is as good as it can possibly be.

The SHEisIPA team are looking forward to delivering their 4th seminar event at IBZ Gimborn between the 12th and 17th April 2026 – 'Empowering Female Leaders in the IPA'. More details will be circulated about the programme and registration in due course, but for now, if you are interested in attending, please speak with your national board.

Karen Duckworth
Project Lead #SHEisIPA



Testimonial from Yumiko Ueno – Japan

I attended the International Police Association #SHEisIPA Conference titled Empowering Female Leaders in Law Enforcement. The seminar brought together 28 women from 17 different countries. It was a great pleasure to meet female police officers from around the world and to listen to the inspiring lectures shared by each speaker.

I was deeply impressed by many of the words shared by the speakers, such as: “Authentic leadership is not about being perfect.”, “Legitimacy is built not in what we say, but in how we listen.” and “Do not look at the problem. Look for the solution.” etc.

Personally, I’m not always confident about being a leader, but I realized during the seminar that I’m not the only one who feels that way. I was impressed that the Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police, who handled the 2023 Federal Assembly attack shared her story with us honestly. She explained that even when she didn’t feel confident about making the right decisions, she still had to take responsibility as Chief, sometimes hiding her struggles and doubts in order to achieve her role.

I was amazed to learn that the challenges we face are quite similar all over the world. It’s understandable that police organizations have traditionally been male-dominated. However, as society moves toward true gender equality, we must also adapt. Women can no longer step back. I believe it is essential for women to contribute their perspectives and experiences to achieve better outcomes and more balanced decisions. The SHEisIPA program taught and inspired me greatly.

I think we are still on the journey toward building a better police organization—one where both male and female officers share responsibilities equally, while making the most of their individual strengths, characteristics, and cooperation.

I also truly enjoyed sharing thoughts and experiences with the other female officers. I was impressed whenever I discovered both the differences and similarities in our police work around the world. I am truly grateful to have connected with everyone.

I sincerely hope many female officers will attend the SHEisIPA seminar so that our female network can continue to grow. Thank you for everything.



Yumiko Ueno
IPA Japan

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IPA Slovakia Motorcycle Meeting

ZERRENPACH LÁTKY 4TH – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Late in 2024 I became aware of a motorcycle meeting being arranged by IPA Slovakia in Látky, at the Hotel Zerrenpach from the 4th to the 7th September 2025. A price of 295€ per person for accommodation and food seemed very reasonable.

Never having visited Slovakia before, but being keen motorcyclists, my wife (Lou) and I discussed the possibility of going and soon decided this was a trip not to be missed.



Reservations were made and a trip was planned from our home in Alsace, Eastern France, where we have lived for many years. Despite living in France I have retained my membership of the UK IPA section, and also belong to the UK IPA Motorcycle SIG.

On Tuesday 2nd September we set off, me on my BMW R1250 GSA and Lou on her BMW R1200 RS. With overnight stops near Munich and Vienna, we duly arrived at the venue on the afternoon of Thursday 4th. Just before reaching the venue, we refuelled and met up with 3 French colleagues who were also attending the meeting (Christophe, Sandrine and Patrick).

The weather had been kind on the trip, and a mixture of Autobahn and country roads had made for an enjoyable journey.

By the number of bikes already in the car park at the time of our arrival, and the steady flow afterwards, this was obviously going to be a big meeting. It was later estimated that over 100 bikes attended with more than 140 participants.



Once refreshed, it was time to have a beer (or two) and start mixing with other members. By looking around the car park at the bikes, it was apparent that IPA members from Spain, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, North Macedonia, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary (and possibly some I've missed) were present. Fortunately, English was widely spoken so communication was not a problem.

At the evening meal, which was typical Slovakian cuisine, Mgr. Richard KADNÁR, President Slovak section IPA welcomed us all and ran through the programme for the weekend. It was stressed that the organised rides out on Friday and Saturday would depart at 08.30 hrs prompt, so breakfast would be from 07.00 hrs (no chance of a lie in then!!).

IPA Slovakia Motorcycle Meeting



Following an enjoyable evening it was off to bed and a good night's sleep. It was mentioned that in Slovakia the drink/drive alcohol level is zero, so this had to be borne in mind when consuming alcohol in the evening.

Following a lovely breakfast with copious quantities of Slovakian food (Lou especially liked the spicy beans, complete with paprika and chopped sausages, which we called "Cowboy Beans" from the film Blazing Saddles), we were off, bang on 08.30hrs, with a Police Escort (2 bikes and a pilot car) assisted by Slovakian IPA outriders. The escort was definitely needed as getting the huge number of bikes through junctions and towns in one complete group was no mean feat. Many locals lined the streets and waved at what must have been a truly spectacular sight.

We had a coffee stop mid-morning and saw some lovely scenery on our 130 km morning ride before reaching our lunch venue. A surprise was that lunch was all laid on and included in the price of the weekend. After lunch, time for a walk around to get a bit of exercise before continuing on the afternoon ride of 135 km (also with a stop mid-way).

Following our return to the hotel, time for a shower, change of clothing and then more socialising and eating !!

Once again, at 08.30 hrs Saturday morning we were off, still with our Police Escort. First stop was the Slovak National Uprising Museum, where we were given a very interesting talk (in English) about life in the region under the Nazi regime and afterwards.



Our 165 km morning ride once again finished with a lunch (also included in the price of the meeting) before a more leisurely 90 km ride back to the hotel.

Before the evening meal, presentations were made to and from each participating country and other gifts were exchanged between groups. One gift received from the Slovakian IPA was very interesting, a hunting knife engraved by the Slovak IPA. Bet you wouldn't get that at a UK IPA meeting !! Best keep that safe at home.



IPA Slovakia Motorcycle Meeting

On Sunday morning breakfast was slightly later and then it was time for everyone to go their separate ways. Goodbyes were said and off we all went.

It was mentioned that in 2026 another similar meeting was being planned, maybe in North Macedonia and that information would be sent out in due course.

It had been a truly fantastic weekend which was very well organised, a superb service being provided by the Slovakian Police escort and IPA outriders with wonderful roads and scenery and a great venue with lovely food and a great atmosphere living up to the traditions of the IPA.



For Lou and me it was time for a steady ride home. We first crossed Hungary, stopping overnight near Lake Balaton. Our original hotel had suffered a serious fire the day before, so a last-minute change was needed, but a very good replacement was quickly found.

One moment on the way to the hotel amused us. The roads in Hungary are generally quiet and enjoyable, but at one point an HGV sat right on our tail through several villages, clearly ignoring the 50 km/h limits.

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As soon as the road opened up he blasted past us, still in the 50 zone. A few kilometres later, as we approached the next village, we spotted him pulled over with a local Police Officer holding a handheld radar. Summary justice—and as an ex-Traffic Officer I found it very satisfying.

From Hungary we rode through Slovenia into Italy, spending four nights in two locations. We had only one rainy day on the whole tour, and thanks to a cunning plan we took the train to Venice and spent the day sightseeing. Among the many tourist highlights we noticed something unusual: a prison on the island, with prisoners transported by prison boats. We even saw one inmate arrive and another depart.

We had been researching motorcycle airbags for some time, and as luck would have it, a supplier of the model we wanted was nearby—so we bought one each and used them for the rest of the journey. The final part of the trip took us through the Brenner Pass into Austria, then an overnight in Bavaria before heading home.

A great tour with fantastic roads, beautiful scenery, good weather, and the pleasure of meeting new IPA friends from many countries. We now wait to see what 2026 has in store.

Bob BLAKE – IPA UK Section

IPA Germany at Enforce Tac and IWA Outdoor Classics 2026 in Nuremberg

Free season tickets for IPA members

When it comes to safety, professionalism, and the operational readiness of our colleagues, only the best equipment is good enough.

That's why IPA Germany will once again be represented – together with IBZ Schloss Gimborn – at the Enforce Tac and IWA Outdoor Classics trade fairs in Nuremberg in 2026.

From 23 to 25 February 2026, IPA Germany will again be present with its own information and networking booth at Enforce Tac – the international trade fair for law enforcement, security, and tactical professionals.

You'll find us in Hall 7, Stand 7-387.

All IPA friends, colleagues, and members are warmly invited to visit our booth, get informed, and engage in conversation.

Together with IBZ Schloss Gimborn, we'll be available to discuss training opportunities, international cooperation, and ways to strengthen professional and collegial collaboration.



A special highlight: IPA members will once again have the opportunity to visit both fairs free of charge.

Through the local sections, voucher codes will be provided in due time, allowing members to redeem a free season ticket for Enforce Tac 2026.

These vouchers are strictly for IPA members only and must be used in combination with a valid IPA membership card.

As usual, entry to Enforce Tac and IWA Outdoor Classics is restricted to trade visitors only.

Trade visitor status can be verified by presenting a service ID, an IPA membership card, a written confirmation from a security authority, or a reference letter from an exhibiting company.

We look forward to meeting many familiar faces and new visitors in Nuremberg in 2026 – for inspiring conversations, fresh ideas, and to celebrate the international spirit of the IPA:

Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship!
Philipp Kurz – IPA Germany

IPA South Africa Joins Global Blue Walks Initiative

Unity in Motion: IPA Walk for Blue Draws Powerful Support at Harties River Hiking Trail Hartbeespoort, 5 October 2025

Against the backdrop of clear skies and scenic trails, members of the International Police Association (IPA) South Africa Section came together for the highly anticipated IPA Blue Walk, hosted by the IPA National Head Office in collaboration with the IPA Johannesburg Region. Held at the picturesque Harties River Hiking Trail, the event drew a vibrant crowd of IPA members, families, and supporters — all united by a shared commitment to honour law enforcement and promote community solidarity.

Participants proudly donned shades of blue as they hiked through nature, symbolising their support for the men and women who serve and protect.



The day began with a warm welcome and registration, followed by a scenic hike that offered both reflection and camaraderie. With temperatures peaking at 29°C and a UV index of 10, attendees were well-prepared with sunblock, hats, and plenty of water — a testament to the event's thoughtful planning.

After the hike, many stayed on for the Bring & Braai, where fires were provided and laughter echoed across the venue. Families gathered with cooler bags, meats, and camping chairs, enjoying a relaxed afternoon of connection and celebration.

The event also served as a platform to strengthen bonds between regions, showcase the IPA's commitment to community engagement, and highlight the importance of mental and physical wellness in policing.

"This walk wasn't just about fitness or fun," said Jacques Loots, Office Manager at IPA South Africa Head Office. "It was about walking together — in unity, in remembrance, and in support of those who dedicate their lives to public safety."

As the sun set over Hartbeespoort, the IPA Walk for Blue left behind more than footprints — it left a legacy of connection, gratitude, and pride.

Vossie Vos
President, IPA South Africa

Margit Korporaal Arthur Troop Scholarship

My name is Margit Korporaal, I am 31 years old and have been a Police Officer for the Rotterdam Unit in the Netherlands for ten years. I have been an IPA member for almost four years and was honoured to receive the ATS Scholarship 2025, which I used to attend the "Gang Awareness Update" training in Sacramento, California.

I specifically selected this course because in the district where I work, we increasingly deal with youth and street gangs, often influenced by American gang culture. Learning directly from experienced officers in the United States felt like a unique opportunity.



Before departure, I connected with Detective Sergeant Jason Hernandez, who organised the course. He was enthusiastic from the beginning — and, as it turned out, his grandmother was Dutch and even from the same village as my parents. A remarkable coincidence and the first sign of how special this exchange would become.

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I flew to San Francisco first to recover from the jet lag and do some sightseeing. I stayed in a hostel, met other travellers, and explored the city — Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39, Alcatraz, and a comedy club. I even visited a local police station and received a tour from Sergeant Angus Chambers.

The Course

The training took place at the Sheriff's Office and covered: Arrival in the U.S.

I flew to San Francisco first, giving myself a weekend to recover from jet lag and explore the city. I stayed in a hostel, met other travellers, and spent the weekend visiting iconic sights — Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39, Alcatraz and the Painted Ladies. I even toured a local police station and was invited back to join a patrol the following weekend.



Margit Korporaal Arthur Troop Scholarship

On Sunday, I picked up a rental car and drove to Sacramento, full of excitement for the week ahead. Jason welcomed me with dinner that same evening and was immediately curious about the IPA — by the end of the night, he said he planned to apply for membership.



The Training

The three-day course was held at the Sacramento Sheriff's Office. I was the only international attendee, but the group made me feel at home right away.

Topics included:

- Black street gangs
- Hispanic gangs
- Asian gangs
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
- White Supremacist groups

Although some gang types are different from those we encounter in Rotterdam, the patterns of recruitment, criminal activity and community vulnerability were very similar. A District Attorney also provided insight into case-building for gang-related prosecutions, which gave me new ideas to bring back to my team.

During breaks, classmates asked about policing in the Netherlands, youth crime trends, and our legislation. The exchange of knowledge flowed **naturally — exactly what the ATS Scholarship is designed to promote.**

Operational Experiences

Each evening, Jason and his colleagues arranged opportunities that made the week unforgettable:

- A helicopter fly-along for a patrol shift, during which we assisted in a high-risk vehicle stop and responded to a helicopter crash.
- A ride-along with the Gang Suppression Unit, where I observed proactive vehicle stops and gang-member checks.
- A tour of the main county jail, including gang-segregated housing units.
- A visit to Lake Tahoe, where I even swam (briefly!) in the freezing blue water.
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These activities allowed a direct comparison between our policing methods. We discussed the differences in legislation, equipment, and procedures — discovering areas where each country could learn from the other. Several officers expressed interest in visiting Rotterdam to continue this knowledge exchange.



Margit Korporaal Arthur Troop Scholarship



Reflection

As I write this on the plane back to the Netherlands, I feel incredibly grateful. The ATS Scholarship gave me far more than professional development – it gave me international friendships, new perspectives, and genuine collaboration with colleagues on the other side of the world.

I return home with new knowledge, new motivation, and the conviction that the IPA spirit – *Servo per Amikeco* (Service Through Friendship) – truly builds bridges across borders.

Thank you to the International Police Association and the ATS Scholarship programme for making this unforgettable experience possible.

Margit Korporaal
IPA Netherlands

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Low Lands on Patrol 2026

IPA Sections Limburg (Netherlands) and Antwerpen (Belgium) proudly present Low Lands on Patrol 2026, taking place from 12–20 April 2026.

This cross-border event embodies the IPA motto “*Servo per Amikeco*”, strengthening cooperation between the Low Countries while creating meaningful opportunities for young members. The programme aims to showcase the many possibilities within the IPA, encourage international friendship, and inspire the next generation of IPA members.

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Steve currently the director at Aerial Defence Ltd, Steven has a rich law enforcement career history in Essex, CTP and an NPCC advisor. Serving in Roads Policing, Serious Crime Directorate, Serious Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Policing. His passion for police innovation and problem-solving led to a roles a national police advisor on drones, where he specialised in digital forensics, investigative opportunities, and countering the criminal misuse of UAVs.

Paul currently working for DroneControl and AIR Solutions Group, Paul has a law enforcement career history in Essex in roles in Roads Policing, Road Scene Manager, Investigation, Drone Trainer and Force helicopter flight operations. This work now involves capture of aerial data with UAS (Unscrewed aircraft systems), Airborne Infrastructure Response and UA usage in first responder scenarios.

Drones, UAVs and Counter-unmanned aerial systems with Steve and Paul

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IPA North Macedonia Megdan 2025

In the period 02-05 October 2025, IPA North Macedonia & IPA Region Strumica IPA successfully organised International Gathering and on the 4th of October the 3rd Shooting Tournament "IPA MEGDAN 2025".

During their stay in the lovely city of Strumica all the participants have the chance to visit and to explore the culture and history heritage of this region and visit the Monasteries, Museums and beautiful landscape. The social part was inevitable, and they enjoyed the traditional food and drinks as well as the traditional music.



Their presence brought positive energy, new friendships, unforgettable camaraderie, and opened doors to future collaborations. For us, this is a strong motivation to make next year's tournament even more successful!

In the competition part they scored the following results:

Pistol 9 mm:

1. Robert Ioan Olaru- IPA Romania
2. Igorche Kocev - IPA Region Strumica
3. Kristijan Panajotovikj -IPA Region Skopje

Small-caliber rifle:

1. Robert Tasevski – IPA Region Shtip
2. Aleksandar Cvetkovski – IPA Region Shtip
3. Dr. Musaed Alhajjar – IPA United Kingdom

Trap:

1. Vase Rusumanov – IPA Region Strumica
2. Mpenekis Dimitrios-IPA Grece
3. Toshe Todosovski – IPA Region Shtip



IPA North Macedonia Megdan 2025



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the representatives from the Regions of IPA National Sections of: IPA Moldova, IPA Romania, IPA United Kingdom, IPA Greece, IPA Bulgaria and IPA Serbia, as well most of the regions from IPA North Macedonia.

We would like to express special thanks to the high representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs: Mr. Jovan Altandziev, Assistant Minister of the Department for Civil Affairs, and Mr. Adnan Jashari, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Public Security, who officially opened this year's tournament.

We are also grateful to the President of the National IPA Section of North Macedonia, Mr. Igno Stojkov, and his team, for their continuous support and active participation in the realization of the event.

Our sincere thanks also go to Mr. Jordan Tasevski, President of the Macedonian Sports Shooting Federation, for their support, as well as to the "Megdan" Shooting Center in Popchevo for hosting the event.

And finally, we want to thanks to all our IPA members, friends and supporters who selflessly contributed to the organisation of this tournament and helped us create a successful international event.

We look forward to seeing you again next year!

IPA North Macedonia



The Major Event of Israel in 2025



A major cultural event of IPA Israel was held in November 2025 at the Tel Aviv Culture Hall. It was a salute to the police officers who fell on 7.10.23 defending the Gaza Strip, the police officers who were taken alive and well to Gaza, and the hundreds of injured police officers. All the families of the fallen police officers, the injured, and their families were invited to the event. Police units, the Command and Staff Course, the Israel Police Command, and the Prison Service, the IPA Israel presidency, all branch chairmen, and IPA members were also invited. 2,400 members participated in the moving event.

At the opening of the event, after the IPA anthem was played, the audience honored all those who have fallen since 7.10.23.

In her speech, IPA President Adv. Gal Sharon noted the great assistance that was mobilized from IPA sections around the world, from New York police officers and other organizations for the benefit of the families of the fallen officers. IPA will continue to be in contact with the families and will also assist the injured officers and their families.



This was the second annual event since 7.10.23 and last year, hope was expressed to see all the living and deceased abductees back in Israel. At this year's event, it was possible to congratulate the return of all the living abductees and some of the deceased.



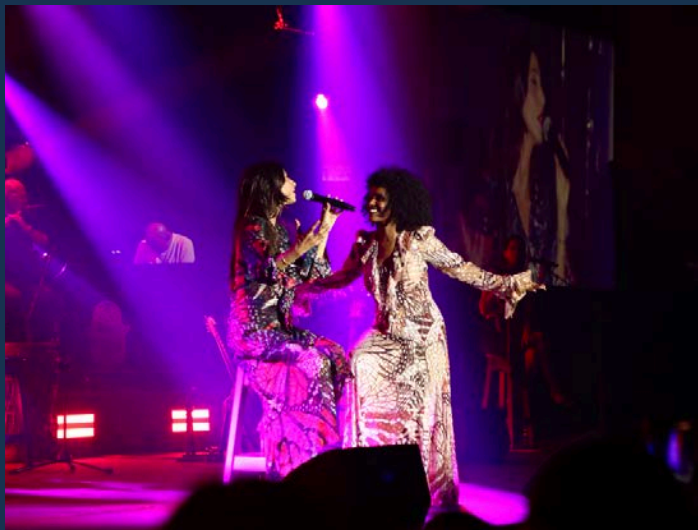
The Major Event of Israel in 2025

The main artist was one of the most popular singers in Israel and the world, Idan Raichel, who became famous for his world music that combines ethnic motifs from Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

We met with Idan Raichel before the performance and gave him an overview of the IPA in the world and in Israel, we introduced him to the families of fallen police officers and he dedicated the performance to them.



During the performance, he said that he had performed at several funerals and memorials for fallen police officers, and in one case, the younger sister of a fallen police officer approached him and invited him a month later to her performance as part of a children's choir in which she participates. He said that this moved him greatly, because on the side of great sadness there should be continuity of life and light at the end of the tunnel, and he sees performing before the families of fallen and injured police officers as a great privilege, the right to bring joy.



IPA Israel held over 100 cultural events for IPA members in Israel during 2025. Events for families, children, police officers, wardens, events in units, in cities. Over 70,000 participants, IPA members and their families, took part in all these events.

Eran Israel
IPA Israel
Secretary General

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IPA Romania and IPA Germany: A Professional Partnership

Two of the largest IPA sections join forces to promote professional excellence and international friendship.

In a significant milestone for police forces' international cooperation, IPA Romania and IPA Germany – the two largest national sections within the International Police Association – have successfully completed a joint professional exchange program in Bucharest and across several key Romanian institutions.



The initiative marks the beginning of a long-term partnership built on professional development, mutual respect, and the enduring IPA motto: "Servo per Amikeco".

A Program with a Strong Professional Core

The exchange was more than a symbolic visit – it placed professional training and institutional collaboration at the heart of its agenda.

Throughout the week, the German delegation visited several major institutions within Romania's law enforcement system, including the Romanian Police Academy, the General Inspectorate of the Border Police, the Gendarmerie Training and Development Center in Ochiuri, the General Directorate of the Bucharest Municipality Police – Police Station No. 2, and the National Administration of Penitentiaries – Rahova Penitentiary.



Each visit provided opportunities for dialogue on operational strategies, training standards, and modern approaches to policing. The program highlighted the high level of professionalism and dedication demonstrated by Romanian institutions and emphasized the importance of sharing best practices across borders.

"The professional component of this exchange is essential," one participant stated.

"It allows us not only to share experiences but also to elevate the standards of our institutions through cooperation and mutual learning."



IPA Romania and IPA Germany: A Professional Partnership

Debriefing: High Standards and Shared Vision

At the conclusion of the program, a joint debriefing session was held, during which both delegations reflected on the week's activities. Discussions highlighted the high standards of the institutions visited, the professionalism of their personnel, and the openness with which knowledge and experience were exchanged.



The participants agreed that this initiative demonstrates the leadership role of the largest IPA sections in promoting cooperation, innovation, and continuous professional growth within the global IPA network.

"When the largest national IPA sections unite, their impact extends beyond borders," remarked an IPA Romania representative.

"Together, we create a platform for professional excellence and genuine friendship."

Friendship Beyond the Uniform

Beyond the professional activities, the program also included cultural and social components, giving participants a chance to discover Romania's traditions, heritage, and hospitality.

IPA Romania expressed sincere appreciation to all institutional partners and colleagues who supported the initiative, emphasizing that this exchange marks a new beginning for long-term collaboration and future joint projects in training, leadership, and international cooperation. A Shared Commitment to Service and Friendship.

As the program concluded, both delegations reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening professional standards and promoting mutual understanding between police officers across Europe.

This successful exchange serves as an inspiring example of how professional excellence and international friendship can go hand in hand, proving once again that the IPA spirit continues to unite law enforcement officers worldwide.

Servo per Amikeco

Mihai Liviu Tărtăreanu
President of IPA ROMANIA



IPA Brazil – Strategic Management Agenda 2025

The International Police Association Brazil Section – IPA Brazil, in its administration from Jul/2021 to Oct/2025, successfully completed its strategic management plan, finalized through its last three acts (actions) during the months of September and October of this year. They are as follows:

ACT 1 – FAVELA ON DUTY (2nd Edition)

Between September 2nd and 13th, 2025, “Favela On Duty,” the most important international police training exchange program of IPA in Brazil directed at IPA police members from other countries, took place. This year, “Favela On Duty” was held in the city of Rio de Janeiro and in Ilha Grande/RJ, under the coordination of the IPA Brazil Regional Office in the State of Rio de Janeiro. Twenty police officers from Germany, Austria, Canada, Ireland, and Bulgaria participated, along with observers from the Federal Highway Police, the Special Operations Battalion (BOPE), and the State Prosecutor’s Office of Tocantins.

[See Video](#)



During the “Favela On Duty” training—which covered night time favela movement, maritime and aerial operations, hostage action, and others, including how to dance samba (a Brazilian musical style born in the hills of Rio de Janeiro)—participants had the opportunity to visit the Cândido Mendes Prison Colony, located in Ilha Grande on the Brazilian coast, as well as elite Brazilian police units such as:

CORE – Special Resources Coordination, a special operations unit of the Civil Police that operates in highly complex situations, requiring extensive training and preparation. These units are equipped to intervene in dangerous situations using armoured vehicles and providing advanced tactical support to other police stations;

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BOPE – Special Police Operations Battalion, an elite unit of the Military Police, specially trained and equipped to act in high-risk situations, such as hostage rescues and confrontations in high-crime areas where conventional units cannot operate;

SAER – Aeropolice Service, which supports the Brazilian police operational system through aircraft (helicopters, planes, drones, etc.) for police support, aerial monitoring, and rescue;

BAC – K9 Operations Battalion, a police unit specialised in the use of dogs in operational activities.

To the pride of IPA Brazil, “Favela On Duty” is now considered the best international police integration course in South America, improving its curriculum each year to offer foreign police officers a realistic view of Brazil’s criminal and operational policing system, as well as increasing enrolment capacity. Even greater pride goes to IPA Brazil’s Academic Center, which has seen extremely high demand for the 3rd edition of “Favela On Duty,” scheduled for September 2026, making it necessary to open registrations already in January 2026.



ACT 2 – International Course on Police Institutional Relations

From September 15th to 26th, 2025 (two consecutive weeks), IPA Brazil, through its Academic Center–IPA Brazil, in partnership with the Public Security Parliamentary Front of the Brazilian National Congress, developed an International Course on Police Institutional Relations, in both online and on-site formats. The course involved IPA UK, Colorado State Patrol (USA), Gendarmerie Nationale de France, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Embassy of Japan, members of the Brazilian public security system, and national institutions such as the National Association of Public Security Professionals, the National Secretariat of Public Security of the Brazilian Ministry of Justice, among others, totalling approximately 700 police officers participating in person.

[See Video](#)

The Course addressed highly specialised topics. For example, IPA UK and SEBP/UK presented on “Artificial Intelligence and Public Security.” An unusual experience occurred when the IPA UK lecture in Brazil took place simultaneously with the related seminar being held by IPA UK abroad—something unprecedented for us, especially considering the time-zone coordination.

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The IPA Brazil instructor presented the topic: “Critical Thinking in Police Activity,” aligned with presentations from other participating institutions, such as “Innovation and Technological Management for Public Security,” “Impact of Superior Court Decisions on Public Security Operations,” “Institutional Relations,” among others, including the keynote lecture titled “Institutional Relations for Public Security” delivered by former President of Brazil, Michel Temer.



The course, developed in partnership with IPA Brazil, sought to establish a connection with its work before the Brazilian National Congress concerning the approval of its project for the Parliamentary Commission designated to promote the Constitutional Amendment Proposal regarding National Public Security. This amendment aims to strengthen security and guarantees for the police sector in combating crime, especially criminal organisations, as well as its representation within Brazilian society. In essence, it is the insertion of IPA's philosophy into the Brazilian Constitution.

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INTERNATIONAL COP

The Public Security Parliamentary Front launched, during the International COP in São Paulo, the Council of National Representative Public Security Professional Entities.



Bringing together leaders from 23 national associations, the launch included a lecture by the Governor of the State of Goiás, Dr. Ronaldo Caiado. Afterwards, the association leaders introduced themselves, and closing the agenda, the Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Mr. Carl Maupin, presented on the IACP and partnership opportunities with Brazilian associations for strengthening public security.

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The Special Advisor to the Presidency of IPA Brazil and Institutional Relations Coordinator of the Public Security Parliamentary Front, Major William Miller, participated in organizing and conducting the creation of the Council of Representative Entities of Public Security Professionals.

This Council, composed of more than twenty national public security associations, will work with the Federal Legislative Branch to support Federal Deputies and Senators in developing projects, policies, and actions aimed at improving the public security system. IPA Brazil is a consultative entity of the Council and will also assist in guiding and structuring its work.

ACT 3 – NEW ADMINISTRATION OF IPA BRAZIL

On October 13th, 2025, following publication in the Official Gazette of the Union, the Extraordinary General Electoral Assembly for the Inauguration and Start of Term of the new National Executive Board, Fiscal Council, and Ethics Council of IPA Brazil took place. These leaders were elected in the vote held on June 30th of the current year, with 76% of valid votes.

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The Extraordinary General Assembly was held in the auditorium of Casa da Cultura in Brasília/DF, the capital of Brazil, with the presence of national authorities from the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches, as well as a large number of members who came to honour the Vice-President of IPA Brazil, Diogo Deleuze, who, during this event, assumed the presidency of IPA Brazil.

IPA member Diogo Deleuze, now National President of IPA Brazil, stated in his Inaugural Address:

"I am proud to have been part of this management team that now concludes its term, for I am a participant witness to the arduous work conducted to restore the representativeness of this National Section and elevate it to a level never before seen in the existence of IPA in Brazil. I understand that we have built a new IPA in Brazil, and not a simple creation, for I see it today as the Phoenix bird from Greek mythology, for we have risen from the ashes to the beauty the Entity now holds.

Of course, I must also express that it was a work of great sweat and anguish to reach the point where we stand today.



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I equally cannot fail to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of my predecessor, Dr. Joel Zarpellon Mazo, for I have witnessed what he has done to achieve the current IPA Brazil–Phoenix, and I am honoured to always stand beside him in our battles.

I agree with the statements made by many members who say that if IPA Brazil has remained alive until now, we owe much to Dr. Mazo, as we call him here. I conclude by saying that not everything was ‘flowers’ in our electoral process, in which I was honoured to receive 76% of valid votes, for the process, troubled by the defeated opposing slate, brought sadness and many challenges for the new administration, which I am certain will all be overcome so that the eternal life of IPA Brazil will be maintained.

Finally, I cannot fail to thank the current President of IPA, Martin Hoffmann, for believing in us and supporting us in dark moments, giving us the certainty that his Brazilian Section will continue to grow and seek a level that will make him proud. Count on us always.

Servo per Amikeco.”

Total success to the new administration of IPA Brazil. Long live IPA in Brazil.

IPA Brazil



The Friendship Relay – Via Transilvanica 2025



Throughout the entire month of August 2025, members and friends of the International Police Association – IPA Romania took part in a remarkable event celebrating camaraderie, perseverance, and national unity: The Friendship Relay – Via Transilvanica.

Via Transilvanica, also known as “The Road that Unites”, became in August the main point of interest for movement and nature enthusiasts within the great IPA family. The relay started from the spiritual heart of Bukovina, Putna Monastery, after participants received the blessing of the monastery’s abbot. On the same day, IPA Romania signed a partnership agreement with Tasuleasa Social Association, represented by the renowned ultramarathon runner Tibi Useriu, marking the beginning of a journey that combined sport, friendship and social responsibility.

Covering more than 1,400 kilometers across 10 counties of Romania — from the northern mountains to the banks of the Danube in the southwest — the route showcased Romania’s natural beauty, cultural richness, and historic landmarks.

Monday, 13 October 2025

The first day began with an informative presentation about the specific features of the work of the Bern Cantonal Police. We gained a comprehensive understanding of its structure, main duties, and organisational setup.

Later, we had the opportunity to join local officers on patrols, familiarise ourselves with their equipment, respond to calls, and visit various operational sites across the city. We also visited the joint operations center, where the fire brigade, police, and rescue services work closely together.

The day was extremely interesting, dynamic, and educational. It was impressive to see the professionalism of the Bern police — a valuable experience that we will take back to Lithuania.

The event brought together over 300 IPA members from regional branches along the route and from other parts of the country, all united by the same spirit of friendship and solidarity. Whether walking, running, or cycling, participants had the chance to disconnect from daily challenges and enjoy the stunning landscapes of Romania.



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The relay concluded on August 31st, in Drobeta-Turnu Severin, coinciding with the anniversary of IPA Romania. With the support of local authorities in Mehedinți, participants celebrated both the successful completion of the relay and IPA Romania's anniversary, creating a festive and memorable conclusion to the event.

More than just a sporting challenge, the Friendship Relay – Via Transilvanica 2025 was a tribute to teamwork, resilience, and the beauty of Romania – a journey that united people across generations, regions, and professions under the same banner of friendship.

Mihai Liviu Tărtăreanu
President of IPA ROMANIA



IPA Liège (Belgium) A wonderful trip to the "Centre of the earth" in Iceland

From 12 to 20 June 2025, IPA Liège organised a magnificent trip to Iceland, joined by 21 participants, including two friends from IPA Genève. What followed was a truly remarkable journey through one of the most magical landscapes on earth – a land of volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls and legends.

Warm IPA Welcome in Reykjavik

On the first evening, the group was officially welcomed at the Reykjavik Police Headquarters by Baldur Ólafsson, President of IPA Iceland, together with police colleagues.



A wonderful moment of friendship, conversations, photos and gift exchanges, perfectly reflecting the IPA motto *Servo per Amikeco*.

It was also fascinating to learn that Iceland's police service, with around 900 officers, covers a territory of more than 103,000 km², serving a population of approx. 387,000

Discovering Iceland's Natural Wonders

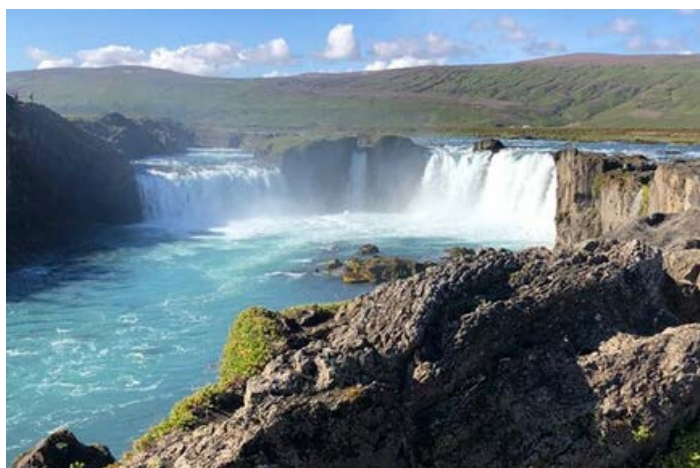
With the excellent guidance of Yann, the group travelled across the island and discovered spectacular sites, each as impressive as the next:

- Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss, two powerful waterfalls where the group even walked behind the water curtain of Seljalandsfoss.
- The dramatic black sand beach of Reynisfjara, with its basalt columns and ocean waves.
- Dyrhólaey, the lava promontory offering breathtaking views and puffin colonies.
- Vatnajökull National Park and Skaftafell, home to vast glaciers sliding down between the mountains.
- The magical Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, where participants sailed among drifting blue icebergs and tasted ice that was over a thousand years old.



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- The stunning landscapes of the Eastern Fjords, steep mountains, small fishing villages and the mysterious legend of the Lagarfljót monster.
- Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe, famous for its appearance in the film Prometheus.
- The geothermal world of Námaskarð, with boiling mud pools and steaming fumaroles.
- The volcanic region of Lake Mývatn, full of birdlife and incredible geological formations.
- And finally, the iconic Golden Circle:
- Geysir, where Strokkur erupts every few minutes
- The majestic Gullfoss waterfall
- Þingvellir National Park, birthplace of the world's oldest parliament



Reykjavik, the Perlan & the Blue Lagoon

Back in Reykjavik, the group explored the Perlan Museum, including its ice cave, volcano experience and exhibitions on Iceland's unique climate and wildlife – a rich and fascinating visit for everyone.

To end the journey in style, participants enjoyed a relaxing afternoon at the world-famous Blue Lagoon, surrounded by black lava fields and turquoise geothermal waters – the perfect final chapter of an extraordinary trip.

A Trip Filled With Friendship and Discovery

This journey will remain a memorable experience for everyone: breathtaking landscapes, Icelandic traditions, warm encounters, legends of hidden people, volcanic views, moss-covered lava fields, Icelandic horses, and above all, wonderful moments shared in true IPA spirit.

Future IPA Liège Adventures

IPA Liège continues to propose high-quality international trips. In 2026:

- Tanzania & Zanzibar – 27 April to 8 May 2026
- Edinburgh Military Tattoo & Highlands Tour – 16 to 20 August 2026

For information or to join future trips:

André NICOLAS

Honorary President IPA Liège (Belgium)



Upcoming Events



IPA Spain – Zambomba 2025

5-7 December 2025



IPA Netherlands Blue Light Ride

10th December 2025



IPA Spain – Motorcycle Route Transpirenaica

11-14 December 2025



IPA UK – Scotland – Ceilidh Weekend

30 Jan – 2nd Feb 2026



IPA Germany Bremen Kohltour 2026

6-8 February 2026



IPA Latvia International ice Hockey Tournament 2026

19-22 March 2026

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:

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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.

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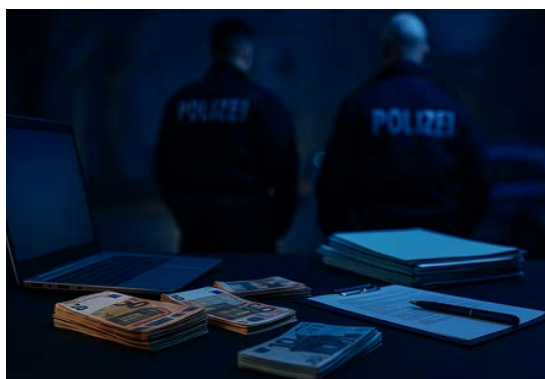
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UPCOMING SEMINARS



No. 26|02

Clan Crime and OC – Financial Investigations, Asset Recovery and Interdisciplinary Cooperation

This seminar explores modern strategies to combat clan and organised crime, with a focus on financial investigations and asset recovery to disrupt criminal networks. Participants will examine best practices and case studies highlighting effective interdisciplinary and cross-border cooperation between police, financial authorities, and the judiciary.

Period

Mon, Mar 2, 10:45 am – Fri, Mar 6, 2026, 3:00 pm

Prices

- 5 Days Standard €499.00
- 5 days Standard IPA €369.00

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Marketing



Our Biggest News Story So Far....

The brand-new IPA website officially launched on 27th November 2025, and we are proud to share this exciting improvement from our previous site. The new platform features electronic travel forms, interactive maps, new and updated pages, and a dedicated Sections-only area where sections can download brand templates and key resources. We are confident this upgrade will be a valuable gift to all our members – and just in time for Christmas!

To celebrate the launch, we'll be sharing "A Gift a Day" on our social media channels throughout December – highlighting key features of the new website and showing how members can make the most of this exciting new platform.

The IPA extends sincere thanks to everyone involved in this major project for their time, effort, and dedication. Together, we've built something that will serve our global community for years to come.

Visit the new site today and explore the IPA's digital future!

New IPA Website

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