



International Police Association

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- **History**

Founded on 1st January 1950, the International Police Association (IPA) is today the undisputed major police organisation in the world, both in numerical strength and influence. In the 56 intervening years its Esperanto motto *Servo per Amikeco* (Service through Friendship) has reached more people than one could ever have imagined. The IPA was the brainchild of Arthur Troop BEM, a police sergeant from Lincolnshire, England, who wanted to create a channel for friendship and international co-operation amongst police officers.



- **Structure**

Today the IPA is made up of 58 National Sections covering all 5 continents. There are a further 4 Sections in foundation, these being Andorra, Botswana, Macau and Serbia. Total membership now stands at approximately 370,000. This includes associate members in some 50 other countries. The IPA is managed by an International Committee, the "**Permanent Executive Bureau**" (PEB). The PEB is responsible for the day to day management of the Association and for the implementation of decisions taken by the "**International Executive Council**" (IEC). The IEC is composed of one delegate from each Section and of the PEB. The IEC meets every three years at an IPA World Congress, and between Congresses, once a year at an IEC conference. The PEB is elected by delegates at each **IPA World Congress** for a period of three years.

At the IPA World Congress held at Ljubljana, Slovenia in September 2006, a new PEB was elected. The current members of the PEB are:



International President

Michael ODYSSEOS (Cyprus)
First Elected to the PEB, June 1994



1st International Vice-President

Daniel CONDAMINAS (France)
First Elected to the PEB, May 2000

Chair, International Com. for External Relations (ERC)



2nd International Vice-President

Signe JUSTESEN (Denmark)
First Elected to the PEB, September 2006

Chair, International Professional Commission (IPC)



3^d International Vice-President

Julianna PAPPÉ VÉGSÓ (Hungary)
First Elected to the PEB, September 2006

Chair, International Social Commission (ISC)



International Secretary General

John WAUMSLEY (Great Britain)
First Elected to the PEB, June 1997

Chair, International Internal Commission (IIC)



Assistant International Secretary General

Georgios KATSAROPOULOS (Greece)
First Elected to the PEB, September 2006

Chair, International Cultural Commission (ICC)



International Treasurer

Pierre-Martin MOULIN (Switzerland)
First Elected to the PEB, May 2003



Assistant International Treasurer

Romain MINY (Luxembourg)
First Elected to the PEB, May 2000

- **Aims**

The IPA is an independent body made up of members of the police service belonging to National Sections, whether on active duty or retired, and without distinction as to rank, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation.

The Association is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

Its aims include the development of cultural relations among its members, a broadening of their general knowledge and an exchange of professional experience.

- **Administration**

Maintained by the PEB, Nottingham, England is the home of the International Administration Centre (IAC). The IAC is staffed by two clerical officers working under the control of the International Secretary General. In addition the IAC staff includes the Assistant International Secretary General and the International Webmaster.



The main task of the IAC is dealing with the day to day business of the Association world wide which includes:-

- Publishing an International Secretary General's Newsletter, which is circulated to all Sections monthly.
- Compiling Agendas, Reports and Minutes for IPA World Congresses, IEC Conferences and meetings of the PEB, together with arranging for all necessary translations into the 4 official languages of the Association, English, French, German and Spanish.
- Liaising with the 5 working Commissions of the Association each of which is chaired by a member of the PEB.
- Publishing an International Handbook (*Information Guide*), which contains details of National Sections' Office Holders, IPA Houses, IBZ Gimborn programmes (the IPA Conference Centre near Cologne, Germany), Statutes and Rules, Directives and Guidelines of the Association.
- Acting as the link between the Association and the United Nations and all international organizations of which the IPA is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)



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- The financial centre for the Association is located in Switzerland under the control of the International Treasurer.

- **International Commissions**

The International Commissions are supporting bodies of the PEB. Within their working areas they develop ideas and make recommendations.

Written reports are provided by the Chairs of all the Commissions to every IEC Conference and World Congress in respect of all organisations in which the IPA is represented.

There are five standing International Commissions:

- **International Commission for External Relations (ERC)**

- Correspondence with International Organisations approved by the PEB
- Attendance at conferences of other International Organisations when appropriate
- Collate relevant information for submission to other International Organisations
- Collate relevant information for IPA Publications

Throughout 2006, members of the ERC have actively been engaged with meetings at the various sites: Vienna, Geneva, Brussels, Strasbourg and New York.

In Vienna, our representative had statements, amendments and remarks welcomed and published in official UN papers. Of particular note was his statement at the Fifteenth Session of the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in April, on *Measures against organised Crime* in response to an item on "International cooperation in combating transnational crime" which was qualified as an "Official UN Document (E/CN.15/2006/NGO) and placed on the Agenda of the meeting. Our member also co-operates with an impressive list of fellow NGOs and attended some 45 different sessions throughout the year.

In Brussels, our representative organized a successful seminar at IBZ Gimborn with the assistance of OLAF (European Anti-Fraud Office) on corruption. It is proposed that a training session on counterfeiting and forgery will take place, sponsored by the pharmaceutical company *Sanofi-Aventis*, who have already participated in the financing of a PEB Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. The planning is well advanced and it is hoped to realize this seminar in the not too distant future.

Our representatives in Geneva and Strasbourg have also attended a number of meetings at the United Nations and the European Commission.

Looking to the future, the ERC is setting its sights on opening up dialogue with the Organisation of American States (OAS). The seat of the OAS is in Washington DC and our representative in New York has been tasked to make preliminary approaches.

- **International Cultural Commission (ICC)**

- Promotion of cultural activities
- International Youth Gatherings (co-ordination and advising organisers)
- International educational events other than policing matters
- International Competitions (proposals for the issuing, execution and prize distribution)
- IEC Conference and World Congress theme topics
- Co-ordination of matters regarding hobbies (collectors, radio amateurs, requests for pen-friends etc.)

Photography Competition

This event was an outstanding success. More than 250 entries were received and 40 of the photos were exhibited at the IEC in Dublin. A DVD presentation was prepared, with copies given to each Section for use in their magazines.

International Painting Competition

The ICC recommends that this potential project be given serious consideration. Section Italy hoped to organise a new edition of the painting contest in Florence. The Painting Competition hosted by Section Italy was very successful; Section Greece was hoping to host a national Painting Competition in 2006.

Written Article Competition

The IBZ Gimborn staff judged all the entries to the Written Article Competition. The winners were announced at the 2006 World Congress.

International Youth Gathering (IYG)

The 2006 IYG was hosted by Section New Zealand. The 2006 IYG theme "The Wild South" was based around the history and natural beauty of the South Island of New Zealand. The ICC was advised that there were 43 youths registered for the New Zealand IYG.

IPA Cyprus Section looks forward to hosting the 2007 IYG. This exciting 2- week tour will be hosted by two coastal IPA Regions in Cyprus, Larnaca 1 - 7 July and Limassol 7 - 15 July 2007.

Other cultural activities that took place worldwide throughout the year included:

Australia: Theatre evenings, Festive dining events and BBQ welcoming visiting members to participate in the IPA spirit.

Austria: Visit to the Lake/Sea Festival in Moerbisch, visit to various exhibitions, cultural travel to Rome, Trentine, Nuremberg, Würzburg, and to the opera festival in Verona; Advent, Nikolaus and Christmas parties with various choirs and musical groups.

Bulgaria: Concerts, Operas and galleries.

Croatia: IPA Band in Primorsko-Goranska.

Cyprus: Annual IPA dance, regional IPA dances and Christmas parties for the children of the members.

Czech Rep.: Dance competitions, concerts, balls, hiking.

Denmark: Youth activities. Theatre tours and participation in recording TV scenes.

Estonia: Summer Days - 380 people.

Finland: Regions arranged activities to theatres, concerts and other cultural events.

France: Dance at the *Pavilion Baltard* and other evening gatherings; performances by a Pipe Band from Brittany.

Great Britain: Regional photography competition and visit by Swedish IPA choir.

Greece: Theatrical representations in some IPA Regions.

Hong-Kong: Friendship Week between 12 and 20 November 2006.

- Hungary:* Theatre, concerts, children day's, May Day Festival, football events, balls, cooking competition, Cultural competition, National crime prevention camp for children in Csopak.
- Ireland:* Members of the IPA amateur radio Club meet in their premises at IPA House, Dublin, twice weekly. IPA\Garda Motor Cycle Club rallies organized in Countrywide. Collectors of memorabilia attend all IPA events and generate quite an amount of interest. An Internet Café has been established at IPA House, Dublin. A video editing facility is available to IPA members at IPA House, Dublin. An IPA Ballad group has been established to promote interest in music among IPA members. Irish language courses are regular features of Branch and Regional programs as well as Quiz nights, concerts and recitals.
- Israel:* Section had a photograph competition. The winner of this competition participated in the international competition, and won first and second places. IPA Israel helped in developing the Israeli Police museum.
- Italy:* A literary contest was held for children attending secondary school.
- Lesotho:* Youth visited Liphofung Cultural Centre where they were involved in cultural talks and dances. Section Lesotho was also involved in band meetings, cleaning campaigns and discos.
- Lithuania:* Police Day amateur photographic exhibition and the 8th international tourist jamboree of IPA members in District Taurage.
- Luxembourg:* Musical visit to Stuttgart; Friendship Gala Evening with shows/entertainment.
- Malta :* Assisted and arranged for two youths from Italy to come to Malta to study English during the Summer time. One member is setting up the Malta Transport Museum foundation and has already exhibited items on this subject. IPA members took part in the Second Police / Military tattoo in September. IPA members marched for the first time during the Police Day Parade.
- Mauritius:* Singing competition.
- Mexico:* Bands of Police to improve the image of the bodies of police with the society.
- Norway:* Visit to the dome in Cologne; Visit to Svalbard/Spitsbergen.

- Poland:* Poetical competition "Adam Mickiewicz" and Participation in folk dancing group "Warmia".
- Portugal:* Police Band.
- Romania:* Concert and theatre for the New Year, Easter Holidays, Child's Day, Exhibitions organized by the National Museum of Police.
- Russia:* Museum of Police Symbolism in St. Petersburg, competition of author's songs trip along the places of battle glory dedicated to the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, essay on topic "human rights".
- Slovenia:* Concerts by police orchestra.
- Sri Lanka:* The 17 members who attended the Friendship Week attended several cultural shows and visited places where there are ruins of temples, palaces etc.
- Spain:* Concert of the Municipal Police of Madrid Band.
- Sweden:* Visits to the opera and the aircraft museum. Visit to Mediterranean food evening. Visit to snaps factory with guided tour. Guided tour of Old City of Stockholm.
- Ukraine:* A delegation took a part in the international festival of brass bands in France. Delegation of IPA took part in celebration events because of 15th Anniversary of training centre in Legionovo (Polish Section IPA). Regional IPA members were involved in amateur radio connection. An Executive Committee decides a question about creation of a Radio Club of Ukraine IPA in 2006 for participation in radio competitions.
- United States:* Section participates in National Police Week, Washington DC.

- **International Internal Commission (IIC)**

- Recommendations for amendments to the International Statutes and Rules
- Assistance to Sections with the wording of motions
- Recommendations to the PEB and Sections on submitted motions
- Examination of National Statutes, Rules and supporting documents
- Examination of draft documentation relating to the admission of new sections
- Preparation of suspension of voting rights
- Drafting of forms and documents
- Preparation of membership statistical reports
- Translation of documents into the 4 official languages

During 2006, the IIC was busy revising all the International Statutes and Rules. These were submitted to the World Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia in September and all accepted unanimously.

IAC Website

The IAC Website is regularly updated, improving the visual effect and functionality of the site. In 2003 the aim was to achieve 50,000 visitors to the site. This was accomplished. The target was then raised to 75,000 in 2004. This was also accomplished. 2005 saw this rise above 100,000!

New Sections

Botswana - There has been a communication problem with Botswana and no reports have been received on their progress. According to Lesotho's annual Progress Report, membership in Botswana increased by 14 during 2005, to 114. The need to examine recruitment and commitment towards further development will have to be revisited.

Macau - Following their Founding meeting on the 8 January 2005, the committee is working well and individuals are active internationally. Macau was involved in a joint Friendship week with Hong Kong in 2006.

Andorra - A Founding meeting took place on 22 October 2005. 24 Andorran members were present together with members of the Spanish Section's National Executive (Sponsor Section).

Serbia and Montenegro - A Founding meeting was held in Belgrade on 4th March 2006. This meeting was well supported, with 93 of their 146 members attending. Representatives from Sections Greece (Sponsor Section), Croatia, Hungary, and Italy were also present.

- **International Professional Commission (IPC)**
 - Matters relating to police development, structure and history
 - Comparative surveys regarding police work within IPA Sections
 - Crime development, criminology, crime prevention
 - Police techniques
 - Traffic matters
 - Police placement program
 - Representation of IPA at International Education Centres
 - IPA Scholarships (proposals for planning and granting)
 - International educational events involving policing issues

Implementation of the project 'Gewalt in der Familie' (Violence in the family)

The 2005/06 Special Project was themed 'Violence in the family'. Sections were asked to join in with this theme through actions at Sectional, Regional Group or Local Branch level. Many Sections carried out activities and reported these to the International Professional Commission.

Some activities which were exemplarily organised were:

France:

Implementation of a seminar at Gimborn in 2005 and detailed report of this, with further information on the topic, in the spring edition of the French IPA newsletter.

Hungary:

One Afternoon Workshop organised for the Budapest police on 23 February, with lecturers from the Police Academy, the Police Crime Prevention Service and the 'women for women' organisation.

Luxembourg:

Display of the IPA poster in all police stations and in other places.

Malta:

In-depth consultancy with the Ministry of Justice.

Austria:

1000 additional posters printed. Large opening ceremony in Vienna, with the President of Police and other prestigious officials.

Discussion event in Wiener Neustadt involving police, social services and other organisations.

Discussion event sponsored in Leibnitz/Styria, with police officers, judges and public prosecutors.

The Section is producing an information leaflet on the topic.

Cyprus:

Live press conference on this topic on 10 December, with IPA members, leading officials and experts taking part in a discussion panel.

Arthur Troop Scholarship

In 2006 eight IPA colleagues were nominated to the PEB. They will take up their scholarships in 2007.

Implementation of a workshop during the Slovenia World Congress (Supporting the Police Profession through IPA, 2nd IPA Workshop)

The International Professional Commission was asked by the PEB to organise the second workshop, entitled 'Supporting the Police Profession through IPA', during the World Congress.

- **International Social Commission (ISC)**

- Promotion and co-ordination of social activities
- Co-ordination of emergency and humanitarian aid
- Matters regarding IPA houses
- Youth and holiday exchange programmes
- Co-ordination of International Sports events and championships
- Matters regarding travel

Group youth exchanges

Group youth exchanges constitute a new way of doing youth exchanges. They have been very successful in Ireland and Britain.

Group exchanges of IPA members

Again group exchanges of members are already in progress between Cyprus and Slovenia. A similar experience was made with IPA Slovenia and Peru which was also very successful.

Sport events organised by Sections

Section Italy held a cycle championship on the 11th June 2006 in the Oristano Region (Sardinia)

Section Hungary organised a cycle race in Kisköre, Heves, from the 5th - 8th August 2006

Section France organised an international motorcycle rally in the Ardèche/Drôme region from the 9th to 12th June 2006

IPA Sections Italy and Croatia worked together to organise a 5-a-side football tournament "Alpe-Adria Challenger 2006", held in Zelena Laguna - Porec (Croatia) from 21st to 24th September 2006

Section Poland organised an International Canoeing Trip 2006 at Drawa between the 9th and 11th July 2006

Galati Region, Section Romania organised an International 5 A-side tournament "Stefan Munteanu" held in between the 3rd and 6th October 2006

Münster region of Section Germany organised an International Biker Weekend between the 18th and 20th August 2006

Section Germany organised the "3rd National Polizei-Fly-In", which took place in Pegnitz from the 19th to 21st May 2006

Emergency and Humanitarian Aid

On 27th September 2005 an e-mail was sent to Section Romania on the disastrous floods which occurred there that had resulted also in loss of lives.

On 8th October 2005 an e-mail was sent to Section Pakistan following a powerful earthquake there of about 7, 8 R magnitude.

On 5th October 2005 an e-mail was sent to Section Mexico on the disastrous effects of a hurricane there that had resulted in loss of lives.

On 5th October 2005 an e-mail was sent to Section Turkey on the disastrous floods which had occurred in Northern Western Turkey that had resulted also in loss of lives.

On 2nd February 2006 an e-mail was sent to Section Brazil following the disastrous floods in Brazil resulting in the death of at least 60 citizens. Section Brazil answered that there had been one IPA member and his wife who lost their lives and 11 IPA families who suffered material damage and property loss. Section Brazil collected money and helped the victims.

On 2nd February 2006 an e-mail was sent to Section Poland following the accident of a roof collapse and the resulting multiple deaths.

Following the floods in Serbia on 11th April 2006 an e-mail was sent to Sections Hellas and Hungary seeking information as to whether Serbian Foreign Associate members had suffered losses.

On 11th April 2006 an e-mail was sent to Section Germany concerning floods mainly in the Dresden area seeking information as to whether IPA members had suffered losses.

On the same date as above a similar e-mail was sent to Section Czech Republic seeking analogous information following the floods that had occurred in that country.

Similarly an e-mail was sent to Section Poland concerning floods in Southern Poland.

IPA Houses

As of 2006, there were 69 IPA Houses scattered across 21 different nations. These are for the exclusive use of members and are maintained by House Managers on behalf of the relevant Section.

The impetus to create IPA Houses was driven by the thinking of like-minded members who wanted to create places where IPA members could meet regardless of national boundaries.

New IPA Houses

A new House under the category of "other accommodation for IPA use" is now available in Mauritius.

As of 28th March 2006 Section Romania opened a new IPA House in Spinea.

IPA Spain announced the opening of a new IPA House "El Rincón de la Victoria", in the Costa del Sol, Malaga.

IPA Hungary announced the opening of the "IPA House Tápiószentmárton" and another one "IPA House Badacsonytomaj" at Lake Balaton.

- **IBZ Gimborn**

IBZ Gimborn, our international training Center organized, in 2006, a lot of different seminars on various professional topics.

See appendix below.

- **General Issues**

In 2006, Zimbabwe was expelled from the Association for failure to fulfill their international responsibilities, as a result of our Association being able to function properly within that country.

- **IEC 2007**

The Association will hold its 34th International Executive Council Conference at Balaton, Hungary, from 11th to 16th September 2007, followed by a *Friendship Week*. Friendship weeks are widely attended by members from all over the world and truly reflect the spirit of the IPA.

- **Conclusion**

The forgoing report has been prepared from information supplied by the various Commission chairmen and other officials. It does not cover all aspects of the Association's work and only items thought to be of significant interest internationally have been included in this document. Nevertheless the document serves to show the wide range of activities engaged by the largest international police organization, the majority of activities being undertaken on a voluntary basis. In addition to the issues drawn together in this document it must be remembered that many multi various activities continue within the individual sections worldwide.

IPA continues to remain an active organization serving professional, cultural, social activities in addition to its external relationship with other organizations and in particular the U.N.O. and Council of Europe