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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 59 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. At the beginning of 2008 the IPA was made up of 61 National Sections covering all 5 continents. There is currently one Section in Foundation: Moldova. Total membership now stands at approximately 384, 000. This includes associate members in some 50 other countries.

The IPA is managed by an International Committee, the "**Permanent Executive Bureau**" (PEB).

In 2008 the PEB met three times: in Colombo (Sri Lanka), Riga (Latvia) and Moscow (Russia). In Sri Lanka the Members of the PEB visited the areas struck by the Tsunami in 2004.

The IEC, which is the supreme body of the Association, 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.

The current members of the PEB are:

President:	Michael	ODYSSEOS	Cyprus
1 st Vice-president:	Daniel	CONDAMINAS (ERC Chairman)	France
2 nd Vice-president:	Signe	JUSTESEN (IPC Chairman)	Denmark
3 rd Vice president:	Julianna	PAPNÉ VÉGSÓ (ISC Chairman)	Hungary
Secretary General:	John	WAUMSLEY (IIC Chairman)	U.K.
Assistant/SG:	Georgios	KATSAROPOULOS (ICC Chairman)	Greece
Treasurer:	Pierre-Martin	MOULIN	Switzerland
Assistant/T.:	Romain	MINY	Luxembourg

- **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.

- **International Commissions**

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

- 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

The ERC reconvened in Brussels on 24th and 25th April 2008. An excellent programme was put together which included meetings with the Belgian Federal Police Chief, officials at the European Union and European Commission who are charged with policing at international levels, in particular overseas missions, and being received by the Mayor of Brussels, who is responsible for policing in Brussels.

Members of the Commission for External Relations have centred their activities on three major concerns:

- 1- Representation of IPA both internally and externally, in accordance with the basic values of the ERC.
This representation takes the form of numerous formal and informal contacts with NGO managers and managers of international organisations such as the UN, the European Parliament and the European Council.
- 1- Promotion of IPA through professional recognition and through its statutes.
- 2- To ensure through this promotion and representation the continuity of IPA for the next fifty years.

To that end, throughout 2008 members of the ERC have actively been engaged in meetings at the various sites: Vienna, Geneva, Brussels, Strasbourg and New York. The meeting in Brussels welcomed the newest liaison officer, Hugh Brien from Washington D.C. for the Organisation of American States

In **Vienna**, the representative, Franz Berger, has maintained close relationships for ensuring representation of IPA and for advising in particular the UN.

Due to the critical role played by non-governmental and civil society organizations in the prevention of drug abuse and in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers, UNODC (UN-Office of Drugs and Crime), in partnership with the Vienna NGO Commission on Narcotic Drugs, facilitated a series of regional consultations culminating in a global forum entitled "Beyond 2008" from the 7th to 9th July 2008. As a result of this forum 3 IPA Resolutions were sent to the UN in New York, where they had been very welcome and placed in the "World Drug Report 2007".

The ERC representative also attended the UN Conference of Parties to the UN Convention against transnational organized crime from the 8th to 17th October 2008. During this session he was granted permission to present an oral statement on the following subjects to assembled delegates: "Trafficking in Human Beings"; "Strategies of the police to counter trafficking in Human Beings"; "Prevention of sexual offences".

The ERC representative in **Geneva**, Georges Thulliez, ably assisted and advised by outgoing representative Michel Joye, continued to report on a monthly basis a snapshot of the immense workload throughout 2008.

Georges attended committee sessions concerning Human Rights at the United Nations Headquarters and in the Palace for Human Rights in Geneva:

- 'Rights of Children'; 'Elimination of discrimination towards women'; - annual council session on 'Human Rights'; 'Elimination of racial discrimination'; group working session concerning 'The use of Mercenaries and Human Rights'; - 'Migrant workers'; 'torture'; - ECOSOC; extraordinary council session on Human rights concerning the impact of the global food crisis;- 'Rights of Children with regards prostitution, pornography and children engaged in armed conflicts';- 'Elimination of racial discrimination'; - summer session concerning Human Rights with emphasis on certain western nations;- 'Human Rights in Africa and Israel'; - 'Rights of Children in Austria, Uganda, Lithuania and Tanzania';- 'torture in diverse nations selected.

Georges has also continued as a representative, maintaining his local contacts, as well as editing a document on the history of the IPA Commissions, in collaboration with Michel. In total, the ERC representative (with Michel Joye) have devoted some 393 hours of their time to participating in sessions at the UN in Geneva.

The ERC representative in **Brussels**, Philippe Antoine, has continued to maintain and develop contact with representatives of the various international and national agencies represented in Brussels. This was ably demonstrated to all the Commission members when they visited Brussels in April 2008: Headquarters of the Belgian Federal Police; Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; European Commission; European Parliament; Council of Europe; City of Brussels. The scale of welcome extended to the commission by representatives of all these agencies demonstrated the high regard that the IPA is held in.

As a result of the exposure the various representatives had to the IPA, Philippe worked hard to build on this: an exchange of information between the commission and the Federal Police' international cooperation division continues to flourish; the Belgian foreign ministry was particularly interested in the activities of the ERC representative in Vienna, Franz Berger. Relevant documents were transmitted and have led to a report on their evaluation by the end of 2008; representatives at the Council of Europe since initial contact by Philippe have intensified their collaboration with the IPA with a view to examining various avenues with a view to financing IPA projects. The ERC representative in Brussels has additionally launched an idea for a seminar on counterfeiting and forgery at IBZ Gimborn, sponsored by AWEX (Wallonia Export Agency).

The representative in **New York City**, James Albrecht, has maintained contact with United Nations Headquarters. Police related meetings there remain rare.

As for IPA status as a UN NGO, it is recommended that the IPA continue to develop, implement and evaluate programmes that support the improvement of law enforcement globally, particularly in non-IPA member states and in developing democracies. Since James has spent much of 2008

overseas he suggested that it would be prudent for the commission to temporarily replace him as representative in New York City. This was accomplished during 2008 with the appointment of Antonio Mok as the ERC representative there. Jimmy has fully briefed him as to the requirements of this position.

A task attributed to James at the meeting of the ERC in 2007 was to progress liaison with the Organisation of American States (OAS). He successfully canvassed for this and consequently, Hugh Brien from **Washington D.C.** was invited to join the commission. Hugh took part in the ERC meeting in Brussels in April 2008.

Earlier in April 2008, the chairman of the commission, Daniel Condaminas wrote to the OAS officially requesting that IPA become part of the OAS Registry of Civil Society Organizations. Daniel used his letter as a means of introduction for Hugh as the IPA member appointed to encourage liaison between the two organizations. In July 2008 Ms. Irene Klinger, Director of the Department of International Affairs, OAS, informed the commission's chairman that she had forwarded his request to the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS.

A follow up call was made in December 2008 to ascertain the progress on IPA registration. We have been told that IPA will be fully registered in during 2009.

In **Strasbourg**, the representative, Bernard Kirch, has continued to maintain close contact with officials of the Council of Europe and of the European Parliament there.

Subjects treated were this year:

- Death penalty,
- Racism and intolerance,
- Cybercrime,
- Integration of migrants,
- Termination of pregnancy.

During 2008, the PEB agreed to appoint a further liaison officer, this time at **UNESCO in Paris**. This was ratified by the IEC in Moscow.

- **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.)

The mandate of the International Cultural Commission (ICC) is to promote cultural activities within the Sections. Specifically the commission is tasked with coordinating and advising the organizers of the annual International Youth Gathering, International educational events other than policing matters and International Competitions of a cultural nature such as the International Photography Competition, the Written Article Competition and some more. The ICC also coordinates matters regarding hobbies such as collectors, radio amateurs, requests for pen friends etc. Recently we have also taken on projects of a historical nature for the collection of IPA music and the Photo Archives Project.

ICC Reports

Most of Sections are involved with musical activities (bands, concerts), theatre and article writing. Many have provided photography or painting competitions and exhibitions. In addition, events regarding gastronomy or wine tasting appear very popular.

In 2007 the Delegate of Luxembourg suggested the ICC consider some kind of involvement in the European City of Culture scheme. In 2008 the European Cultural Cities were Liverpool, UK and Stavanger, Norway.

International Youth Gathering

The 2008 International Youth Gathering (IYG) in Australia was titled "Discover Down Under" and hosted by the four Regions of Victoria, Canberra, New South Wales and Queensland. There were four main parts to their theme: Heritage, Culture, Environment and Entertainment. The IYG ran for 14 full days from Sunday 20th July Monday 4th August. There were 50 participants from 23 countries.

Section Israel section will host the 2009 International Youth Gathering.

Meeting Themes / Workshops

2008 - IEC Russia:

The workshop theme is "**A strategy for Human Rights (Children Rights)**".

2009 - WC Turkey: International Terrorism and methods how to combat it

IPA Photography Competition Update

The competition in 2008 produced entries from 12 Sections (Denmark, Malta, Israel, Lithuania, South Africa, Greece, USA, Finland, Slovenia, Italy, Germany and New Zealand) and once again proved itself to be very popular. 750 images were produced.

The competition winners were announced during the 2008 IEC meeting in Moscow and a total of 48 images were sent to Russia for display as an International Exhibition.

Based on the success of both previous International Photographic Competitions the ICC members are recommending that a third competition is announced at the World Congress in Turkey with the winners of that to be announced at the 2010 IEC.

IPA Music Project Update

The plan of the ICC was to gather IPA music, establish the copyright, have an orchestra or band record it, and place the music on a CD that would be available to Sections.

At the 2007 ICC meeting Section Israel had volunteered the Israel Police Orchestra to record the IPA March and IPA Hymn. In 2008, Section Israel reported that this had been achieved.

IPA Video Competition

The process steps for this project are still being developed. The content will be a one-minute introduction of the country, one minute on the police and one minute on the IPA.

The ICC will be recommending three awards be presented. The winning videos will be shown at the appropriate IEC/WC and will run in a loop format outside of the meeting hall for all members and guests to view.

- **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

13 internal documents have been gone over. They predominately involve finance, or are designed to explain how to achieve a particular aim in a uniform manner throughout all IPA Sections, as emergency aid, international youth gathering, police placements, etc.

The IAC Website is currently undergoing immense change, with a new site being designed. The new site will be much easier to navigate and include more information relevant to the work of the International Commissions. The existing site attracts in excess of 100,000 visitors per year.

Sections in Foundation

Following full Affiliation being granted to Andorra, Botswana and Serbia in 2008, the only remaining Section in Foundation is Moldova, Macau having withdrawn..

- **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

The 10 winners of the Arthur Troop Scholarship in 2007, each of whom received up to 3,000 CHF for educational purposes, finalized their study plans in 2008. The scholars were police officers from Cyprus, Lithuania, Italy, Russia, New Zealand, Swaziland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, USA and Peru and they submitted a report of their studies after completion of the seminars they have chosen. Also in 2008 the IPC received many applications for the Scholarship, and 10 winners were chosen. These are to join different education events during 2009.

To help National Sections in promoting the Arthur Troop Scholarship amongst their members a poster has been created in the 4 working languages. The Sections are encouraged to print the poster and display it at every police station.

A survey regarding the IPA Police Placement Programme has been carried out. This programme encourages and sets up a guideline for National Sections in helping members from other Sections, when these wish to go to a country to follow the police work there. It was revealed that more than 20 Sections are prepared to welcome and help members from other Sections in accordance with the scheme.

The Commission is working on a plan of introducing an International Young Police Officers' Training Seminar.

Also in 2008 many Sections sent members to participate in police professional seminars in the IPA educational centre at IBZ Gimborn, Germany.

- **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

Social activities

- Sport: IPA Challenge Day or IPA Olympics.
- A discussion on the promotion of Social Events was suggested which would see attendance by ISC members to any such event as a way to promote them. It was also

suggested that short promotional articles could/should be written before social events and reports be submitted following such actions by Regions or Sections.

- IPA Emergency Fund to be discussed
- Youth Exchange

Promotion & coordination of social activities

Various social activities were organised by Sections in 2008 such as anniversary celebrations, friendship weeks, hosting, sports, social work/aid etc. Considerably higher and higher number of members plus their families and friends were involved in these activities. The circulation of these activities will serve as an ongoing reminder to all Sections of what can be achieved.

International Youth Exchange Programme

The ISC is happy to see that this project is going to work more satisfactorily and believe that the future success of IPA rests on today's youths; the ISC is making every effort to encourage young people to take part in this programme.

IPA Houses

According to the reports received from Sections more than 30,000 people were accommodated in IPA Houses run by the Sections and in other IPA accommodation. We would like to highlight the importance of these IPA houses, so the ISC is working on a project to promote the IPA Houses system.

The updated list of all official IPA Houses can be found on the IPA official website. The list is also available from the IAC, together with a list of Other Accommodation for IPA Use.

IPA Sport

It is accepted that sport events, in combination with social activities, motivate young police officers to join our Association. Bearing this in mind the ISC is doing our best to encourage Sections, and particularly the small and inactive Sections, to organise such events if they really want to attract / motivate new enrolments.

According to the annual reports received from the Sections the number of sport events doubled last year.

Calamities - Emergency aid in catastrophes

Humanitarian matters are the most essential task the ISC has to look after

Many Sections reported in their reports that they had assisted in various ways in this humanitarian field in order to gather information more accurately and to gauge the true costs spent on assistance, Sections were requested to give the figures in Euros. In 2008 assistance amounted to some €160,000.

- **Finances**

The main products of the Association are under payment of a fee, set by the IEC, the supreme organ of the IPA. One third of expenditure is spent on various grants and support, one another third party funds the annual world congress, and the balance is used in the running costs of the association (meetings of various international offices - translation costs and secretariat). The financial situation of the Association is sound and one adequate capital serves as insurance. The accounts are maintained by the Treasury International, on an annual basis, and controlled by two bodies, namely an external accountant and two internal auditors appointed by the IEC.

- **Conclusion**

The forgoing report does not cover all aspects of the Association's work and only items thought to be of significant interest internationally have been included. 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.