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## IPA YOUNG POLICE OFFICERS' SEMINAR



Police officers from 25 countries  
profit from a week's training in Scotland

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## Be part of the adventure!

Dear friends,

If you would like to take part in shaping the IPA's future, now is your chance:

In just over a month, our annual IPA World Congress will take place in Croatia. As we are reaching the end of a 4-year term, elections at the international level will take place, and a new International Executive Board (IEB) will be in charge after the congress, including 3 chairpersons leading the following commissions: Professional, Socio-Cultural and External Relations.

The international commissions are supporting bodies of the IEB with the aim of developing projects based on the strategic plan of the board. To achieve this, the chairpersons can select commission members, agreed by the IEB.

Any IPA member may apply to become a commission member – the conditions and details are listed towards the end of my introduction.

For a start, and to determine if any of the areas is of interest to you, here are the main tasks of each commission:

### Professional Commission:

- developing matters relating to police development, structure and history,
- comparing surveys regarding police work within IPA sections,
- promoting and representing the IPA at international education centres,
- administering the applications of IPA scholarships,
- monitoring, advertising and promoting international criminology events,
- promoting, developing and strengthening the International Learning and Development Exchange Programme (ILDEP),
- supporting and working with IBZ Gimborn on professional and educational issues,
- liaising, supporting and providing advice to sections and members with regards to requests concerning the police profession,
- coordinating and supporting the Young Police Officers' Seminar,
- maintaining the PC Facebook page,
- liaising with sections' PC liaison officers.

### Socio-Cultural Commission:

- promoting and co-ordinating social and cultural activities ,
- dealing with matters regarding IPA houses and other accommodation,
- co-ordinating international sports events and championships,
- dealing with matters regarding travel,
- advising International Youth Gatherings ,
- organising international educational events other than policing matters,
- organising competitions,

- co-ordinating matters regarding hobbies,
- managing the SCC Facebook page.

#### External Relations Commission:

- promoting the IPA through establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations approved by the IEB or the IEC
- attending conferences of other international organisations when appropriate,
- attending at the centres of other international organisations when appropriate,
- collating relevant information for submission to other international organisations,
- collating relevant information for IPA publications.

If you are interested in volunteering for the IPA on an international level and are able to dedicate your time to this task, here is the 'smallprint':

- IPA members willing to help with the work of the international commissions by offering their expertise in a specific field, will have the opportunity to supply the IEB members with more information by completing an application form that you can obtain by contacting your national secretary general.
- Commission chairpersons will select commission members according to the projects they plan to develop. These members shall not necessarily be permanent.
- Regarding the ERC, which is working in close relationship with International Organisations, it would be beneficial, but not a sine qua non for the representatives of the Association to live close to the location of these organisations. Nevertheless, every candidate is welcome to apply, as the ERC might develop further projects where specific tasks might be assigned, and the location has no specific relevance.
- All candidates must be supported by their national section.
- All completed applications must, in addition to the applicant's name, bear the names of the National President and Secretary General to show approval from the national section, and the forms must be emailed to the IAC at [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org).
- The **deadline for applications** for IPA commissions is **29 September 2019**.

Please feel free to contact the IAC at [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org), if you have any further questions.

If you are interested, I invite you to liaise with your national section and send in your application, so that we will have the best selection possible to offer to the commission chairpersons of the IEB.

Thank you in advance.

Servo per Amikeco

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

# AROUND THE WORLD

## 1200 nautical miles of Baltic adventure – ‘Operation Blue Sail’

‘Operation Blue Sail’ was an 11-day journey, with the main purpose of reaching the Latvian port of Riga. The expedition was organised by the Police Sailing Club ‘Wodnik’ (English: Aquarius) at the Police Trade Union of Dolnośląskie Province, which also gathers IPA members from the IPA Wrocław Region.

During the three-week cruise, 16 sailors (male and female) from the Police Sailing Club ‘Wodnik’ covered a distance of over 1,200 nautical miles, docking at 10 locations of the central and southern Baltic.

After sailing for 10 days, the port of destination, the capital of Latvia - Riga, was reached. The crew were welcomed by the representatives of IPA Section Latvia, and the policemen and -women prepared for the second part of their journey, the return to Poland.

A two-day stay in Riga, thanks to the colleagues from the Latvian IPA, enabled all crew members to do some sightseeing across the city and to visit its most interesting museums, including the Museum of the Police and the Riga Police. Polish sailors invited Latvian colleagues to take part in ‘Captain’s Evening’ – a ceremony of passing over the helm, followed by fellowship.



The journey to Riga was the third edition of an event called ‘Operation Blue Sail’, which aims at integrating the sailing society. During previous editions, the sailors visited Sassnitz, Copenhagen, Malmö, Klintholm and the ports of Danish Bornholm.

**Text: Bartosz Wanot, Translation: Michał Sługocki, IPA Poland**

## IPA Croatia looks back on a successful and enjoyable International Youth Gathering 2019

IPA Croatia was the proud host of this year's IPA International Youth Gathering, which took place from 3-17 August 2019. The Croatian Section hosted some 50 participants, boys and girls aged 16 to 18, from 25 different countries.

The event started in Dubrovnik, our Adriatic pearl. President Miljenko Vidak himself was there, and together with Vice President Loris Kozlovac and international delegate Vlaho Lujo, welcomed all participants. Four days in Dubrovnik was not enough time to visit all the sights of the city: the impressive Dubrovnik Walls, Stradun, and Lokrum Island were just some of the highlights that were visited, and which enchanted all our participants.



On their way to the Plitvice Lakes, the group visited Zadar and the famous sea organ. Day 6 was spent in Lika visiting the impressive Plitvice Lakes. The next destinations were the city of Rijeka - the capital of European Culture in 2020, Pula, Brijuni, the water park Istralandia, and on the eleventh day, the IYG group arrived in the Croatian capital.

After Zagreb, Hrvatsko Zagorje, Krapina, Tuhelj, and Trakošćan were next on the programme. As the participants were accommodated in the Police Academy, they had the opportunity to see the location where Croatian police officers study and are educated.

We tried to make the stay in Croatia interesting, active and meaningful, and amongst other things, we endeavoured to get the young participants acquainted with the work of the police. Thank you to the police departments of Dubrovnik-Neretva, Zadar, Lika-Senj, Primorsko-goranska, Zagreb, Krapina-Zagorje, Varaždin, the Police Academy, and the Special Police for their contribution and presentation of the Croatian Police.

The regional clubs of IPA Dubrovnik, IPA Zadar, IPA Lika, IPA Primorsko-goranska, IPA Istra, IPA Zagreb, IPA Hrvatsko Zagorje and IPA Varaždin made an exceptional contribution to the organisation and implementation of this event.



At the Gala Dinner in Zagreb, each IYG participant received a certificate of recognition from the IPA Croatian Secretary General Željko Turk, and he thanked them for their participation and wished them a happy return to their home countries.

We would like to express a special thank-you to those IPA sections who sent their participants to this extraordinary IPA event.

**Željko Turk, Secretary General IPA Croatia**

## IPA UK's Motorcycle Group celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an International Rally around Yorkshire and beyond



What an exciting start to our first International Rally, celebrating the inauguration of the Group's formation ten years ago! Nearly 100 riders and pillion passengers with 80 bikes arrived at Storthes Hall Park, Huddersfield University Campus - some would consider the area to be the 'centre of the universe' for motorcycling!

The event was officially opened by the Mayor of Kirklees Municipal Council, Councillor Mumtaz Hussein, ably assisted by the Huddersfield Town Crier, Vic Watson, who was suitably dressed in a magnificent blue outfit. Our visitors arrived from far and wide - representatives of their own country's IPA Sections - Australia, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Republic of Ireland, and Switzerland. Section UK were represented by riders from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Bikes of all makes and sizes, including two trikes, filled the campus car park. Some IPA attendees were also members of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The International Rally was 12 months in the planning, led by Group Chairman Paul Firth, ably assisted by a number of members. Our Vice Chair, John Birkenshaw,

worked hard to gain sponsorships, both from a number of IPA Section UK parts - National, Region and Branch levels - together with tangible support by Allan Jefferies BMW Dealership, Morrison's Supermarket, Taylors Yorkshire Tea, Black Sheep Brewery, Timothy Taylor Brewery, and Casarva Trike Conversions, and, for the social side, thirst was quenched with Timothy Taylor's beer.

Although our Australian - Joe Anderson, Victoria Police - had travelled the furthest and had hired a bike from our BMW sponsor, credit must be given to two of our intrepid Scots who travelled from their homes north of the border some two weeks before the Rally. Not directly to Huddersfield, but they went to Europe and through to the Balkans taking in places such as Sarajevo and Mostar, in Bosnia & Herzegovina, before getting back to the Rally, completing some 3,600 miles!



The Rally started in earnest on Day 2, where conducted guided rides in small groups took in the delights of the Yorkshire Dales, the Peak District - Bakewell (famous for its cakes), Masham (known for its Black Sheep brewery) and Hawes (with its Wensleydale Creamery). Furthermore, there were rides to York, Scarborough (Fair Collection) and Whitby (for famous fish & chips). For those who did not wish to ride out, coaches were laid on for visits to Manchester and Leeds Royal Armouries. These rides were repeated on Day 3, with riders swapping destinations from the previous day. Although everyone remained safe travelling out and about, a couple of spills occurred due to misjudged slopes and tiredness after a long day, with minimal damage to bikes and no doubt some dented pride.



During the evenings off bikes, everyone engaged socially with a BBQ and live entertainment from 'The Max Band'. On Day 3, the evening was rounded off with an excellent carvery meal and a DJ provided by the venue. Chairman Paul took the opportunity to make some presentations of our memorabilia, and our overseas participants reciprocated generously - with hats, badges, a cuckoo clock, and shields - most appreciated.

Mention must be made of the tremendous efforts by DIGS, the venue who ensured our every need was accommodated. The food was excellent - breakfasts and evening meals, and for those who needed sustenance during the day, the bar provided suitable snacks.

A wonderful event, some friendships were rekindled, many new friendships were made, and we promoted the ethos of Service through Friendship – 'Servo per Amikeco.

***Mike Vince, Treasurer IPA UK Motorcycle Group***

## Jumelage entre l'IPA du Valais et l'IPA Liège à Sion

Le jeudi 9 mai 2019, une petite délégation de 11 personnes de l'IPA Liège s'est rendue à Sion pour rencontrer nos amis Suisses et fêter le jumelage de nos deux associations.



Après le verre de l'Amitié, dans le « Carnotzet » de l'IPA Valais, une cave datant du début du XIV<sup>ème</sup> siècle, nous avons fait une petite promenade dans la vieille ville suivie d'une surprise. En effet, nous avons eu la chance d'assister à des combats de vaches afin de couronner la reine avant la conduite des troupeaux dans les alpages.

De retour à l'hôtel, notre Président International, Pierre-Martin Moulin nous attendait. Il nous a dit combien il était fier de notre initiative de jumelage, une première sans doute dans les annales de l'IPA.

Le vendredi, nous sommes partis à la découverte très sportive de la vieille ville : son château, la Basilique de Valère et le point de vue sur cette belle ville de Sion entourée de vignobles. Ensuite, nous avons assisté aux festivités liées à l'élection du nouveau Président du Valais, titre quelque peu comparable à celui de Gouverneur de Province en Belgique. La fanfare de la Police Cantonale en grande tenue de gala, des personnes en habits folkloriques ainsi que les habitants étaient au rendez-vous pour célébrer l'événement. Nous y avons rencontré et été présenté à Monsieur Frédéric Favre, Conseiller d'Etat en charge de la police et de la sécurité.



A midi, un repas local, préparé de main de maître par nos hôtes, nous attendait : assiette valaisanne de charcuterie et de fromages, véritable raclette suisse et pour finir un excellent gâteau aux pommes, le tout arrosé de vins et d'alcools du coin. Nos amis suisses partagent avec nous le goût de la bonne chère et de la fête. L'après-midi, nous avons fait une promenade en bateau sur le lac souterrain de Saint-Léonard. Nous avons terminé la journée par la visite d'une cave particulièrement bien fournie. En effet, le propriétaire, Jean-René, dit Jeannot, membre du comité



IPA, possède une collection de +/- 1200 whiskies différents. Nous avons eu l'honneur et surtout le plaisir d'en déguster quelques-uns avant de nous rendre à nouveau chez Stéphane, le propriétaire de la ferme où nous avons dégusté une spécialité locale « la Glareyade », fondue de viande maturée cuite dans un bouillon. La soirée s'est terminée par un karaoké accompagné d'une dégustation de liqueurs et d'alcools locaux. Ils sont « forts » ces Suisses ! Nous aussi !

Samedi matin, une nouvelle surprise de taille nous attendait... Nous avons pu visiter l'Académie de Police Savatan. Le capitaine des lieux, Pierre-Antoine Walker, nous a expliqué et montré toutes les étapes de la formation des nouveaux aspirants de la Police. L'Académie de Police de Savatan, située à un jet de pierre du lac Léman, a vue plongeante sur le défilé militaire et historique de St-Maurice et la station thermale de Lavey-les-Bains. Suspendue à flanc de coteau au cœur du Chablais, elle surplombe la vallée du Rhône à une altitude moyenne de 640 mètres et est taillée en partie dans le rocher. Surprenant !

A midi, nous avons partagé un moment de convivialité dans un restaurant italien à Martigny avant de découvrir la Fondation et le musée de la race des Saint- Bernard.

Lors de la soirée de gala organisée à l'hôtel, nous avons rencontré le Commandant en second de la Police Cantonale du Valais, le Lieutenant-Colonel Alexandre Praz et le Président de l'IPA Genève Jean-Pierre Beaud et sa joyeuse compagne.



Lors de l'excellent repas qui nous a été servi à l'hôtel, nous avons finalisé les liens qui nous unissent en signant « la Charte de Jumelage » entre nos deux associations, l'IPA Valais Suisse et l'IPA Liège Belgique. Nous avons échangé des cadeaux et nos drapeaux respectifs dédicacés. Cette soirée exceptionnelle nous a permis de rencontrer des personnes chaleureuses pour qui notre devise «Servo Per Amikeco » ne sont pas de vains mots.

Dimanche après une petite nuit de sommeil, nous avons quitté nos hôtes pour revenir au pays avec des souvenirs magnifiques et surtout des promesses de futures rencontres. Un grand merci, du fond du cœur, à André et Michèle, Guy et Viviane, Danielle et Michel, Jean-Marie et Andrée, Danielle et Yves-Luc, Jean-Paul de l'IPA Liège d'avoir fait un long déplacement et d'avoir dignement et avec beaucoup de bonne humeur représenté l'IPA Liège en Région du Valais. Un grand merci à Alain, Stéphane, Benoît, Isabelle, JR, Jeannot, Georges, Leila, Manu de l'IPA Région du Valais de nous avoir reçus comme des Princes et d'avoir organisé de main de maître ce jumelage qui restera gravé dans notre cœur et dans notre tête comme le plus beau des feux d'artifices !

***André Nicolas, Président IPA Liège & Secrétaire Général IPA Belgique***



## Yvonne McGregor proudly presents YPOS 2019

Several years ago, Section UK volunteered to host the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) in 2019, and as Scotland was chosen as the location, I was tasked with organising this prestigious IPA event.



*Group photo at Edinburgh Castle*

After the original arrangements to host the event at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, unfortunately fell through, I managed to secure Stirling University as a suitable location. As it was quite a bit more expensive than the Police College, it was decided to see if we could secure some sponsorship or funding, and we were delighted with the contributions made by the Criminology Department of Leicester University, Digital Barriers and IPA No 1 (Scotland) Region, as well as from Mackie's Crisps and Tunnocks

Biscuits, who donated some of their produce for the participants to enjoy. We were also greatly assisted by IPA Member Graeme Young who secured discounts at Edinburgh Castle, free parking for minibuses and cars at Edinburgh airport, and changing facilities prior to our Gala Dinner.

The theme for YPOS 2019 was 'Policing Change', which gave me a vast array of topics to select from. I had the support from Police Scotland to utilise their staff to assist with the seminar. Serving and retired officers were also utilised from various parts of the UK. Several were IPA Members.

45 participants from 25 countries attended the seminar, which was opened on 23 June 2019 by May-Britt Ronnebro, Chairperson of the Professional Commission.

Monday saw the seminar begin with a talk on the Art of Communication, delivered by Cathy MacDonald, a retired Police Scotland Inspector, who was involved in some high profile negotiation incidents. This lecture provided many learning points for the group that could be utilised throughout the seminar and back at their place of work. IPA Member and former police officer, Mark Bullen, who now resides in Russia, gave a fascinating presentation of Russian prisoner tattoos, which opened discussions by some participants' of their involvement and experiences in dealing with people who had some of the tattoos. Damian Allain, retired Superintendent from the Met, presented on gangs, in particular Operation Trident, and May-Britt Ronnebro spoke about the IPA and what it has to offer members.

Monday evening saw our building flooded due to a torrential downpour, and we had to evacuate. I am glad to say that we were able to accommodate those affected in alternative accommodation with the contingency plans in place and the assistance of the Police College at Tulliallan.

On Tuesday, Martyn Linton, a Detective Sergeant with Sussex Police, gave a presentation on gangs, explaining county lines and gang cultures. This was followed by a presentation on virtual Police training by Kyle Hardcastle, a serving Detective Sergeant with the Met, where several officers were able to try out the different training scenarios wearing the goggles. Kyle then followed this with a talk on terrorism within the UK. Ken Pennington, former PSNI Superintendent, continued with the terrorism theme, but this time in Northern Ireland. The day concluded with Sergeant Laura Gibson's presentation on the 'Wellbeing' programme within Police Scotland. There was a lot of interest in this subject and several attendees intend to progress this in their own areas.

Wednesday morning was a chance for the group to be active. Rob Stenhouse did a session on ESDS – Explosive Self Defence System, which is basically 'slapping'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this, although some were a little overzealous, and over the course of the day many bruises began to appear. Fortunately, no one was badly injured.

No visit to Scotland would be complete without a visit to a Whisky distillery. After their exertion in the morning, we gave all participants some social and cultural time at Tullibardine Distillery. Visiting a distillery was a first for most of the group. They received a guided tour of the premises and a full explanation of the whisky making process, ending up in the tasting room where they received 3 samples of different whiskies.



*ESDS Training*

As the weather was so good, we took a detour on the way back to the famous Kelpies at the Forth and Clyde Canal. Two 30-metre high horses heads, which are mythological beasts possessing the strength of 10 horses. A great location for a photograph and an ice cream.

Thursday was spent in Edinburgh, and thankfully the sun was shining. Our accredited tour guide, retired Superintendent Jim Leslie, gave us a history lesson on our way to the capital. Our first photo stop was at the Bridges Viewpoint where you can see all 3 Bridges crossing the Forth. The iconic Forth Rail Bridge, Road Bridge and the new Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017.

Our first visit was to the castle, a historic fortress on the Castle Rock which dominates the Edinburgh skyline. Jim gave us a brief history about the castle and suggested things of particular interest, namely the Stone of Destiny, used for all inaugurations of Scottish Kings, the Crown Jewels, and Mons Meg, a six tonne siege gun, amongst other things.

The highlight for everyone was the One o'clock Gun. Every day of the year, an artillery gun is fired at 1 o'clock. It dates back to 1861, when ships on the Forth set

their maritime clocks to the sounding of the gun. Although you know what is going to happen and when, there were still loud screams when the gun was fired!

The next stop was Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano that gave us panoramic views over Edinburgh. We then returned to the city centre, where everyone enjoyed some free time. Many souvenirs were purchased and some local hostellers visited.

Our Gala Dinner was at the Royal Scots Club in Edinburgh, which is a private Georgian terrace hotel in the centre of the city. The vast majority of the YPOS participants wore their police uniforms, with various colours and styles on display. This was the first opportunity they had to wear their uniforms; they were all very smart and many photos were taken.



*Photo Shoot at the Gala Dinner in Edinburgh*

After a pre-dinner drink we were piped into the beautiful dining room by Sandro Winter, one of the officers from Switzerland. He did a fantastic job and received a huge round of applause. We were joined by some of our sponsors and other invited guests. After an excellent dinner, there was the statutory group photograph, in their uniforms, and all participants then received their YPOS Attendance Certificates and an ACME Police Whistle, engraved with the IPA

logo. A great time was had by all, and the festivities continued at the university into the wee small hours of the morning.

On the final day of the YPOS, the presentations continued with Immigration and Human Trafficking by Jack Linton from the Home Office and Detective Sergeant Peter Lennon from Police Scotland. Once again, they sparked conversations and discussions, as the majority of countries represented have issues with these topics. Our final presentation was from Superintendent Jim Wyllie, the officer in charge of the International Development Unit at Police Scotland, who gave an insight into the countries they work in and with, and also the process for foreign officers wishing to work with Police Scotland.

The closing ceremony, which included an exchange of official gifts, was conducted by May-Britt Ronnebro and IPA UK President Clive Wood.

Throughout the week, everyone received a YPOS challenge coin. Many participants swapped patches, badges, coins, and some police clothing was also gifted. The group bonded well, and many lasting friendships have been made. As Saturday was the main departure day for the participants, we visited a local bar for a few drinks to relax and unwind on Friday evening. An excellent way to finish the week and cement friendships.

I would like to personally thank all the presenters and also Steve Bretherton, who assisted me during the week. Aidan Goundry and Jordan Blyth who did the meeting and greeting at Edinburgh Airport, Andrew Wright and Bill Petherick from No 1 Region, who assisted with airport transfers. Without your help and support, the seminar would not have been the success it was.

Servo per Amikeco

***Yvonne McGregor, Organiser of YPOS 2019, IPA UK***

## IPA Romania delighted to welcome visitors from IPA Germany's Fulda branch

The Romanian section was pleased to host a group of members from IPA Germany's Fulda branch, led by Mr. Erwin Reinl and Mr. Eugen Kress, the Chairperson and Secretary of the branch.



Our guests were welcomed with a presentation of the history of the IPA, as well as the history of IPA Romania, with an emphasis on the evolution over the last two years and on the external activities of our section, including the organisation of the IPA Hosting Sections' Meeting in October 2018, the participation of the Romanian delegation in the 63<sup>rd</sup> IPA World Congress in the Netherlands in September 2018, and the participation of the President of IPA Romania, Mr. Florin Olaru, in the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mediterranean Countries from 16-19 May 2019, held by our Italian friends, in Garda.

The group from the IPA Fulda branch consisted of 9 IPA members, active and retired police officers from the Federal German Police and from the State Police. Along with their wives, they were on a circuit through Estonia, Lithuania and Romania.



In Bucharest, our friends were delighted to visit the Parliament Palace, plus the old town centre, and had the opportunity to taste a traditional dinner at the "Carul cu Bere" (The Beer Carriage), where the most popular dish was cabbage rolls with polenta, accompanied by Romanian beer.

Our guests enjoyed the company of Mrs. Mirea Mariana, President of IPA Region 25 Bucharest (General Directorate of Anti-Corruption), and also the support of IPA Region 4 Bucharest (General Directorate of the Municipality Police of Bucharest), with whom they had the opportunity to visit Section 1 of the Police of the city of Bucharest.

We also invited our friends to the headquarters of the Romanian section, where they were able to enjoy a selection of drinks, cakes and fruit - the Romanian cherries were a firm favourite!

On departure, our guests stated that they appreciated the efforts of the Romanian IPA staff, without whom this visit would not have been possible.

***Florin Olaru, President IPA Romania***

## A Brick for Gimborn

IBZ Castle Gimborn celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, with the official festivities taking place at the castle at the end of August.

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the IBZ, and possibly you might consider a gift. For this purpose, Section Germany has established the 'Bricks for Gimborn' initiative, which enables everyone to contribute to the renovation of the castle's guest rooms.

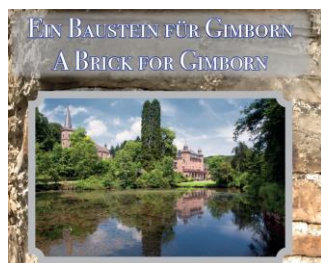


Donors of 50€ and above will receive a prestigious certificate by mail. Donors of 100€ and above will have their names published on a plate in Gimborn.

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- Cash donations: in the IBZ Gimborn office

Please don't hesitate! Support the IBZ, so they can keep on working successfully for a further 50 years in line with the ideas and the spirit of the IPA.

## Ein Baustein für Gimborn



Wie Ihr wisst, feiert das IBZ Schloss Gimborn am letzten August-Wochenende sein 50-jähriges Jubiläum.

Sicher möchtet Ihr dem IBZ gratulieren und hoffentlich auch ein Geschenk zukommen lassen. Daher hat die IPA Deutsche Sektion eine 'Baustein-Aktion' organisiert, mit der sich jeder an der Finanzierung der Renovierung der Gästezimmer beteiligen kann.

Bei Spenden ab 50€ erhält der Spender einen Baustein in Form einer repräsentativen Urkunde per Post, bei Spenden ab 100€ wird der Spender auf einer Spendentafel im IBZ veröffentlicht.

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Also bitte, macht mit und helft dem IBZ, auch die nächsten 50 Jahre erfolgreiche Arbeit im Sinne der IPA zu leisten.

**Horst W.Bichl, President IPA Germany**

## 'Life is better with Friends' International Friendship Week in Rimavská Sobota, Slovakia

IPA Slovakia's regional group Rimavská Sobota organised an International Friendship Week from 28 July – 4 August 2019, which was attended by IPA members from Spain, Belgium, Ireland and Sweden.

It was a fantastic group of kind and friendly people, who were welcomed by the Mayor of Rimavská Sobota, the Director of the District Police Headquarters, as well as by the heads of the police station and the Municipal police. Throughout the event, we travelled a lot and saw many interesting places. We tried to show our colleagues attractions of a forgotten region.



We ventured underground, into the caves, and also reached the second highest peak of Slovakia.

We visited the highest working place in Slovakia, the Observatory on the Lomnický peak. In addition, we visited locations included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, as well as the cross-border Geopark.

We explored places of ancient history, and areas of rest and relaxation. We travelled by historic steam train along the railway route through the beautiful countryside.

Together, as a tribute to the IPA, we unveiled the IPA Friendship stone, which is from now on located in the city park in Rimavská Sobota. We sincerely hope that this rock, displaying the motto 'Life is better with friends' gives out a message not only for the members of the IPA, but for all people.

Of course, we also found time for fun, both in the countryside and in the hotel.

And since it is true that time flies faster amongst good people, the week passed in a moment!



***Peter Vígh, Chairperson Regional Group of Rimavská Sobota, IPA Slovakia***

## Tour in the Heart of the Dolomites: 144 IPA Bikers enjoy a motorcycle tour in the Alps

The 9<sup>th</sup> IPA motorbike rally in the Italian Alps, entitled 'In Tour nel Cuore delle Dolomiti – Tour in the Heart of the Dolomites', which took place from 13-16 June 2019, was a resounding success.



We had two amazing days, with beautiful weather, and as always, the positive feedback from the tour's participants rewarded all the dedication and the commitment of the organisers.

The Panorama Hotel in Panchià was once more our base, with Donata, Mauro and Diego acting as great hosts.

This year, our group consisted of 144 IPA bikers, with members coming from Austria, Belgium, Germany,

Luxembourg, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland. Last but not least, an Italian delegation and our C.E.L. local committee took part in the motorcycle rally.

The event started on 13 June with a welcome cocktail. The following morning, our rally set off from the central square of Predazzo. After greetings from the mayor, Dr Maria Bosin, we headed to Cavalese, our second destination. Later during the morning, we went through the Fiemme valley, over the San Lugano pass, via Aldino, Pietralba, Ponte Nova, the Carezza Lake, the Nigra Pass, Castelrotto, and the Pinei Pass, where we had lunch in the Pinei Hotel.

After this well-deserved break, we restarted our tour in the direction of Predazzo, through Ortisei, Selva di Val Gardena, the Sella Pass and Canazei.

The third day started with the Rolle Pass, biking through the amazing Natural Park of Paneveggio (known for the extraordinary woods that give life to the Stradivarius violins), the Valles Pass, the San Pellegrino pass, Canazei, the Fedaia Pass, Rocca Pietore, and Arabba, where we had lunch in the Hotel Pordoi.

In the afternoon, we reached the Campolongo Pass, Corvara, the Gardena Pass, the Sella Pass, Canazei, and Moena, and we finished our rally in Predazzo.

To conclude our amazing tour, a wonderful buffet consisting of typical delicacies of the region had been organised outside of the hotel. This was followed by a welcome from the representatives of the local authority and the military.

A special thanks to the Commander of the Predazzo Police, Ispettore Superiore Edoardo Tallandini, and to the Department of the Traffic Police of Bolzano, for the authorisation of the motorbike rally and for the Police, who led us and helped us throughout our trip.





During the dinner, gifts from the different IPA delegations were exchanged.

On behalf of the President of the XXII Trentino delegation, Antonio Saggiomo, the Vice President Giorgio Ropelato, invited all participants to come back to Italy for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the motorcycle rally.

The evening ended with musical entertainment by Faliero Favilla.



The organisers would like to thank all those who dedicated their time to the organisation of the event, and wish all the best to everyone.

We hope to see you soon for the 10<sup>th</sup> IPA motorcycle rally in the Dolomites!

Ad maiora!

**Rosario Giuliani, President C.E.L. Fiemme e Fassa, IPA Italy**

## 170 kilometres and an elevation gain of 10,000 metres!



Yes, this is exactly what awaited Renato Lešnik, the policeman of PPIU Nova Gorica, and 51-year-old IPA member. We met him in the middle of his preparations for the 'Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc', in which he would compete in August as the first Slovenian policeman to do so.

Renato has been running for 17 years, mostly long distances (21 and 42 km). In recent years, he has also completed several mountain running races and ultra trails. In 2012, he was a member of the Slovenian national team at the World Mountain Running Championships in Switzerland.

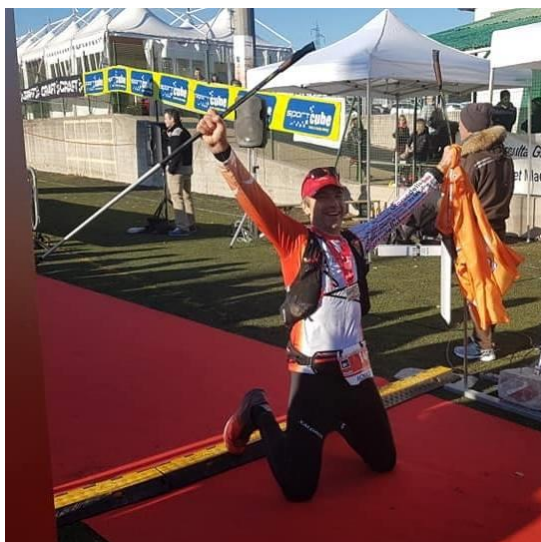
Moreover, he has already completed a 100 km long ultra trail (na Podbrdo) and the 100 miles of Istra, and also attended over 30 different mountain running events of distances from 20 to 70 kilometres. In January, he attended the 164 km long S1 Corsa della Bora race with an elevation gain of 6720 meters.

Not everyone can participate in the Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc. 'It is basically the Olympic Games of this sport, and it is already a magnificent achievement just to be standing at the start line', says Renato. To attend the event, a runner needs 15 points and some luck with the draw. Renato collected enough points through the races across Slovenia and abroad. However, each year there are around 25,000 people from all over the world applying for the race, and only 2,700 can start. Therefore, the applicants must also enter a draw. Renato had already applied twice for the race, but was not lucky until last year, when he finally succeeded. He will have 46.5 hours in which to finish the trail.

And how is he preparing for this demanding challenge? 'Besides work, I run across the hills near Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina, Vipava, and Tolminsko. I usually run around 250 kilometres and overcome an elevation gain of at least 10,000 meters each month'.

At the race, he will be accompanied by a team of 6 members of the running group and his wife. 'They can wait for me at certain points, but only one of them is allowed to go into the refreshment room and provide me with help, such as food, massage, and clothes'.

There is specific equipment that each participant needs to carry the whole time – enough liquid, a phone, waterproof jacket, pants and shirt, weighing at least 180 grams, and also first aid and two headlamps with additional batteries. The whole event can also be viewed online, as every competitor is equipped with a GPS tracker. 'That way, the team always knows where I am and when will I be at certain checkpoints'.



Renato also encourages others to run. '6 years ago, in Nova Gorica, some of my co-workers and friends asked me to share my numerous experiences in running, to guide them into the world of recreation. I have taken up the challenge and started training individuals who were previously not able to run even 500 meters.

Step by step, the transfer of my experience, and in particular the desire of socialising and being active lead us forward. By now, each of them has already accomplished distances ranging from 10 kilometres to a half-marathon, and four have run the full marathon distance', he comments with pride.

'We run under the name 'Počasni, a drzni' ('Slow, but daring'). However, neither the speed, nor the time plays a role, but only the smiles and happiness on our faces'.

**Anita Kovačič, IPA Slovenia**

## IPA Österreichs Wanderwoche auf dem Nassfeld 2019

In der Karnischen Region, Hermagor – Nassfeld – Pressegger See, fand Ende Juni die 7. IPA Wanderwoche statt. Die 47 Teilnehmer aus 7 Nationen wurden von IPA Mitgliedern aus der Region und Mitarbeitern vom Hotel Gartnerkofel betreut. Das Hotel war der Ausgangspunkt für die verschiedenen Touren der IPA Freunde.



Am ersten Tag der Woche wurde die 200m hohe Kölnbreinsperre besucht.

Durch das Tal der stürzenden Wasser führte uns die 14,4 km lange Malta Hochalmstraße zur Staumauer, wo im Rahmen einer Führung durch das Innere der höchsten Staumauer Österreichs den Teilnehmern alles Wissenswertes über die umweltschonende Stromerzeugung aus Wasserkraft näher gebracht wurde.

Am Dienstag konnten die Teilnehmer bei einer gemütlichen Wanderung das Nassfeld kennenlernen und bei einem Mittagsschoppen auf der Sonnenterasse des Hotels Gartnerkofel bei ausgezeichneter Stimmung den restlichen Tag genießen.

Der Laghi di Fusine (I) – Weissenfelder Seen war die dritte Tour in dieser Woche. Die traumhafte Seekulisse mit Blick auf den Mangart ließ so manchen Teilnehmer über die Schönheit der Region staunen. Die IPA Freunde konnten zwischen einer anspruchsvollen Wanderung oder einer leichteren Tour zum gemeinsamen Treffpunkt, der Zacchi Berg Hütte, wählen. Bei gutem Essen und uriger, lokaler Musik wurden die Erlebnisse ausgetauscht und der Tag verging wie im Fluge.



Die landschaftliche Vielfalt Mittelkärntens konnten die Teilnehmer bei der Rundfahrt zum Faaker See, nach Maria Wörth mit Besichtigung der Wallfahrtskirche und anschließenden Besuch des Pyramidenkogels, ein 100 m hoher Holzaussichtsturm mit einem Rundblick über Mittelkärnten, kennenlernen. Um auch den Kärntner Wein genießen zu können, wurde das Weingut Taggenbrunn bei St. Veit anvisiert, und über Feldkirchen und den Ossiachersee ging es wieder zurück auf das Nassfeld.

Am Donnerstag wurden 5 unterschiedliche Routen am Nassfeld, je nach Fitness und Interesse, angeboten. Beim gemeinsamen Alm-Picknick auf die Winkelalm wurden die Energiespeicher bei einem reichhaltigen Buffet wieder aufgeladen.



Die Überraschungsfahrt am Freitag führte uns zum Weissensee. Der Weissensee ist mit einer Länge von 11,6 km, der breitesten Stelle mit 900m, und der maximalen Tiefe von 99m, der höchstgelegene Badesee Österreichs, und ein beliebtes Ausflugsziel. Mit dem Sessellift wurde die Naggl Alm erklommen, und die Wanderung führte zur Kohlröslhütte und zurück zum Weissensee. Der erlebnisreiche Tag fand bei einer 2-stündigen Seerundfahrt seinen Ausklang.

Gesellige Abende und gemeinsame Aktivitäten im Hotel (Musik, Tanz, Casino, Schuhplattler, etc.) boten ausreichend Zeit, um Gedanken und Ideen auszutauschen, zum Auffrischen alter Freundschaften sowie Knüpfen neuer Kontakte.

Die nächste Wanderwoche ist für die Zeit vom 13. bis 20. Juni 2020, auf dem Nassfeld im Hotel Gartnerkofel, geplant.

Servo per Amikeco

**Ewald Grollitsch, IPA Österreich**

## IPA UK's Harvey Whittam hosts visitors from the USA with a special agenda

On Saturday 17 August, I had the pleasure of spending the day with visitors from IPA USA, Niccolo R. Coia and his girlfriend Gianna Rose, who had travelled from San Francisco and wanted to visit Windsor Castle.



Niccolo and Gianna toured the castle, including St. George's Chapel, following which they were taken on a guided walk around Windsor. Afterwards, on recommendation, they enjoyed an early evening cruise on the river Thames, as well as a quick meal and a drink in a local pub in Eton.

In addition, we all took the chance for a quick pit stop at Runnymede to see the area of the signing of the Magna Carta, and a surprise awaited them at the same site: suddenly they found themselves on a part of the USA, on a 1 acre area given to the USA in memory of JFK!

Prior to the day in Windsor and its surroundings, Niccolo and Gianna had enjoyed an excellent time in London, including a tour of the Tower of London, all arranged by Dipesh Dattani, our London Reception Officer.

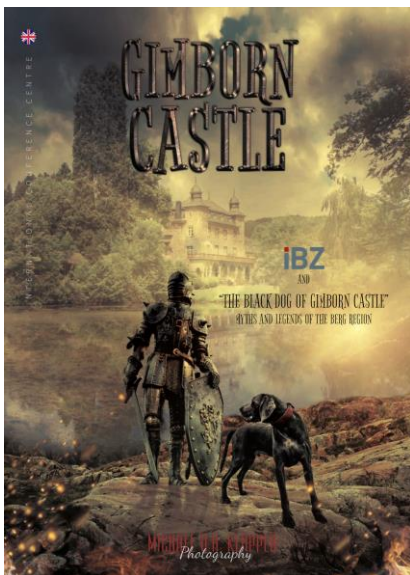
The IPA involvement did not stop here – the following day, our visitors headed on to meet IPA members in York for a drive-along and tour, before catching a train to Paris.

By the way, while in London, Niccolo ‘popped the question’ to Gianna, so this IPA trip turned into a very special occasion indeed!



**Harvey Whittam, IPA UK**

## Prepare to be amazed! Photography Magazine ‚Castle Gimborn‘ (English & German)



Michael O.A. Klapper ist ein national und international ausgezeichnete Amateur-Fotokünstler, sowie Mitglied der IPA Verbindungsstelle Fulda.

Angefangen mit der Reisefotografie durch zahlreiche Länder liegt sein besonderes Interesse in der Erfassung moderner Stadtarchitektur, Landschaften sowie bei den See / Meer-Elementen. Gesammelt und fokussiert durch eine Linse, wird das Licht unserer Welt auf einer Fläche eingefangen, wo es zu etwas anderem wird: zu einer Momentaufnahme zu einer Geschichte, Vision von Zeit und Ort.

Michael O.A. Klapper bietet seine Vision von Schatten und Licht. Seine Vorstellungskraft erzeugt Bilder, die sie mit dunklen Gefühlen verbindet und einladen zum Nachdenken.

Der erste Gedanke für ein Photography Magazin ‚Schloss Gimborn‘ entstand 2018, als der Direktor René Kauffmann mich nach meinen Bildern von Schloss Gimborn fragte, ob wir diese nicht auch großformatig drucken könnten. Ich stimmte zu, stöberte im Archiv und fand zahlreiche Bilder, die ich bei meinen Besuchen auf Schloss Gimborn machte.

Ich hatte Schwarzweiß- und Farbbilder. Jetzt benötigte ich nur noch etwas Text für das Magazin. Hier dachte ich an die Geschichte vom ‚Schwarzen Hund von Schloss Gimborn‘. Hubert Vitt von der IPA Sektion Deutschland hatte mal einen Text darüber verfasst und stellte ihn mir zur Verfügung.



Ebenso wurde der Text von den Tafelbildern im Schloss neben der Turm-Bar über die Entstehung von Schloss Gimborn mit aufgenommen. Jetzt war es an der Reihe, dem Magazin ein Outfit zu geben. Zahlreiche Abendstunden verbrachte ich damit, ein Cover und die einzelnen Magazinseiten zu erstellen. Das Ganze wurde dann noch ins Englische übersetzt, und das Photography Magazin Schloss Gimborn war geboren.



Am 27. Mai 2019 überreichte ich dem Direktor des IBZ Herrn René Kauffmann die zweisprachigen Ausgaben auf Schloss Gimborn.

Besonders fühlte ich mich geehrt, als ich im Schloss Gimborn die zahlreichen Bilder von mir sah. Es ist die größte Sammlung / Ausstellung meiner fotografischen Arbeit.

Vielen Dank dafür an René Kauffmann und das Team von Schloss Gimborn.

Meine Frau und unser Hund Kyra, der schwarze Hund im Magazin, und ich waren immer sehr gut aufgehoben und verwöhnt worden vom Team IBZ Schloss Gimborn.

Das Photography Magazin über Legenden und Sagen erhält man im IBZ Schloss Gimborn oder auf Bestellung plus Versandkosten.

*The photography magazine containing myths and legends of the region around Castle Gimborn is available at Schloss Gimborn or can be ordered.*

Video-clip: <https://bit.ly/2HY8a9v>

Mehr über seine Arbeiten, Portfolio und Publikationen / *further information:* [www.michaelklapper.com](http://www.michaelklapper.com)

**Michael O.A. Klapper, IPA Fulda / Deutschland**

## IPA Poland celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Police

On 17 August 2019, an international conference was held at the Łazienkowski Hotel in Warsaw, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Polish State Police and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of the Border Guard to IPA Poland.

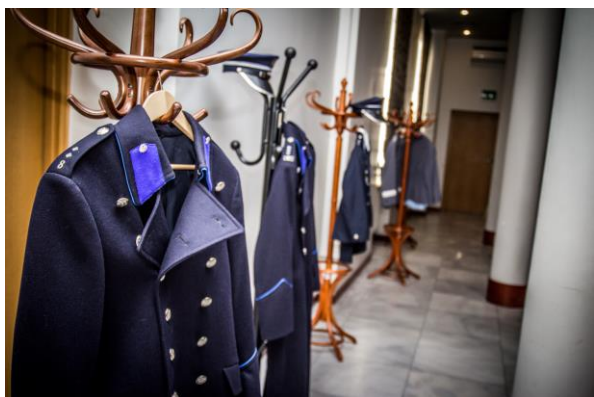
13 IPA delegations from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Cyprus, Moldova, Romania, Ireland, Hungary, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Portugal and Germany, as well as representatives of the Police National Headquarters, the Border Guard, and members of the IPA from all over Poland attended.

The main goal of the conference was to show officers from abroad, how the Polish police forces have changed over the years, and how the Polish police often faced difficult times, and even a tragic fate, in the last century. An important aspect was

also to emphasise what the Polish police currently does, what it has achieved and how it serves society today.

An interesting element was the exhibition of historical and contemporary uniforms, which was available to participants throughout the duration of the conference.

An important part of the meeting was the presentation about the Border Guard, highlighting the important role its officers play, who have now been able to become full members of the association for the past 15 years.



In addition to the conference, all our guests had the opportunity to get to know the capital of our country, to admire Warsaw from the observation deck of the Palace of Culture and Science, and to visit the Old Town.

The celebrations concluded with a wonderful performance of the Police Representative Orchestra, applauded by all our guests, and in particular foreign officers. Everyone also admired the huge cake with the Association's logo, with which participants celebrated this important event for the Polish Section.

This event was not only a conference presenting the history of the Polish Police and celebrating 15 years of the Border Guard in the IPA, but also another step in integrating the police community from around the world. All participants had the unique opportunity to exchange experiences acquired during their difficult service, and to obtain information on the functioning of the police in other countries.

***Text / Photos: Aneta Sobieraj, Krzysztof Kapturski, IPA Poland***

## IPA Romania enjoy a successful Porto-Franco Cup 2019

From 20-23 June 2019, IPA Romania, in partnership with IPA Region 2 Galati, organised the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Porto-Franco Cup, a minifootball and Oină tournament in the city of Galati.

18 teams from Romania and Moldova took part in the the minifootbal competition, which was won by the host team, IPA Region 2 Galati.



As every year, the highlight of this tournament, however, was the competition involving our own national sport, Oină (a form of baseball). 4 teams from Romania participated, and the winner of the tournament was the Harghita County Gendarmerie Inspectorate, who were also the winners of the last 4 editions of the Oină Championship of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



All participants in this sports event enjoyed a leisurely trip on the Danube on board of the pleasure boat 'Kaptan M', where they were able to socialise and enjoy friendship, with promises made for a future reunion.

So, dear friends, let's meet up again for the 7th Porto-Franco Cup in 2020!

***Florin Olaru, President IPA Romania***



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## PROJECT BEST PRACTICE

**Human motor control, automatic and decision processes under physical and psychological stress. Instinctive, reflexive and adaptive aspects.**

***PhD paper from University of Lund, Sweden, by Johan Bertilsson (2019)***

### Abstract

The stress response is governed by automatic neurological and hormonal processes that occur before we become consciously aware of a dangerous situation. If stress ensues for 15-30 seconds, the hormonal processes may have progressed so far that recovery takes an hour or longer instead of minutes.

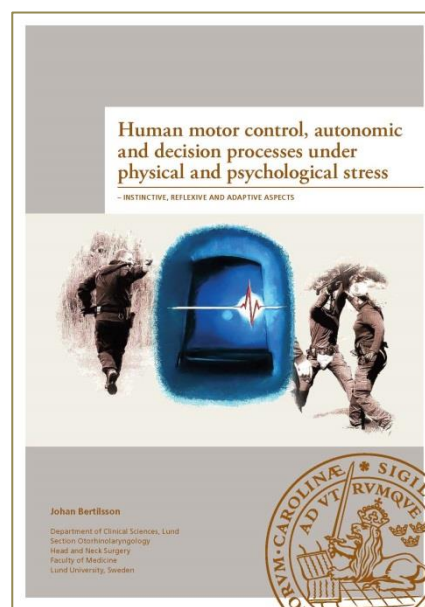
Stress can affect our behavior and in certain professions, such as the police force and emergency services, being in stressful situations is routine. When the stress imparted on an action is low, there may be little detriment to performance. However, when the stress imparted on an action is high, performance may be reduced and viewed as unsatisfactory.

This thesis has examined the situational characteristics and performance of police officers in stressful incidents where firearms and pepper spray have been used, and during training scenarios designed to induce stress. Pepper spray and firearms were often used differently in real situations, both operationally and technically, compared to the way they were used during training.

When armed assailants were encountered in actual incidents, weapons were often used late on and at very short ranges. One real life event studied in detail showed that both police officers and civilian witnesses suffer from similar perceptual and memory distortions.

When mimicking real situations for training through simulations, stress levels increased as evidenced by an increase in heart rate which may be used to ensure the closeness of training simulations to real events. When assessing the suitability of pupil dilation as a stress measure, the pupil underwent dilation in spite of large illumination increases, and the pupils also dilated when a threat emerged early in stress-inducing scenarios.

Subjective assessments made by six experts separately, rated performance as being impaired in the simulated stress training in addition to poorer performance of a highly trained, complex, motor skill.



To conclude, stress can affect police officers during interventions and training, as it impairs perception and memory, cognition, decision-making and the motor skills necessary for equipment and weapon use. Hence, the consequences of stress responses should be considered when designing tactics, training and equipment so that tasks can be carried out well when stress is heightened. An increased understanding of physiological and behavioral changes to stressful situations in police officers will contribute to rationalising outcomes and influencing policy based on scientific empirical and physiological ground.

Download the full text:

[https://portal.research.lu.se/portal/files/65464188/Johan\\_Bertilsson\\_WEBB.pdf](https://portal.research.lu.se/portal/files/65464188/Johan_Bertilsson_WEBB.pdf)

**Recommended by:**

**May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Chairperson Professional Commission**

## PC member Javier Gamero Kinosita delivers a lecture at the Swiss Embassy in Peru



In the framework of the 728<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Switzerland, I was invited to give a lecture on 'The new public management of security provision in the post-globalisation age' at the Embassy of Switzerland in Lima, within the scope of the IV academic colloquium on Peru in the direction of its bicentenary – social challenges and structural problems of Peru, for a democratic consolidation and human and sustainable development to 2021, organised by the Research Workshop of Security and Criminal Justice of the Peru Reflexion Forum - Switzerland Chapter (FORPERU-SUIZA), and in coordination with the Swiss Embassy in Peru. The academic meeting was chaired by the Ambassador of Switzerland in Peru, Markus-Alexander Antonietti, and the President of IPA

Peru and General of the National Police of Peru, Sergio Monar Moyoli.

In my lecture I asserted that the 21<sup>st</sup> century demands a sustainable security policy, and accordingly, new global approaches and transversal strategies are required. A sustainable security should be given on 4 levels: international security, national security, institutional security and individual security. It is necessary to detect causes of criminality, new risks and opportunities with a transnational and polyhedron perspective.

I affirmed additionally, that we are living at a cross point of chaos, complexity and contingency, between confrontations and contradictions in a chaotic unregulated

time, in the multi-spatiality, plural-temporality and trans-individuality of a world full of opportunities. This is the 'post 9/11 society', the '24 hour society', the 'risk society', and the 'surveillance society' of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, where low intensity conflicts, molecular civil wars and denationalisation of war conflicts occur. We are living an urban battle, where the neo-terrorism takes place in a lot of of micro-operation theatres (bus stations, railway stations, airports, stadiums, shopping-centres, etc.). Security finds itself in a dilemma between Police and Military, and society finds itself in a trilemma between liberty, security and justice.

I explained that we live in a multi-dimensional, polycentric and contingent society, where the national states are no longer the only actors, due to new global players. I concluded that there are new problems, concepts and challenges, and that therefore a new security architecture is required.

***Javier Gamero Kinosita, Member of the Professional Commission & IPA Peru***

## Annual Conference of the Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management

The conference was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at the Union Jack Club in London. Moderator for the speakers and over 100 participants was IPA member Roger Gomm QPM. The theme for the conference was 'Reality of Leading in a Crisis'. The Chairperson of the Professional Commission had been invited to participate with the aim of identifying new speakers for IBZ Gimborn, and in return supplying speakers for future ICPEM conferences.



*Roger Gomm opening the ICPEM Conference*

Deborah Higgins, Head of the Cabinet Office EPC, delivered the opening speech on building crisis leadership capability, and how the EPC prepares people to lead in a crisis. Deborah presented a suite of tools which is available on their website

<https://www.epcresilience.com/services/thought-leading/knowledge-centre/> and free online courses <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/staying-safe> for the public.

Professor Karim Brohi, Consultant and Vascular Surgeon at the Royal London Hospital, delivered an eye-opening lecture on leadership during mass casualty events, from a clinical perspective. With the background and experience of the 2005 London Bombings and London Bridge attacks in 2017, he described how the medical emergency staff prioritised on the scene and following this at the emergency ward, by use of flash expert teams. The facts presented were shocking for some of the audience, and for others showed the reality of lifesaving. Within the flash expert teams, leadership is given. The knowledge from these teams is shared with the sports and aviation industries, and is an expertise which is continuously developed.

Daryll Stroud led the London Fire Brigade's response to the Westminster Bridge terrorist attack in 2017. He openly spoke about the successes and challenges of the day. To keep his focus, he took a step back, logged all information and updated and followed up his teams to engage them into understanding the situation. He found it more important to lead his teams, rather than to try fixing the situation.

Andy Wapling, Regional Head of Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response for NHS South-East and South-West Regions, presented the NHS response to the Salisbury Novichok poisonings. On 4 March 2018, Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military officer and double agent for the UK's intelligence services, and his daughter Yulia Skripal were poisoned in Salisbury, England, with a Novichok nerve agent known as A-234. Both survived after extensive medical treatment at hospital. On 30 June 2018, British nationals Charlie Rowley and Dawn Sturgess were admitted to hospital, after they had been exposed to the same nerve agent. Dawn died on 8 July.

Andy and the medical team had to ask questions as to: what, when, where, why, how – they managed to solve the initial unknown medical emergency situation and were able to maintain the hospital's operational capability. This was at first a situation of understanding the unknown unknowns.

Ed Butler, CBE, DSO and Head of Risk Analysis at Pool Re delivered a presentation on an operation to extract hostages in Sierra Leone. He identified lessons in leadership from his military experience in leading, and the importance of knowing the mission, who the stakeholders are, and to define success and failure in a situation where there is no time to reflect while the operation is developing. The hostages were rescued, but he lost one man whose family he himself visited to deliver the news of the loss of their son.

Rob Davis, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Avon Fire & Rescue, shared his experience through his voluntary work with SARAID, a rapid global response team which he was part of in 2004 in Sri Lanka after the Tsunami (around 300,000 lives were lost in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and India), in 2006 in Pakistan where 73,000 people lost their lives in an earthquake, and in Haiti in 2010 after the



*IPA members Tony and Roger*

earthquake where over 220,000 people died. Rob illustrated strategic, tactical and operational situations, where learning from the international context would advance the UK in their planning and preparedness activities in major emergency situations both nationally or internationally.

Professor Paresh Wankhade, Professor of Leadership and Management and Director of Research at Edge Hill University's Business School, summarised the conference. He challenged whether there was a leadership crisis in the blue-light services. He recommended collaboration instead of the current context in the UK, and existing models of leadership. In addition, Professor Wankhade gave examples how to move forward outside dogma, protocols and barriers, based on his research of exploring leadership and the management in the Ambulance, Police and Fire and Rescue Services in UK.

***Text: May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro, Chairperson Professional Commission***

***Photos: Sarah Schubert***

## LAST WORD

The September edition of the IPA Newsletter reflects perfectly what the IPA is about and what our association has to offer:

Opportunities for IPA members to apply for **international commission work**; training events, such as the extremely successful **Young Police Officers' Seminar**, which this year took place in Scotland; the very popular IPA **International Youth Gathering**, offering 2 fun-packed weeks for teenage kids of IPA members, this year in Croatia; international **motorcycle tours** gathering IPA friends from around the World in the UK and in Italy; a new **twinning arrangement** between a Swiss and a Belgian IPA region; a **friendship week** in Slovakia and a hiking week in Austria; a gathering of many IPA sections to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Police; **international sports competitions** in Romania, and a sailing adventure in the Baltic, to name but a few of the events covered.

Added to the mix are a talk by an IPA commission member, a reading recommendation for a PhD paper, and a report on a conference of the Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management.

Last, but not least, we have a couple of articles on the IPA flagship **IBZ Castle Gimborn**, which this year celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

If the articles in this Newsletter have whet your appetite, I recommend that you have a look on our international website [www.ipa-international.org](http://www.ipa-international.org) , where you can find details on future events, scholarships, training seminars, travelling with the IPA and much more.

*Elke*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Canada	2-11 Sep 2019	Shades of Ireland Tour, organised by Atlantic Region of IPA Canada
Bulgaria	4-8 Sep 2019	First Folklore Festival, Chepelare
Romania	4-8 Sep 2019	Int'l Tennis Tournament, Tîrgu Jiu
Montenegro	5-8 Sep 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> Balkan-Adriatic Meeting, Podgorica
Poland	8 Sep 2019	29 <sup>th</sup> Philipps Half Marathon, Piła
Italy	11-15 Sep 2019	6 <sup>th</sup> Troph. Riviera delle Palme 5-a-side football tournament, Ascoli Piceno
Spain	11-15 Sep 2019	XI Int'l Champ. Indoor Football, Galicia
Switzerland	13-15 Sep 2019	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Zentralschweiz, Lucerne
Ukraine	16-20 Sep 2019	Chernichiv Region Friendship Week
Spain	2-6 Oct 2019	III Trans-Pyrenean Motorcycle Tour
Spain	3 Oct 2019	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Tarragona
USA	5-12 Oct 2019	National Delegate Conference Cruise, Miami
Croatia	8-13 Oct 2019 12-19 Oct 2019	64 <sup>th</sup> IPA World Congress, Cavtat Friendship Week
Ireland	13-18 Oct 2019	International Police Training Seminar, Dublin – FULLY BOOKED -
UK	15/16 Oct 2019	Las Vegas Mass Shooting Seminar, Northallerton
Cyprus	25 Oct 2019	Workshop on Cybercrime, Limassol
Croatia	7-8 Nov 2019	Conference on Security in Historic Cities, Solín
Cyprus	14-17 Nov 2019	36 <sup>th</sup> National Congress, Paphos
Spain	30 Nov-8 Dec 2019	Cycle Tour of Gambia, supported by IPA Spain Vallés Oriental
Spain	30 Nov 2019	19 <sup>th</sup> International Trader Show, Barcelona
Spain	12-15 Dec 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Intern. 7-a-side Football Tournament for Police, Tenerife
UK	30 Jan-2 Feb 2020	Ceilidh Weekend, Kingussie, Scotland – FULLY BOOKED -
UK	14-17 Feb 2020	Devon Branch Spring Friendship Weekend, Exmouth
Japan	7-14 Apr 2020	Japan Friendship Week
UK	22-28 Apr 2020	Caravan & Camping Club Rally, Spalding
Montenegro	10-15 May 2020	IPA Games, Bar
UK	05-08 Jun 2020	Lincolnshire Friendship Weekend
UK	7-18 Jun 2020	British Isles Cruise, departing from Liverpool
Austria	13-20 Jun 2020	Hiking Week, Nassfeld
UK	1-8 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Northern Ireland
UK	8-15 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Scotland

## FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

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