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# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) NEWSLETTER

## INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD (IEB) 2023-2027



**Introducing the new International Executive Board. International President, Martin Hoffmann (Austria), Vice President, Michael Walsh (Ireland), Secretary General, Jože Senica (Slovenia), Chairperson International Relations Commission, Oliver Hoffmann (Germany), Chairperson Professional Commission, Diego Trolese (Italy), Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission, Christos Parginos (Greece), Head of Administration, Clive Wood (United Kingdom) and Treasurer Social Affairs, Jean-Pierre Allet (Switzerland).**

Read about the IPA 66th World Congress 2023, Athens, Greece where the elections of the new IEB and Internal Auditors took place.

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# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - MARTIN HOFFMANN



**Martin Hoffmann—International President**

Dear IPA Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. As I take on the role of International President of the IPA, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you who may not be familiar with me.

My name is Martin Hoffmann. I am 53 years old, born in the beautiful town of Zwettl in Austria. I am fortunate to have a loving wife, Angela, and I take great pride in my 25-year-old son Marco, who recently completed his studies in law.

My journey in law enforcement began at the age of 15 when I embarked on my police training as a Police cadet, which I successfully completed at the age of 18. I served as a police officer in Vienna until 2001 when I transitioned to the Prison Service. Currently, I hold the position of Head of Education Department at the Austrian Prison Service Academy, where I am responsible for the foundational training of prison staff across Austria.

My affiliation with the IPA dates back to 1987 when I joined during my police training. Over the years, I have been actively involved in various roles. In 2003, I became the Head of the IPA branch Krems/Wachau-Horn-Zwettl, which grew to nearly 1,000 members under my tenure. In 2016, I was co-opted as the Secretary General of the Austrian Section and in May 2017, I was elected as President, a position I still hold today.

At the 2019 World Congress, I was elected to the International Executive Board as Treasurer Social Affairs.

I am honoured to now serve as your International President. In keeping with my commitment, I will not seek re-election as the President of the Austrian Section in May 2024 to focus entirely on my international responsibilities.

Now, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated organisers of the 66th IPA World Congress in Athens. The President of the Greek IPA Section Vlasios Valatsos and their entire team have demonstrated outstanding commitment and skill in hosting this wonderful event. Their hard work and dedication will serve as a shining example for years to come.



**IPA Greece World Congress Organising Committee**

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I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the delegates from the IPA sections who have placed their trust in me and my newly elected team. Your support is greatly valued. To those delegates who may not have cast their vote in my favour, I want to assure you that I am committed to working diligently over the next four years to earn your trust and confidence. Our shared mission to propel the IPA forward into a new era of growth and global impact is a collective endeavour, and I am dedicated to representing the interests of all our IPA sections.

I also want to extend my respect to the other candidates for International President, May-Britt Ronnebro and Eran Israel. Your dedication and passion for the IPA is evident. Furthermore, I encourage all candidates who were not elected, to consider joining our various commissions and projects working groups. Your expertise and ideas are invaluable.

I am delighted to introduce my future team, a group of exceptionally qualified individuals who will play a pivotal role in advancing the IPA's mission:

- Vice-President and Treasurer Finances: Michael Walsh, Ireland
- Secretary General: Jože Senica, Slovenia
- Chairperson for the International Relations Commission: Oliver Hoffmann, Germany
- Chairperson for the Professional Commission: Diego Trolese, Italy
- Chairperson for the Socio-Cultural Commission: Christos Parginos, Greece
- Head of Administration: Clive Wood, United Kingdom
- Treasurer of Social Affairs: Jean-Pierre Allet, Switzerland
- Internal Auditors: Sofia Logaridou, Greece and Fred Boyd, United Kingdom



**New International Executive Board (IEB) - 2023- 2027**

Together, we bring a wealth of diverse experiences and expertise to the table, and I have full confidence in their ability to drive positive change within our organisation.

Additionally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the team from the International Administration Centre (IAC) Hana Bower and Lisa Foreman for their exceptional work, especially during the World Congress in Athens. Your dedication and professionalism were instrumental in making the event a resounding success, and I look forward to our continued excellent collaboration.

Over the next four years, my team and I are dedicated to building upon this legacy and advancing the IPA to greater achievements.

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Among our foremost goals, one of our primary objectives is to increase our membership base. We recognise the importance of expanding our IPA family, and we are particularly focused on strengthening our presence in North and South America. We believe that by broadening our reach in these regions, we can foster greater collaboration and diversity within our organisation.

In addition to membership growth, we are committed to enhancing transparency in our interactions with IPA sections worldwide. Transparency is the cornerstone of trust and we aim to ensure that our members have a clear understanding of our activities, decision-making processes, and financial operations. This transparency will enable us to build stronger connections and facilitate better communication with our member sections.

To promote the IPA effectively on a global scale, we are in the process of developing professional marketing strategies. These strategies will enable us to showcase the value of the IPA, its mission and its activities to a wider audience. We believe that a well-executed marketing plan will help us attract new members, sponsors and partners who share our vision and goals.

In today's digital age, we also recognise the importance of technology in connecting our global IPA community. As part of our efforts to improve communication and accessibility, we are working on the creation of a comprehensive international IPA App. This App will serve as a hub for information, resources, and networking opportunities, making it easier for members to engage with the IPA and stay informed about our initiatives.

Furthermore, we have a diverse array of other initiatives in the pipeline, all aimed at fortifying our organisation. These initiatives range from educational programmes and training opportunities to cultural exchanges and collaborative projects. Our goal is to provide valuable benefits to our members while ensuring that the IPA remains a dynamic and forward-thinking organisation.



**66th IPA World Congress 2023, Athens Delegates**

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## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - MARTIN HOFFMANN



**Former International Executive Board - 2019 - 2023**

As we look ahead, I want to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the outgoing members of the International Executive Board. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in the IPA's success over the decades. I extend my deepest thanks to former International President Pierre-Martin Moulin, who has been a true leader of the IPA for over a decade. During his 11 years as International President, and even before in his role as Treasurer, Pierre-Martin demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication. Pierre-Martin's legacy of excellence will undoubtedly continue to inspire us as we move forward. I also extend my thanks to the esteemed outgoing members of the International Executive Board – May-Britt Ronnebro, Stephen Crockard, Kyriakos Karkalis, and Demetris Demetriou. These exceptional individuals have left an indelible mark on the IPA through their exemplary service and dedication.

With your support and active engagement, I am confident that we can build a brighter future for the IPA. I invite all IPA friends around the world to join hands with the new international board, collaborate in advancing the IPA and help us ensure that the IPA remains a beacon of international cooperation and friendship among police officers and law enforcement worldwide.

Thank you all for your dedication to the IPA!

In Friendship,

**Martin Hoffmann**  
**International President**

### PODCAST

Listen here to our podcast this month.

Vice President Mick Walsh interviews the newly elected International President Martin Hoffmann.

[Listen Now](#)



# IPA USA - REGION 2 VISITS IPA IN EASTERN EUROPE

One of the great benefits about the International Police Association is the ability to visit countries all over the world and instantly become friends with local police officers. My name is Jason Cohen, retired NYPD detective and now licensed private investigator and owner of Allegiance Investigative Solutions LLC in NYC. I am also a proud, long-time member of IPA-USA New York City Region 2.

From my past experiences and trips to Spain and Morocco in 2019, courtesy of IPA Valles Barcelona, and another 2019 IPA trip to Scandinavia (Norway, Denmark, and Sweden), the IPA officers, particularly our IPA-USA travel coordinator and National 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Carmen Alvelo work tirelessly to ensure our members have whatever they need to meet and greet fellow members domestically and internationally. This entails my recent visit to Eastern Europe, notably Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia.



**2019 W.A.D. 94th Annual Conference in Stockholm, Sweden**

For those members who are not aware, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drafted in 2019 between the World Association of Detectives (W.A.D.) and IPA. W.A.D. was founded in 1925 and currently contains over 1,000 professional investigative members in 84 countries. WAD past president Dan Rusu, a member of IPA Romania (pictured below), and IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin collaboratively signed this MOU. The main purposes of the MOU are enhancing and sharing knowledge, training, networking, camaraderie and joint membership between both organisations, including retired police officers who are eligible to join W.A.D. The former Secretary General May-Britt Ronnebro of IPA Sweden (pictured below) was cordially invited to our 2019 W.A.D. 94<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in Stockholm as our most honored guest and recipient of the Hal Lipset Memorial Truth in Action Award, which was a roaring success for further strengthening the bonds between both organisations.

My current trip commenced with a visit to Prague, Czech Republic for a W.A.D. midterm conference at the end of April 2023. It was there that I met with Vladimir Macek, former police officer and IPA Czech Republic member and host. Vladimir was not only my IPA brother, but also our tour guide and companion for sightseeing around Prague. We went to one of the police stations in Prague city center and met with fellow IPA colleagues hard at work, who also found time to throw me in “the slammer” for, shall we say, educational purposes. We exchanged patches and gifts and shared police stories and policies with some similarities and notable differences between the United States and Czech Republic. Vladimir was our guest of honor at the W.A.D. Welcome Reception and Gala dinner at our fabulous hotel, the Hilton Prague Old Town. Suffice it to say, a glorious time was had by all. Vladimir was a crucial factor in putting me in touch with the other IPA contacts, all of whom I would meet with later on in my three week excursion across Eastern Europe.



## IPA USA - REGION 2 VISITS IPA IN EASTERN EUROPE



Following Prague was a four hour train ride to Vienna, Austria. This was a special country for me because of my part Austrian heritage from my late father's side, who was never able to visit during his lifetime. Before sightseeing on my own with the Big Bus Hop On and Off tour, I met up with IPA Austria President Martin Hoffman briefly for coffee with his wife. Later on that evening, Martin and I met at a restaurant near my hotel and spoke about W.A.D. and IPA MOU, along with different policing policies between Austria and the USA. Unfortunately I was not able to visit a police station during my visit, mostly in part due to the Labour Day protests running rampant throughout Vienna at that time. However, I still enjoyed my time and look forward to future visits throughout the Austrian countryside.

After leaving Vienna, my journey continued as I jumped on a quick one hour train ride to Bratislava, Slovakia. That is where I met up with another great friend, Ladislav Csollei, IPA president of Bratislava II, Slovakia and some other officers. After taking a tram around Bratislava for sightseeing, the next day Ladislav was gracious enough to pick me up from my hotel and take me to a police station and the US Embassy for a visit. Afterwards, we continued our journey outside the Old Town to Hrad Devin (Devin Castle) after stopping at his favorite place for lunch.



After leaving Bratislava, around two and a half hours later, I arrived in Budapest, Hungary. After sightseeing on my own on the first day, I met up with Budapest IPA member Ida Havasi the next day. Ida was reminiscent of my own

maternal grandmother, and as such we formed a unique bond. Unfortunately many of the police officers we encountered, especially at the police stations, were not IPA members. Due to this technicality, we were unable to visit and tour any police station. The furthest we were able to enter was the lobby of the downtown headquarters. After our multiple bus trip across the city, we enjoyed some dinner and parted ways.



Next on the trip, I was picked up in Budapest by a friend from Slovenia who drove me back to her country about three and a half hours away. After sightseeing her hometown of Maribor, the next day I went with a private investigator colleague from Slovenia, Tina Kramberger from W.A.D. to a police station for camaraderie and

networking. The goal was to close the gap between the public law enforcement and private sector investigations in regards to cooperation on certain cases. This was a success as one of the heads of the Maribor regional police department headquarters, Bostjan Velicki, said he would most certainly utilize private investigators to assist whenever feasible in accordance to their laws and regulations.

## IPA USA - REGION 2 VISITS IPA IN EASTERN EUROPE



The following day, I traveled an hour to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, with my friend and private investigator colleague. After sightseeing with them, we had an appointment to meet with Marjan Prah-Podborski from Ljubljana Police at a highway district. Once there, we were able to see the vehicles such as motorcycles and riot truck as well as squad cars.

Sadly, my Eastern European trip concluded and ultimately the time came for me to return home to New York City. My three weeks visiting overseas, which took me to seven countries, was a phenomenal experience that will be hard to top. Besides the erratic roller-coaster weather where one minute it was hot and the next was cold, rainy and dreary, these aforementioned pictures are a mere snapshot of countless memories that will never be replicated and certainly not forgotten. I still keep in touch with my European IPA colleagues to

this day and hope to see them again. Onward and upward until my next adventure, Servo per Amikeco and stay safe, watch your six, and stay tuned...

**Jason Cohen**  
**NYPD Detective (Ret.), Licensed Private Investigator**  
**IPA-USA New York City Region 2**  
**W.A.D. Sgt at Arms, Chairman of New Business Committee**



## OBITUARY - MARTIN MÖNNIGHOFF IBZ GIMBORN

The IPA family and IBZ Gimborn mourn the loss of deputy chairman, Martin Mönnighoff who passed away on Friday 3rd November 2023 following a long and serious illness.

Martin joined the International Police Association in 1987 and discovered the IBZ castle when participating in seminars in the 90's. He was elected to the board in Gimborn in 2001. His young and open minded style, set the pace for further development of IBZ for 22 years. His advice and opinion were always sought and he was a true team player.

From IPA and IBZ Schloss Gimborn, a huge thank you to Martin. You'll always be in our hearts and minds.





# 66th IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 - ATHENS, GREECE



**Conference Room - Athens**

The highly anticipated IPA World Congress began on Tuesday 24th October, where delegates, observers and visitors from 66 Sections arrived at the Wyndham Grand Hotel, Athens. Guests were welcomed with drinks on the Tuesday evening in the hotel lobby, followed by a buffet dinner. The energy was high and delegates embraced each other as some met for the very first time and others reconnected since their last IPA meeting, for many over a year ago at the 65th IPA World Congress in Spain.

The Programme was a busy one, and our hosts at IPA Hellenic section did an outstanding job at planning and preparing all the events as well as providing delegates with the information required following a QR code on their lanyard.

On Wednesday morning guests gathered outside of the hotel for a group photograph, before delegates and observers were invited to the opening ceremony greeted with a large brass band playing on entrance. Welcome greetings were presented from ministers as well as the International President Pierre-Martin Moulin and IPA Greece President Vlasios Valatsos. The national anthem of Greece was heard along with the IPA anthem.

The afternoon saw delegates break off into groups to discuss the International Relations Commission (IRC) proposals regarding worldwide collaborative working, and delegates and sections were given the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions.

As you may be aware, the 2023 World Congress was an elective year and candidate presentations took place on the Wednesday afternoon for International Executive Board (IEB) positions.



**Opening Ceremony - Brass Band**



**IPA Estonia - Food and drink during the gathering**



**Pierre - Martin Moulin—Former President**

The hugely successful gathering as seen in previous years was held in the atrium of the hotel following the presentations.

Sections were given the opportunity to showcase cultural food and drink and delegates and observers had the opportunity to socialise with one another.

Bright and early Thursday morning the main congress took place, as Pierre-Martin Moulin welcomed delegates and observers to the conference room at 7.30am! A busy and packed agenda was ahead. During the congress presentations from members of the IEB were heard and many keys decisions were made.

# 66th IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 - ATHENS, GREECE

The following motions were approved by delegates:



## Urgent Motion - Full Affiliation of Kyrgyzstan

A few days before the congress in Athens, Kyrgyzstan approached the IEB with an urgent motion to consider the full affiliation of Kyrgyzstan. The motion was carried and we congratulate Kyrgyzstan on their fully affiliated IPA national section status. We look forward to seeing your achievements over the coming year.

## IEB 1 Motion – Eligibility for the position of Vice President - Amendment of articles IS 23 and IR 17

Approval of the motion to amend the International Statutes (IS) and International Rules (IR) articles saw any IEB position eligible to apply for the Vice President position.

This saw the following elected IEB members apply:

- Oliver Hoffmann - Chairperson International Relations Commission
- Christos Parginos - Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission
- Michael Walsh - Treasurer Finances

Congratulations to Michael Walsh who was elected as Vice President for the term 2023-2027.



Michael Walsh - Vice President



IPA Serbia - Presentation

## CS1 - Serbia to host WC 2027

The delegation voted in favour to hold the IPA World Congress 2027 in Serbia. This is a provisional approval until next year and the presentation of a global budget.

## IE1 - Ireland Women's Leadership Programme

The motion brought by IPA Ireland but hugely supported by IPA UK saw the delegates approve the motion for the IEB to support a women's development Seminar at IBZ Gimborn. This encourages the development of women within the IPA towards positions of responsibility and leadership within the organisation.



# 66th IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 - ATHENS,



## LK1—WC Sri Lanka 2026

A unanimous vote in agreement for IPA Sri Lanka to host the World Congress in 2026. This is a provisional approval until next year and the presentation of a global budget.



Colin Hutt - IPA UK presents HSM

## UK1 Hosting Sections Meeting 2024

A unanimous decision for IPA UK to host the Hosting Sections Meeting from 1st-4th September 2024 in South Shields, Northumbria, UK.



Election Officer Baldur Olafsson and Tellers

The first day of congress was brought to a close on Thursday evening and on Friday morning the final agenda items were covered followed by the elections of the IEB and Internal Auditors. A paper vote was held managed by Baldur Olafsson, IPA Iceland. Thank you to Baldur and his team of tellers for the fabulous professionalism and hard work throughout. The delegates voted in favour of the following composition of the IEB for the term 2023-2027:

- International President - Martin Hoffmann (Austria)
- Vice President and Treasurer Finances - Michael Walsh (Ireland)
- Secretary General - Jože Senica (Slovenia)
- Chairperson International Relations Commission - Oliver Hoffmann (Germany)
- Chairperson Professional Commission - Diego Trolese (Italy)
- Chairperson Socio-Cultural Commission - Christos Parginos (Greece)
- Head of Administration - Clive Wood (United Kingdom)
- Treasurer Social Affairs - Jean-Pierre Allet (Switzerland)

Congratulations to the newly elected IEB, and we wish you all the success for the next four years.



Pierre-Martin Moulin handing the chain to Martin Hoffmann

# 66th IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 - ATHENS,



**IP Martin Hoffmann & IPA Greece Vlasios Valatsos**

On Friday evening the 66th IPA World Congress was brought to a close during the gala dinner. Newly elected International President Martin Hoffmann and IPA Greece President, Vlasios Valatsos closed the IPA World Congress and the flag was handed to IPA North Macedonia ahead of the World Congress 2024.

Participants enjoyed an evening of entertainment including Greek dancing and celebrations.



**Greek dancers**

On Saturday, IPA Greece arranged a tour of the Acropolis museum for delegates, observers and guests to attend. The social day was enjoyed by all as they took in the history, architecture and breathtaking views of the beautiful city of Athens.

Thank you to IPA Greece for their fantastic organisation of the World Congress. Everything was organised perfectly. The Greek organising committee and team of volunteers were amazing throughout and the entire programme was not only productive and beneficial to the future of the association but an enjoyable experience for all. Thank you once again. You truly have set the standard for years to come.

**Hana Bower IAC - Office Manager & Clive Wood - Head of Administration**



**IPA Greece organising committee**



**IPA Greece handing flag to IPA North Macedonia**



**Former Head of Administration Stephen Crockard with wife Diane and IPA Japan at the Acropolis**

## VISION ON MISSION - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



The Founding Meeting of the IPA Trinidad & Tobago brought me to many interesting places. One that was different to nice beaches and nature, official buildings and police stations was the visit to the Vision on Mission. The Founder and Executive President, late Mr. Wayne Chance, founded Vision on Mission in 1995 within the Port-of-Spain prison during his incarceration. During his sentence, he drew upon his strong spiritual beliefs, and this, coupled with deep introspection acted as the catalyst for his overall transformation. Prior to the formation of Vision on Mission, there was no organisation in Trinidad & Tobago, or the wider Caribbean that performed such services for ex-offenders. Since 1995 when the programme started, they have received several recognitions and awards for their contribution to the society.

Ms. Giselle Chance who is the widow of late Mr. Chance is now the director of the Vision on Mission and she kindly invited my husband and I to see one of the properties where she together with her staff deliver the reintegration programme for ex-offenders, deportees, victims/perpetrators of domestic violence, delinquent youth, and the families of these groups. They are selected volunteers who are offered the opportunity to make a difference in the lives in the programme.

Vision on Mission is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that has been in existence since 1995 and incorporated in 2001 under the Trinidad & Tobago Companies (1995) Act. The organisation provides rehabilitation, reintegration, and resettlement services to the most vulnerable groups in the region while adhering to the Restorative Justice Philosophy.

We had a guided tour around the property where the participants of the programme presented different areas such as the kiosk, the kitchen area, gym, gardens, agricultural area, the chickens, and the barber and beauty shop. I had a closer talk with the man in the kiosk who was very pleased getting a second chance and hopes after his "release" he will be able to work in a store or at a stall in the neighborhood. Ms. Chance informed us that many of the men get employment at the surrounding farms as in her programme they are taught different areas of agricultural skills. In the barber and beauty shop they were taught by professionals so they could choose their profession. Before leaving the programme they had to pass an exam and would receive certification.

## VISION ON MISSION - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



The nursery of the garden area/green house was carefully looked after by a man that had been deported from Florida and couldn't return during the next five years. He was very proud showing me all the herbs, different hot pepper, and lettuce. He introduced me to a thyme that he had made a crossover experiment on, that now would be unique to sell. The fragrance and taste were wonderful. Unfortunately, due to custom rules I was unable to bring a plant home with me. This man and all the others in the programme spoke warmly about Ms. Chance and the programme including the staff who taught them skills and the new guards who protected them and the area from intruders.

The participants are only allowed to leave the property during daytime, and it is extremely rare that someone attempts to escape as there are no second chances. During the programme, they have been earning a salary, which then at the time of their departure, they can use as starting capital.

Those who had other basic needs of learning like reading and writing etc. leave with these skills and every participant is respected in his needs and receive individual treatment. Ms. Chance and her team are focused on success for these people and she is now responsible for three treating centres in Trinidad & Tobago.

We had a few interesting hours that brought a positive memory of how rehabilitation and reintegration can be delivered as a second chance at Vision on Mission.



Would it be of interest to know more about the work, please visit <https://visiononmission.org/> or email Ms. Giselle Chance on [g.chance@visiononmission.org](mailto:g.chance@visiononmission.org)

**May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro**  
**Former Secretary General**

# IPA UK - HELP FROM FRIENDS

## IPA UK - WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH FRIENDSHIP WEEK

IPA UK Present a Friendship Weekend to celebrate 50 years of West Midlands Police!

From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

IPA UK are delighted to welcome IPA members, partners and families to Birmingham in May 2024 for their next Friendship Weekend. After the success of the last weekend that was held in 2019, another event has been arranged to host IPA members and guests from across the world.

There are various activities that people can attend, so a variety of tickets are available.

For full details about the weekend and the planned activities – [www.ipabirmingham.org.uk](http://www.ipabirmingham.org.uk)

All ticket prices are listed on the above page and tickets are available to purchase here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ipabirminghamwestmidlands>



Glasgow, Lomond and Clyde Branch (Scotland) IPA member, Roderick MacKenzie, recently visited the Netherlands and Germany. Roderick was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, who had a quest to find a location in Kranenburg, Germany, where her father had been photographed for the New York Times newspaper during WW2. Based in Amsterdam, Roderick asked for help in finding this location (just over the border) from Dutch IPA member, Jan Dommerholt. Roderick and Elizabeth are so grateful to Jan for his help.

He put the MacKenzies in touch with a Dutch friend, Roland Boeijen, who lives in Goch, Germany, not far from Kranenburg. Roland met Roderick and Elizabeth and took them not only to Kranenburg (where Elizabeth took photos on the very spot where her father had stood in the original war photo) but to the surrounding towns and villages where Elizabeth's father had fought during Operation Veritable in February 1945. Roland was a kind, generous and very knowledgeable guide and everyone enjoyed the day which ended in a delicious meal in a lovely restaurant in the Reichswald Forest. Words cannot express how grateful Roderick and Elizabeth are to both Jan and Roland for making this day so special. It goes without saying that they have been invited to visit the MacKenzies when they come to Scotland.

### Roddy MacKenzie IPA UK



# IPA GIBRALTAR - SPECIAL OLYMPICS



On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, members from Gibraltar's Emergency service agencies, assisted with the opening ceremony of the 38<sup>th</sup> edition of the Gibraltar Special Olympics, by performing world renowned Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR).

This annual event was kick started by runners carrying the torch around Gibraltar and collecting donations from members of the public along the way. The runners were then met by a guard of honour from members of Gibraltar's emergency services agencies as they performed a final lap in full view of the spectators and patrons before lighting the symbolic Olympic torch and raising the flag.

The recently constructed, athletics facility located at Lathbury barracks was the backdrop for the first of the 3 day event calendar. Other events were hosted at various sporting facilities around Gibraltar and saw competitors from the Isle of Man, the neighbouring Spanish town of Algeciras and Gibraltar participating. As can be seen from the photos the well attended opening ceremony was enjoyed by all.

I wish to say a big thank you to all of the emergency services staff who assisted and raised funds for this event in addition to the LETR committee for their part in the organisation, logistics and planning. A total of 15 members from the IPA Gibraltar section assisted in various areas of the event including the torch run, opening ceremony and fundraising.

In addition to the fund raising, IPA Gibraltar, along with several other local companies and businesses made a financial contribution to ensure the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics continues for many years to come.



For further information please find a video and a news extract of the event

[2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run marks start of Special Olympics National Games - YouTube](#)

[Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics took place Wednesday | GBC - Gibraltar News - GBC TV and Radio Gibraltar](#)

**Yours Sincerely**  
**Benjamin Bentley**  
**President – IPA Gibraltar Section**



# IPA WORLD CLASS POLICING AWARD 2023



At the World Congress 2023 in Athens, Greece the IPA World Class Policing Award was handed out for the very first time. Six nominations had been forwarded to the Secretary General to be assessed by the appointed judges.

I would like to acknowledge that the World Class Policing and World Class Policing Awards rights, protected by Trademark, rest with CoPaCC and associated businesses. The former IEB 2019 – 2023 hold an agreement for the time given with the above businesses through Mr. Bernard Rix.

## THE JUDGES

A warm thank you to the following judges who assessed of the nominees.

- Ms. Kirsten Helton, MSt (Cantab), Queensland Police, Australia
- Mr. Joel Z. Mazo, National President of IPA Brazil (together with six pracademics)
- Ms. Pelonomi Juliah Marumo, Vice President of IPA Botswana
- Mrs. Helle Aagard Andersen MSt (Cantab), Police of Denmark
- Mrs. Ulrike Neuhoff, Education Consultant at IBZ Gimborn
- Mr. Masahito Kanetaka, National President of IPA Japan
- Mr. Javier Gamero Kinosita, Lic. Jur., LL.M. Member of IPA Peru
- Mr. Dan Rusu, Past President, World Association of Detectives (Romania)
- Ms. Karen Duckworth, Vice President of IPA UK
- Mr. Bernard Rix, Policing Insight, UK
- Mr. Joe Johnson, National President of IPA USA

Due to two nominees from Sweden being submitted, Mrs. May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro, MSt (Cantab), former Secretary General of the IEB withdraw as assessor of the WCPA 2023.

The judges had to answer six questions related to IPA promotion, use in Policing, interest for Academic research, sharing and innovation, and finally rank the nominees, plus write a short motivation for the first ranking.

## NOMINATIONS

The six nominations were:

- Israel – The police wishing car
- Lithuania – Garliava mobile youth centre
- Norway – Pioneer work among the female minority population in Norway and globally.
- Pakistan – Comparative Study of Policing Models of Japan, Northern Ireland, and Pakistan
- Sweden – IGOR-project - In joint organization against relational violence
- Sweden – RRI – Risk Reduction Intervention

# IPA WORLD CLASS POLICING AWARD 2023

## THE OVERALL WINNER

### Mrs. Kim Anne Marie Hestevold Hiorth – Pioneer Work Among Female Minority Population in Norway and globally

The candidate is an IPA member as well as a previous serving Norwegian Police Officer. With gender-based violence now a crime priority across the world, this pioneering work (and it was indeed pioneering in 2009) sought to empower women from marginalised and hard to reach communities. Women who previously had no voice or relationship with law enforcement. *Hidden victims* if you like.

The submission explains how Kim Hiorth's dedication to this endeavor led to positive outcomes across a range of gender related crimes, both in the sense of victim support and perpetrator convictions. This piece of work has been continued outside of Norway and expanded.

Kim Hiorth built the programme herself and unselfishly passed it on globally so it could be implemented in other countries as a women empowerment and crime prevention programme as through these women reaching their husbands, sons, or brothers.

This is a stellar example of World Class Policing, and worthy of the forthcoming book that will assist others to learn from Kim's dedicated and pragmatic methodology.



## FIRST RUNNER UP

### Ms. Susanne Gosenius – RRI – Risk Reducing Intervention

This is an outstanding piece of work, there is no doubt about that, which seeks to empower perpetrators of violence to recognise the issues and through careful use of trigger words and carefully managed verbal engagement, enabling them to seek the benefits of changing their behaviour, rather than perpetuating the violence. A solution-based approach offering perpetrators alternative pathways.

Susanne is not an IPA member, and it isn't clear from the submission how this work promotes the IPA per se, unlike the example above, although there is no doubt that this is world class policing in action.

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## SECOND RUNNER UP

Dr. Suddle - Comparative Study of Policing Models of Japan, Northern Ireland, and Pakistan



This nominee would like to undertake the title research on policing models of Japan, Northern Ireland, and Pakistan, and the benefit of this research would return to Pakistan. All three countries that were planned to be studied have a common denominator of having struggled against occupation forces. Yet the first two have the best police services in the world while Pakistan is still struggling to get past the colonial heritage.

The project has not yet started and through the recognition of Dr. Suddle and his hard work for human rights the assessors hope to see a future positive development of policing in Pakistan. Through receiving the recognition of the WCPA we hope that he will find financial support to go ahead with the research. The research would have been beneficial for the Police of Pakistan and in a longer perspective improving the statues of IPA Pakistan.

## CONCLUSION

The six nominations were all high class and therefore each has received a recognition from the IEB. Congratulations to the winner and the runner ups.

**May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro**  
Former Secretary General

## IBZ GIMBORN 2024 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The IBZ Annual Programme 2024 is now available. You can find a copy of the programme on our website:

[IBZ-Seminarprogramm-2024.pdf](https://ipa-international.org/IBZ-Seminarprogramm-2024.pdf)  
([ipa-international.org](https://ipa-international.org))

The programme has been tailored to the requirements of the International Police Community and you will find seminars in the following areas:

- Technical police training with a focus on security and criminal investigations
- Healthcare and well-being
- Communication and leadership
- Physical self-protection

The opportunity to network and exchange international experience between colleagues is an important component of a visit to IBZ Gimborn.



# IPA CANADA - MORE THAN AN ASSOCIATION



Being a member of the International Police Association has many benefits, from travel, education, and most importantly the opportunity to meet new friends among colleagues in the vast policing fraternity.

But recently, another benefit was realised when I had to ask myself a question we all ask ourselves when we need help with something. "Who do I know?"

My wife Kathy and I are hosting a Ukrainian family in our Victoria BC home. We have a suite in the basement and in May 2022, three months after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we filled it with Tanya and her 15 year old daughter, Olena. They had fled the Ukraine in February, enduring a harrowing journey by train to Poland, where they spent the next three months figuring out where to go next.

Canada had announced a programme for Ukrainian refugees which was a fast-track settle in Canada, The Canada-Ukraine Authorisation for Emergency Travel (CUAET). Tanya saw this and jumped at the opportunity. After seeking advice from a friend in Canada, Tanya and Olena decided to come to Victoria, Canada.

Kathy and I had enquired at the Victoria Ukrainian Cultural Centre about hosting a family. We were connected with Tanya and Olena via Facetime and after about ten minutes of getting to know them, we offered to host them. They both screamed with joy.

We picked them up at the BC Ferries terminal on May 23.

It has been a wonderful experience for us and them and we recently celebrated their first year in Canada with about 40 of their supporters. We have supporters all over Canada, including several of my R13 IPA colleagues and they are all anxious to help with cash donations, gift cards, musical instruments, clothing, food, medical and dental services and gifts. It has been amazing and very gratifying.

But what does this have to do with the IPA you ask?

Well whilst Tanya and Olena's situation was safe and secure, family were still in Dnipro, Ukraine and Olena's beloved cat. The ladies were of course worried about them. Every new report of bombing and missile attacks sparked fresh fear for their family in Ukraine. After one such attack struck close to her parent's flat, Tanya decided to go back to Ukraine to visit. Olena, now 16 was adamant that they go!

So they began to plan the trip. Fly to Warsaw, train to Kyiv, car journey to Dnipro - A three day continuous journey if everything went well.

I saw peril in this plan but tried hard not to interfere. This was the point which I asked myself "Who do I know?"

I thought that if the ladies were going, they may need some assistance along the way on their trip through the war zone. Mike Liu, the president of R9 had championed a project to send aid to Ukrainian police and IPA members. I called Mike and asked "who do you know in Ukraine that could help these ladies should they need it?"

After talking with this contact in Ukraine, Mike gave me a name and contact number for Sergei. He spoke English and was based in Kyiv. He gave me some excellent advice on how and where they should and should not travel.

IPA in action!

The ladies departed mid-March for a one month visit. Unsurprisingly they experienced some issues on their travels, with their 3 day journey taking 6 days to Dnipro! Luckily, Sergei was able to help them out of a jam.

They were reunited with their family and Olena's cat. They had to barricade themselves in a hospital bathroom overnight while bombs were dropping nearby!

Following their month with family, they returned safely to Canada and slept for three days.

Thank you to the IPA for being so much more than just an association.

**Kevin Worth**

**R13 - IPA Canada**

## IPA USA MEMBER VISITS LONDON IPA UK

After a busy summer away it was a pleasure to be given the opportunity to host an IPA member Eddie Ayala who was visiting London from California with his wife Blanca. Eddie had arranged his itinerary with useful tips provided by the London Reception Officer (LRO) Alex Williams and the Assistant LRO Darren Hartigan.

Eddie had also requested to meet IPA members to share a coffee and exchange patches and badges. I responded along with fellow IPA members Garth Minton and Brendan Mulrooney but sadly as both Garth and Brendan are serving officers they were not available to meet for the window available in Eddie's tight schedule. I am however a retired Forensic Practitioner so fortunately I could make it.

As Eddie was travelling with his wife my wife accompanied me, a combination which I have found successful previously. We met on a very pleasant Saturday Morning near Charing Cross and had coffee together in the Embankment Gardens off Villiers Street. Whilst there the LRO Alex managed to join us which was great as it gave Eddie a current perspective of Policing London from a serving CID Officer.

My wife had plenty to talk about with Blanca and meanwhile Eddie told us about his interesting career. He had served 22 years on active duty with the US Marine Corps and on leaving he had a week off before starting immediately at the Police Academy where he subsequently served for 15 years with the Oakland Police Dept. Near San Francisco which I understand was quite a challenging Police environment. Eddie was extremely interested in our careers and despite vast

differences between our experiences it was also notable for the many similarities particularly in our attitudes and outlook on life!

I also chatted with him about the Brigade of Guards and their history, something which he was interested in being an ex military man.

Whilst enjoying our coffee two mounted Police Officers entered the park and this provided a fantastic photo

opportunity. Once we had finished Eddie and Blanca just had time for a glass of wine in Gordons Wine bar which is adjacent to the park. As it is purported to be the oldest wine bar in London I think they both thought it a worthwhile stop to experience the candlelit cavern and also all the old photos and newspaper cuttings that adorned the walls.

We parted wishing them both well and hoping that they enjoyed their cruise around the British Isles which they were embarking on from Southampton the following day.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our meeting and I do not think it is an exaggeration to say we have made friends for life.

**Steve Fuller, 11 Region, Kent Branch  
IPA UK**



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## GIMBORN SEMINARS NOVEMBER 2023

<b>23 43</b>	Moderne Ermittlungsmethoden bei Gewaltdelikten 	06.11. – 10.11.	490 €   IPA 360 €
<b>23 43</b>	Metode moderne de cewtare la fata locului in cazul infractiunilor comise cu violenta" 	06.11. – 10.11.	490 €   IPA 360 €
<b>23 44</b>	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	13.11. – 16.11.	490 €   IPA 360 €
<b>23 45</b>	Gesichter des Terrors – Cyberterrorismus und andere Bedrohungsformen 	20.11. – 24.11.	490 €   IPA 360 €
<b>23 45</b>	Faces of Terror – Policing cyberterror and other forms of terrorism 	20.11. – 24.11.	490 €   IPA 360 €
<b>23 46</b>	Schupo, Scherge, Cop oder Sozialarbeiter – Wandel und Verwandlung der Polizei zwischen Reich(en) und Republik(en)	24.11. – 26.11.	320 €   IPA 280 €

A full list of upcoming seminars can be found here:  
[ibz 4seiter seminare 2023.pdf \(ibz-gimborn.de\)](#)

## LAST WORD

I'm not sure where this year has gone. The months have flown past. Only 7 weeks until Christmas and the festivities are definitely beginning. We are welcoming the new IEB to Nottingham for a strategic meeting at the end of November and we are busy in the IAC trying to plan the programme for their arrival.

My first World Congress was amazing. It was fantastic to meet all of the faces I talk to over email on a regular basis. I feel like I've made some special friends despite only being part of this fantastic association for a little over a year. Thank you to you all for making Lisa and I so welcome. Thank you to Greece for your hospitality and all of your help with our last minute requests from the IAC to ensure the smooth running of congress.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the near future.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter with lots of information about the World Congress, along with some great stories from a few of our sections regarding some of the activities and the feel good stories that are the foundation of our friendship organisation.

**Hana**

## MARKETING

Our social media campaign continues. Our marketing focus throughout November is **“Police uniform, badges and hats”** Please email any images relating to this topic to: [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org)

In December the focus will be Police buildings and architecture.

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