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May your Days be filled with Colour!



**A mesmerising entry to our IPA Photo Competition 2019
by Graham Morrell, New Zealand**

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

2020 – THE JUBILEE YEAR

Treasured members of the IPA,

I would like to imagine that we all enjoy the thought of being part of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the IPA. There will be many iconic events throughout 2020. Many of these will take place in the birth section of the IPA, the United Kingdom. Several times our thoughts will go back to Arthur Troop who in 1950 formed the IPA together with other police officers. A friendship association for police officers to facilitate cross-border understanding and to cherish world peace. A lot of time has passed since these early days, but I am happy to say that we still safeguard the same values and the same aims.



Sections have opened their doors for members from other professions within law enforcement. We should keep in mind that membership of the IPA is something you seek since we like to be part of something more than 'just' being a law enforcement officer. The IPA has got additional values. IPA members gain access to a multitude of things far beyond the basics that might be granted by our employer. The IPA offers social protection, cultural knowledge, professional exchange and seminars, friendship weeks, defensive tactics, travel, external relations, hobbies, sports, IPA accommodation, and so much more ... however most importantly of all, it offers friendship.

Remember that friendship will only work if you safeguard the connection with recognition in return. Friendship can never be granted, but it can be offered and returned.

I used to like the word 'acquainted' in this respect, as many in the IPA just meet briefly. Social media brings many acquaintances to your attention, and we believe we know each other. I am able to keep contact with many IPA members, and I can meet many new ones online. These acquaintances will acquire a higher value the day you meet in person. Up until then, a distance will be between you. Friendship asks for a little bit more effort; small talk, laughs, and sorrows shared over time. Initially we meet on neutral ground, but over time in each other's homes. Meeting eye to eye and spending time together will raise friendship to another level. This friendship will open doors and will remain despite distance, rank, gender or age. By understanding friendship, you will grow your respect for others and for the IPA's values.

I encourage you all to participate in the iconic events, friendships weeks and weekends that will be on offer during this jubilee year. I know that if you open your hearts, you will make acquaintances, and some of these will turn into your future friends.

In my role as Secretary General, I have the honour to guide police officers from countries all over the world that do not yet have an IPA Section in their country, on their options on becoming an IPA member. I am pleased to see their interest, and our good standing and reputation as an association. I am grateful that we have sections that accept Foreign Associate Members (FAMs). These sections are dedicated and

make an effort to support police officers in other countries in establishing a new IPA section.

Our latest addition is just ahead when I write these lines: A Founding Meeting of IPA Albania will take place in Tirana, Albania at the end of February. A few years ago, IPA Serbia accepted the IEB request to act as sponsor section for FAMs from Albania. Years of promotion and support have borne fruit. I encourage more sections to volunteer and become supporting sections for our potential FAMs. Every new FAM in 2020 will be an IPA acquaintance and a future friend that joined during the IPA's 70th anniversary year. Time to celebrate!

May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, IPA Secretary General

IPA NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Win a Limited-Edition IAC Badge!

Thank you to everyone who replied to our February survey, which revealed that most of you receive our IPA Newsletter via your national section.

This month, we are looking for your ideas on how to celebrate!



The IPA turns **70** this year – many sections are organising dedicated festivities for this occasion, and one of the highlights of the IPA calendar 2020 will without doubt be the Jubilee celebrations during the IPA World Congress in Spain.

Enter our survey to help us celebrate the IPA's **70th** Anniversary!

10 lucky prize draw winners will receive a limited-edition IAC badge, featuring the Arthur Troop House, shown here modelled by Section Austria's IPA Teddy 😊



Thank you and good luck!



AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA Hungary



Dear IPA friends,

I am pleased with this opportunity to share some information on both myself, as well as on the goals and ideas concerning the future of the Hungarian IPA movement.

Professional Biography:

I have been working for the Hungarian Ministry of Interior for almost 48 years.

At the beginning, I served as a criminal investigator, then taught criminal law and investigation at the Police College. Later, I worked as the rector of the College. I earned a PhD in Criminology, focusing on the development and characteristics of organised crime in Hungary.

For twenty years, as a Senior Executive, I led the organisation which is responsible for the senior police selection and leadership training. Currently, I am the editor-in-chief of the Ministry of Interior's scientific journal (called *Belügyi Szemle*), working full-time.



Aim and Mission:

On 29 November 2019, I was elected unanimously as President of the section during the Senior Official's re-election of the IPA Hungarian Section.

The result of the election clearly indicates to me that the Hungarian IPA membership wants to change, and through its vote, has chosen the path of renewal. I am aware of the responsibility, and that the upcoming events of the coming years will have a decisive influence on the life of the Hungarian movement, indeed on its history. I firmly believe and confess that the Hungarian IPA movement is ahead in the way of choosing values. Huge stakes!

As a result of the choice of values in this new cycle, it will be decided, whether the Hungarian Section advances by choosing a path of renewal or not. As the newly elected president, I am offering this future of progression to all IPA members in Hungary. I am confident that with continued optimism, perseverance and support of my fellow leaders, we will be able to take the path of renewal and jointly lead the Hungarian IPA movement into the 21st century.

I also believe that, for the sake of an undivided, common goal, we are forging a community that is not divided by opposites, but held together by the pursuit of common goals.

It is clear to me that there is no present without the past, and no future without the present. Therefore, by respecting the achievements of my predecessors, I consider it a high priority to adapt quickly and flexibly to the demands of the professional and expansively increasing digital space.

I will seek to develop international professional relationships and strengthen exchanges in the professional and private spheres. But first of all, I would like to convey to the Hungarian and international IPA membership the value that our 'Servo per Amikeco' motto holds.

Dr. Valér Dános, President IPA Hungary

55. Internationales IPA-Treffen 2020 in der Steiermark

Vom 23. bis 26. Jänner 2020 fand das 55. Internationale IPA-Treffen der Verbindungsstelle Bruck/Mur – Mürzzuschlag statt.



Zum Empfang am Abend des 23.01. im Gasthaus Pichler in Oberaich konnte Verbindungsstellenleiter Walter Rosanits mit seinem Team 21 ausländische Gäste aus Deutschland, Italien und den Niederlanden, sowie die LGO der IPA Steiermark, Elke Strohmeyer, begrüßen. In geselliger Runde wurde bis nach Mitternacht das Wiedersehen gefeiert.

Am 24.01. fuhren wir mit unseren Gästen nach Lannach zur Werksbesichtigung der

Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik AG. Unter fachkundiger Führung und toller Unterstützung unseres Italienisch-Dolmetschers Milton besichtigten wir u.a. die Herstellung von Allradgetrieben verschiedener Automarken.

Nach dem ausgezeichneten Mittagessen in der Werkskantine genossen wir eine Führung in der Destillerie Hochstrasser in Mooskirchen, eine der größten privaten Destillieren Europas. Höhepunkt war die Verkostung mehrerer mit Gold ausgezeichneter Edelbrände. Den Abschluss des Tages gab es im Landhof Steinbäck in St.Stefan ob Stainz bei Steirischer Brettljause und Musik, bevor wir wieder den Heimweg antraten.

Am Morgen des 25. Jänner fand der Empfang bei der Bezirkshauptmannschaft Bruck/Mur-Mürzzuschlag statt. BH Mag. Bernhard Preiner konnte neben mehreren Abgeordneten und Bürgermeistern des Bezirkes Bruck-Mürzzuschlag den Kommandant des SPK Graz Brig. Kurt Kemeter, und den Bezirkspolizeikommandanten Oberst Franz-Kurt Grabenhofer, sowie die Dienststellenleiter der Polizeiinspektionen des Bezirkes und viele Vertreter der Wirtschaft und anderer Einsatzorganisationen begrüßen.

Im Anschluss gab es über Einladung der Bürgermeister von Bruck/Mur und Kapfenberg im großen Sitzungssaal der Bezirkshauptmannschaft ein hervorragendes Buffet.

Am Abend dieses Tages fand schließlich der 55. IPA-Ball im Stadtsaal in Bruck/Mur statt. Walter Rosanits konnte zahlreiche Persönlichkeiten aus Politik und Wirtschaft sowie von der Exekutive, der IPA und von anderen Einsatzorganisationen recht herzlich willkommen heißen. Von der IPA-Sektion Österreich waren Generalsekretär Robert Neumann, die LGO der IPA Steiermark Elke Strohmeyer, sowie Anita Tiefenbach der IPA Niederösterreich und mehrere Verbindungsstellenleiter und IPA-Freunden aus dem Burgenland und der Steiermark anwesend. Der Sekretär der Verbindungsstelle Peter Scherr eröffnete mit „Alles Walzer“ offiziell den Ball, der mit der Musik der „Zebra's Company“ wieder ein toller Erfolg wurde.



Am Nachmittag des 26. Jänner trafen wir uns im „Haus der Begegnung“ in Kapfenberg und feierten über Einladung unserer italienischen Gäste die besonders beliebte „Pasta-Party“. Für Essen und Trinken hatten „unsere Italiener“ gesorgt, die IPA Bruck-Mürzzuschlag für die musikalische Umrahmung. Die Stimmung zeigte, dass der heurige Veranstaltungsabschluss etwas Besonderes war.

Wir freuen uns schon auf ein Wiedersehen 2021, wenn das 56. Internationale IPA-Treffen stattfinden wird.

Servo per amikeco,

Walter Rosantis, VbSt.leiter Brug/Mur – Mürzzuschlag, IPA Österreich

IPA Slovenia and the Slovenian Police commit to continue close cooperation



At the end of January 2020, the President of IPA Section Slovenia, Jože Senica, and the Director General of the Police, mag. Tatjana Bobnar, signed the annual plan of cooperation between the Police and IPA Section Slovenia.

The Deputy Director General of the Police, Tomaž Pečjak also attended the signing of the agreement.

As both Ms Bobnar and Mr Senica emphasised, the collaboration is of mutual interest and contributes to a more successful performance of tasks, enhancing

a culture of security, the promotion of the Police and also enables the exchange of international experiences.

This kind of cooperation between the Police and the IPA is positive, as it encourages participation of both active and former employees of the Police, the justice system, and the financial administration in professional, sports, charity and social events. Such gatherings do not only promote professional collaboration, but also friendships amongst the employers in similar professions, both domestic and abroad.

As the plan anticipates, the Slovenian Police and IPA Section Slovenia will continue collaborating on various activities this year. IPA clubs all over the country intend to organise educational, humanitarian, sports and social events.



Several first-aid seminars, safe driving courses, shooting with an air rifle and a pistol, competitions in team sports, skiing, tennis, various hiking trips, etc. will be available to IPA members. For those keen on culture and travelling, there will be theatre performances, dances, concerts and trips around Slovenia and abroad.

Anita Kovačič, IPA Slovenia

Police Dog Swoop given IPA Section UK Honorary Membership



Police Dog Swoop has been given an honorary life membership in recognition of his work to showcase policing around the world.

Swoop was a mascot of a British Transport Police firearms officer (also an IPA member), initially for a bit of a laugh when out on patrol. It then turned into a social media sensation and a great way to break down barriers for our firearms officers interacting with members of the public.

He is referred to as Police Dog Swoop (or PD Swoop), in the same vein as other 'real' police dogs.

You can also find him on his Twitter or Instagram accounts where there are many pictures of him around the world:

https://twitter.com/police_swoop ; https://www.instagram.com/police_swoop/

So, look out for further news of PD Swoop when he attends the next BTP AGM in March 2020!

Chris Duncombe, Branch Secretary Region 9, IPA UK

IPA Kenya hold National Congress 2020

Delegates from the eight regions of the Kenyan Section gathered at the Lions Complex Auditorium in Loresho, Nairobi, for this year's National Congress. The delegates, mostly comprising the IPA elected leadership from the regions and also key partners drawn from the business community, hospitals and other charitable organisations, were all set for the discussions. The Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital, Nairobi has had a mutually beneficial relationship with IPA Kenya for a long time, and has over the years offered the use of their conference facilities at no cost.



*The SG, Mr Jared Ojuok, welcomes the delegates to the Congress;
L-R: Shuaib Adam, Alfred Otieno Osur, Mohamed Amin, Frankline Mugendi and Jimmy Askar*

In his opening address, the IPA Kenya President, Mr. Alfred Osur, asked the regional leadership to first and foremost work on promoting the association's motto, 'Servo Per Amikeco'. Mr. Osur said that unless each and every member purposes in their heart to have genuine friendship with each other, police officers, both serving and retired may not see the need to join the association.

The section's President noted that 'the performance report for IPA Kenya in the year 2019 was commendable, despite the common challenges which I believe all of us will rightly appreciate'. The following were some of the notable activities we participated in: A hiking exercise at Lukenya, Athi River, in Machakos County, Gender Based Violence Training with our partners GBVRC and the NPS in Nairobi, Nakuru and Kilifi Counties respectively, national retreat at the Kenya Bay Beach Hotel, a visit to four children's homes, 'My Tree, My Peace, My Future' season 2, national shooting competition, environmental day clean-up exercise in partnership with the Nairobi City County Government, and assistance to 5 members amounting to USD 5000. 'Equally, I urge all registered members to establish tight networks so that we are available for each other, especially in times of need. Finally, I urge all members to try and bring on board at least one more friend this year; this is the surest way to make our Association grow and prosper' said the President in his closing remarks.

The chief guest, Mr. Mohamed Amin, AIG, who represented the Inspector General, Mr. Hillary Mutyambai at the function, mentioned that the National Police Service acknowledged and appreciated the excellent work IPA Kenya was doing in all regions in partnership with the National Police Service. The Inspector General particularly noted that the tree planting exercise initiated by IPA Kenya had greatly enhanced

community policing initiatives, as local police commanders joined hands with local communities to preserve the environment. He mentioned that such forums were necessary for a good working relationship between the police and the community, and that the Kenyan Section had been instrumental in their creation; he was very grateful. Mr. Amin said that he was personally impressed by the level of organisation and the maturity of conduct he had witnessed in the association.

The Inspector General urged members of the association to lead by example in their work stations. He said that if members of the association chose to be exemplary in their conduct, they could create a positive influence leading to behaviour change among fellow officers. The Inspector General gave his personal commitment to work closely with the IPA Kenyan leadership for the greater good of the Section and that of the National Police Service.



Delegates led by IPA Kenya President, Mr Alfred Osur, pose for a group photo

At the end of the deliberations, the National Congress attendees were in agreement that our section was on an upward trajectory, and we could only make it better by doing more for our friends and the immediate communities. Activities identified for speedy implementation were: Visit to police officers undergoing rehabilitation and recovering from alcoholism and stress-related conditions. The members also resolved to support secondary school girls in need with school uniforms, fees and sanitary towels to make sure that their learning is not interrupted. The two activities will be in addition to our regular annual events, which shall continue as planned.

The matter of the IPA Kenya 2020 Friendship Week, 7-13 June was discussed extensively. The working committees were instituted to begin work in earnest and to ensure that Section Kenya delivers the best Friendship Week ever. Additionally, individual members and organisations pledged to give time and resources towards this great event, and once again tasked the National Executive Board to invite the world to Kenya, which I hereby do:

WELCOME TO IPA KENYA FRIENDSHIP WEEK, 7-13 JUNE 2020, AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE LIONS OF MASAI MARA.

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

IPA Sri Lanka Charity Event: S.K. Liu Scholarships for Children of Sri Lankan Police Officers

During a visit to Sri Lanka as part of the IPA Friendship Tour organised by IPA Sri Lanka in 2014, Hong Kong-based entrepreneur Mr. S.K. Liu, founder of a Donor Agency along with his cousin, IPA Member David Tak Shing of IPA Hong Kong, noticed the need for financial support to children in Sri Lanka who have the potential, but are lacking resources for their education.



In order to assist the development of the younger generation in Sri Lanka, Mr Liu agreed to provide financial support to the childrens' education, in particular for the children of the Sri Lankan Police, who will or are already attending university, as he believes that a strong and well educated generation could better assist the future development of Sri Lanka.

The donor organisation is a private charitable outfit, registered in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and one of its main donation criteria is to assist the education of students who have academic potential but are lacking financial support.

As an initial step, Mr. S.K. Liu offered a total of 20 scholarships, each amounting to Rs. 5000 per month, for a period of three academic years, for university students who are children of Police Officers, commencing from the year 2015.

On completion of the first programme, and as a second step, Mr Liu increased the donation to 35 scholarships, each totalling Rs. 5000 per month, for a period of two academic years, for university students who are children of Police Officers from the year 2018.



On completion of the second programme, IPA Sri Lanka held the award ceremony of this event, fulfilling the third leg of the programme, on 29 January 2020 with the attendance of the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police - Support Service, on behalf of the Acting Inspector General of Police and NEC Members of the Section.

Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka

IPA Romania hold Regional Conference in Covasna

The first regional conference of the year was organised in the Covasna resort from 14 -16 February 2020.



In a beautiful natural setting and a welcoming hotel, over 100 members of our association met from all over the country, with friendship once more the main component on this occasion. All participants proudly wore their traditional costumes, and the good will and fun was evident amongst the families who participated in this beautiful activity.

Topics discussed during this regional conference included issues of general interest regarding the activities of our association, its proper functioning, as well as legislative topics, and all these were taken on board by the conference participants.



The proceedings ended after 2 days of happiness and joy of getting together with members of our association, and culminated in a campfire and beautiful fireworks that caught the attention of those present. This event in Covasna was the first friendship meeting of the year, and our regional conferences will continue within the Romanian Section.

Servo per Amikeco!

Florin Olaru, President IPA Romania

IPA South Africa report on a revived Free State Region



L-R: Committee members Jaco Coetzee, Hendrik Bantjies, Willem Ludick, Nico Gerber, Natasha Swart, Anel Pretorius, Wimpy Steyn

IPA Free State Region held their AGM at Maselspoort on 8 February 2020.

The IPA Regional Committee has managed to revive the IPA Free State from a dormant to an active region. We share a common interest to make IPA Free State a vibrant region where we engage with our members, interact with one another on a social level and engage in outreach programmes to assist in helping others who are in need.

During the Annual General Meeting of 8 February 2020, the Regional Committee made donations to two disabled individuals.

Sargent J M Selemela, a serving police official who was involved in a motor vehicle accident that led to him being a paraplegic was one of the recipients.

Sgt Selemela is an active member of action cricket and a great example that his disability does not confine who you are, and that you can still do what you love and live a healthy, active life. He is stationed at Mangaung Police Station.



Handing over of a new wheelchair to Malita Els (left photo) and a wheelchair cushion and gloves to Sgt J M Selemela (right photo), in the presence of IPA South Africa President Hendrik Vos

Malita Els, the second recipient, was involved in a motor vehicle accident that led to her being a paraplegic, when she was pregnant 17 years ago. Her husband died five years ago. She has for many years prayed for a new chair, and with the IPA becoming aware of this wish, a wheelchair was donated to her on the day.

Malita says she's never been on the receiving end, it's her first time.

Nico Gerber, Chairperson IPA Free State Region, IPA South Africa

The Final Fling

IPA UK's Ceilidh Friendship Break 2020 in Kingussie

The first Iconic Event to start the 70th Anniversary celebrations for IPA Section UK was the Tayside Branch annual Ceilidh Friendship break at the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, from Thursday 30 January until Monday 3 February, 2020.



There were 76 guests from 6 countries, USA, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Sweden and the UK, and everyone enjoyed the Scottish hospitality. We were honoured to be supported by 3 National Executive members from section UK, 3 International Presidents from Austria, Ireland and Sweden, and 3 members from the International Executive Board.



On Thursday afternoon people arriving gravitated towards the hotel bar where they met up with old friends and were introduced to new ones. Dinner was followed by entertainment where we mainly listened to Scottish music as most preferred to relax and catch up with friends, some having had very early rises and long journeys.

On Friday morning a coach full of guests left the hotel for Fort George, Ardersier near Inverness, the home of the Black Watch 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland. It was built in the wake of the Battle of Culloden (1746) as a secure base for King George, and covers 42 acres. The group were met at the entrance by Lance Corporal Scott McCaskill who piped us into the Fort. In the glorious sunshine he played several

tunes and many photographs were taken. After a tour of the museum, dining room, chapel and the mile of ramparts, the heavens opened and the café became a very popular place.

The group then went on to Inverness for some retail therapy, local hostelry visits and a trip to the World of Whisky shop. Back at the hotel, we met up with those guests who had arrived earlier that day.

Following pre-dinner drinks we made our way to the dining room, and during dinner guests contributed a considerable sum of money for the Tombola, which was later drawn during the entertainment.

We had an early start on Saturday morning for the visitation to Speyside Distillery. The first group consisted of guests who had previously participated in a tour and did the tasting only. A further 2 groups enjoyed their tour of the distillery where many unique malt whiskies and gin are produced. The tours culminated in a tasting of the products, most opted for the malt whiskies, with a few sampling the gin. I would like to thank the volunteer drivers who ran shuttles to and from the distillery.



The theme of whisky and gin continued at the hotel after lunch, where Ewen McIlwraith from Robertsons of Pitlochry hosted a tasting. 51 guests had an entertaining and educational time.

The afternoon culminated with many of our guests watching Ireland play Scotland in the 6 Nations Rugby Championships being televised live from Lansdowne Road, Dublin. The Hotel bar did a roaring trade.

For our Gala Dinner, our group assembled in the function room, many looking resplendent in their IPA Tartan kilts, skirts, dresses, sashes and ties, before being piped into the dining room where Ronnie, the Piper, 'addressed the haggis', much to the delight of the guests. Our thanks go to Pete Connolly, IPA UK, who proposed a toast to Arthur Troop in recognition of our 70th Anniversary, and everyone raised a glass of whisky in Arthur's honour. The 5 course dinner, with the Haggis on the menu, was followed by a Ceilidh and dancing, with many of our guests taking part in traditional Scottish dances.



We had an excellent rendition of Robert Burns' 'Holly Willie's Prayer' by Harry Morton. No 1 Region (Scotland) was presented with a slate plaque by Stanley Titterton on behalf of IPA USA, Region 48 in recognition of the IPA's 70th Anniversary. This will be displayed at IPA HQ. An excellent night of friendship, across many nations, in the true spirit of Arthur Troop's vision.

A cold Sunday morning dawned and guests had a free day. Unfortunately we had to bid farewell to some people who had to return home or head further south to catch early morning flights. Of those remaining, several drove to Loch Ness in search of the Monster, visited the beautiful Eilean Donan Castle, some went for a walk to nearby Ruthven Barracks which is a ruined relic of the 1745 Jacobite uprising, while others visited the nearby town of Aviemore. David and I, along with Tayside member Max Fordyce, his wife Ann, Tom and Meg Ciurlik and his 2 guests from the USA, along with Jane from Selby, visited the Highland Wildlife Park and thereafter we headed to the Cairngorm Mountains where it was blowing a hoolie and was freezing.

Each evening, David and I hosted pre-dinner drinks in our apartment, where the main activity was tasting and discussing a variety of whiskies. Due to the large numbers we had to divide the guests into individual groups. Thursday was for the International guests, we envisaged Friday to be for past guests however many of the others joined in making it an exceptionally busy evening. Saturday was for the IPA Whiskey Forum members, this being the largest gathering so far of this group and coincidentally the first Saturday of the month which is traditionally their Facebook 'meeting' night. The group raised a glass to the Forum's founder, the late Kevin Gordon, Section USA.

Various fundraising initiatives raised £6084 for our nominated charity, the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance.

Sadly on Monday morning we had to say goodbye to many friends, both old and new, who we intend to keep in touch with in the coming years. David and I have concluded that after 5 years at this magnificent location, where we have been very warmly welcomed by the management and staff, we have run out of attractions for our guests and we will not be returning in 2021. A new venue may be found, but not until 2022 at the earliest.



We have come a long way since we started 6 years ago in Nethybridge with 26 guests, with this year having received 84 reservations and 76 attending. Quite an achievement for a small Branch.

Until we meet again.

Yvonne McGregor, Vice President IPA UK

IPA UK launch Commemorative Whisky



Section UK have launched a Commemorative Whisky to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the IPA.

It is a Benriach Speyside Single Malt Whisky, cask strength.

This is a limited edition with only 280 numbered bottles.

Cost is £105 + delivery.

For full details, please go the IPA UK website:

www.ipa-uk.org/Shop

Yvonne McGregor, Vice President IPA UK

IPA Slovenia enjoy 8th traditional Border Hike

In the morning hours of Saturday, 25th of January 2020, friends from the IPA Regional Clubs Pomurje from Slovenia and Zalaegerszeg from neighbouring Hungary gathered at a former border post in Pince, and headed out on their 8th traditional hike along the border.



The hikers were accompanied by members of Planinsko društvo Lendava, the Mountaineering Club Lendava. An interesting group of approximately 70 hikers, including children, completed the trail from the former border at Pince to the new Dom krajanov Lendavske gorice. During their hike, the participants were able to admire the beauty of the nature on both sides of the national border.



They also peeked into an abandoned bunker, and a support team was waiting for them afterwards. Everyone was treated to warm tea, mulled wine and delicious 'langaš', a typical dish from the Prekmurje region. We are thankful to all participants for joining us.

Anita Kovačič, IPA Slovenia

IPA Croatia's Brod-Posavina Regional Club organises its 2nd Christmas Hunt with Guests

The Regional IPA Club of the Brod-Posavina County successfully organised its 2nd Christmas Hunt with guests on 21 December 2019. As is tradition, the local IPA clubs (from Split, Dubrovnik, Lika, Rijeka, Zagreb, Vinkovci, and Osijek) were joined by IPA clubs from Bosnia and Herzegovina (Posušje, Mostar, Livno, Brčko).



The hunt for wild boar and jackals was held in the game-rich Slavonian 'Trstika' hunting grounds in Novska. This year the amount of quarry was a little lower than the significant amount caught the year before (15 boars and one jackal), even though a lot of shots were fired this year. Some of the missed shots were difficult to explain, as most of the participants are experienced hunters.

The crew was noticeably exhausted after the hunt and could not wait to get back to the hunting lodge. The tired faces of the hunters were smiling again soon after, because the aroma of traditional hunting stew, roasted pork, and hot lamb lifted their spirits very quickly. Even better, the joyous melodies played by Slavonian tamburitza players pleased the hunters even more, and so they soon forgot all their troubles, misses, and the annoying rain which was our companion throughout the hunt.



The participants of the hunt enjoyed the warm ambience of the hunting lodge, and the merriment lasted until the early hours of the following morning. We look forward to seeing our guests again and hunting even more quarry in 2020. We should never

forget that hunting is not the only purpose of our get-togethers, and our doors are open for all those who love good fun and company.



If you are interested, you can book to participate for next year now - more information on the 3rd Christmas Hunt on 19 December 2020 is available at mato.brekalo69@gmail.com.

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Mato Brekalo, Regional Club Brod-Posavina County, IPA Croatia

READERS' CORNER

The Tricycle Spy: A biographical novel by Neil Hallam

Neil Hallam is a retired Nottinghamshire Police Officer, just like his father and mother before him.

The Tricycle Spy is a biographical novel, based on his Father's lifetime fight against communism. Gordon Hallam first worked with Special Branch as a young soldier in the Malayan Emergency. Upon leaving the Army, Gordon joined the Police, serving in Traffic and CID, before again working with Special Branch in England.

A crippling stroke ended Gordon's Police career, but it did not end his involvement with Special Branch. Now disabled and riding a tricycle, Gordon's former colleagues put him back to work as an undercover agent. This time Gordon was spying on left wing subversives, trying to make a toe hold for communism in Britain.

Available internationally on Amazon, in paperback and Kindle. Or (UK only) a signed copy through www.neilhallam.com

Neil Hallam, IPA UK magazine editor



LAST WORD



Always open for visitors, the IAC was happy to welcome the IPA Secretary General, May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, towards the end of February at the Arthur Troop House.

In the UK to attend a session of the biannual Gimborn Senior Talks, hosted in this instance by IPA UK, May-Britt took time out of her busy schedule to touch base with Kerry and myself here in the office, and to find out how some aspects of our work are organised.

We were later also joined by the Treasurer Social Affairs, Martin Hoffmann, who took the opportunity to take stock of all IPA gifts stored at the IAC.

A nice opportunity for an informal get-together 😊

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Section	Date	Event
Spain	7 Mar 2020	Polibomber 2020, Madrid
Iceland	19-20 Mar 2020	Seminar on Organised Crime, Human Trafficking and Prostitution
Germany	28 Mar 2020	60 th Anniversary IPA Würzburg
Ireland	28 Mar 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club March Hike: The Burren Co. Clare
Japan	7-14 Apr 2020	Japan Friendship Week
Ireland	18 Apr 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club April Hike: Slieve League, Co. Donegal
UK	21 / 22 Apr 220	Street Gangs to Organised Crime Seminar, Leicestershire (21); Northallerton (22)
UK	22-28 Apr 2020	Caravan & Camping Club Rally, Spalding
Germany	7-10 May 2020	39 th IPA Radio Club National Meeting, Neuhof a.d. Zenn
Montenegro	10-15 May 2020	IPA Games, Bar
Spain	11-24 May 2020	Grand Tour – Barcelona to Paris
Germany	14-17 May 2020	50 th Anniversary IPA Bamberg
Austria	14-17 May 2020	XX National Congress + 60 th Anniversary, Seefeld (Tirol)
Italy	14-17 May 2020	Cesena-Forlì 30 th Anniversary Celebrations
Ireland	16-17 May 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club May Hike: Cork-Hungry Hill & Beara Way to Dursey Isl.
France	20-25 May 2020	IPA Nord 'Discovery of the Hauts de France' Friendship Week, Lille / Flanders
Canada	21-25 May 2020	Annual General Meeting, Québec
Italy	24-28 May 2020	45 th Friendship Cup 5-a-side football tournament, Riccione
UK	26-31 May 2020	COPS 2020, Wales
France	29 May-3 Jun 2020	3 rd Friendship Week, Nîmes
Spain	4-7 Jun 2020	XVII Int'l. 7-a-side Football Championships, Tarragona
UK	5-8 Jun 2020	Lincolnshire Friendship Weekend
Kenya	7-13 Jun 2020	Friendship Week with the Lions of Masai Mara
UK	7-19 Jun 2020	British Isles Cruise
Sri Lanka	9-12 Jun 2020	Hosting Sections' Meeting, Negombo
Sri Lanka	11-17 June 2020	Sri Lanka Friendship Week
Spain	11-14 Jun 2020	V Torre de Hercules Football Tourn., Galicia
Italy	11-14 Jun 2020	10th Fiemme e Fassa Motorcycle Rally, Predazzo
Ireland	13 Jun 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club June Hike: Connemara, Co. Galway

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Austria	13-20 Jun 2020	Hiking Week, Nassfeld
France	14 Jun 2020	Collectors' Meeting, Lyon
Ireland	July 2020	Aran Islands Event + Galway 2020
Ireland	18 Jul 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club July Hike: Mount Brandon, Co. Kerry
Germany	24 Jul-2 Aug 2020	VIII Int'l Friendship Meeting, Selm-Bork
UK	1-8 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Northern Ireland
UK	8-15 Aug 2020	Friendship Week, Scotland
Czech Rep. / Slovakia	8-22 Aug 2020	International Youth Gathering – Czech Republic and Slovakia
Ireland	15 Aug 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club August Hike: Knockmealdowns, Co. Waterford
UK	25 Aug-2 Sep 2020	Liverpool & Merseyside Friendship Week
Belgium	31 Aug-7 Sep 2020	45 th Anniversary IPA Charleroi
Romania	2-6 Sep 2020	2 nd Florin Mergea Tennis Cup, Târgu Jiu
Spain	3-6 Sep 2020	XII Iberico Football Tournament, Galicia
Germany	3-6 Sep 2020	Young Police Officers' Weekend, Münster
UK	4-6 Sep 2020	Region 3 Iconic Event, York
Ireland	12-19 Sep 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club September Event: Wicklow Way, Dublin to Carlow
UK	13-20 Sep 2020	Mayflower 400 Iconic Event
Poland	14-18 Sep 2020	Ice Hockey Tournament, Nowy Targ
Italy	14-20 Sep 2020	7th Riviera delle Palma Trophy, Ascoli Pieno
Netherlands	4-10 Oct 2020	Netherlands on Patrol, Limburg-Noord
Ireland	10 Oct 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club October Hike: Co. Mayo
Spain	13-18 Oct 2020 18-25 Oct 2020	65 th IPA World Congress, Lloret de Mar Friendship Week, Barcelona & Madrid
Germany	7-8 Nov 2020	IPA Radio Club Contest
Ireland	14 Nov 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club November Hike: Dartry Mountains, Co. Sligo
UK	27-29 Nov 2020	Mini-Friendship Week, Ayrshire
Ireland	15 Dec 2020	IPA Ireland Hiking Club December Hike: Laragh, Co. Wicklow
Spain (Gambia)	5-12 Dec 2020	2nd Tour of Gambia

FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

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Date	Seminar	Language
30 Mar- 03 Apr 2020	Terrorismus – Bedrohung von Freiheit und Sicherheit // Terrorism – A Threat to Freedom and Security	G/E
20-24 Apr 2020	Le maintien de l'ordre : Face aux nouvelles formes de manifestations, que faut-il faire pour adapter les techniques de maintien de l'ordre	F
27-30 Apr 2020	Hablamos Español für Neulerner	G/S
27-30 Apr 2020	Street Gangs to Organised Crime	E
04-08 May 2020	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
08-10 May 2020	Motorradkultur und Sicherheit – Training für verantwortungsvolles Motorradfahren FULLY BOOKED	G
15-17 May 2020	Fortbildung für IPA-Funktionäre	G
18-20 May 2020	Führung in Aussicht oder den Rollenwechsel meistern	G
25-29 May 2020	Gewalt im Spiel – Hooligans und Ultras im Umgang von Fußballspielen // Przemoc w grze – huligani i ultrasi wokół meczów piłkarskich	
03-05 Jun 2020	RedMan and Sabre Defense – Tools for Police Officers in a Hostile Environment	E

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03-05 Jun 2020	Frauen in Stress- und Konfliktsituationen – Synergien zwischen Körper und Psyche wiederherstellen	G
15-19 Jun 2020	Umweltkriminalität/ Criminalità contro l'ambiente	G/I
22-26 Jun 2020	Wenn die Stressverarbeitung nicht mehr funktioniert – Hilfe durch Stressmanagement	G
29 Jun-03 Jul 2020	Police Street Survival Training	E

