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# IPA Newsletter

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## Planning for the Future



Not an easy task to fit everyone in ...  
IEB, Internal Auditors and Commissions working at Gimborn  
captured expertly by Michael O. A. Klapper

# WORD OF INTRODUCTION

## Guardian angels also wear blue

Dear friends,

The whole world has been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and most countries have taken drastic measures to slow down the spread of the virus, including national borders being partially or completely closed, travelling forbidden or strongly advised against, gatherings of all kind prohibited and many other measures affecting our daily life, our habits, our customs, and sometimes our happiness. The forecast as to when the pandemic will end and everyone's lives will get back to normal is at present still unclear, and the likelihood is that the coronavirus might continue to affect us for many more months.



While our health authorities and staff are having to cope with an enormous work load and stress, the pressure on the security forces is also extremely high, as they are at the forefront of assisting their governments in putting measures in place and encouraging and ensuring the population respects these.

Many of our fellow IPA members are affected, most IPA activities and events of the next few months have been cancelled or postponed, and many of you are right now exhausted from your daily challenges and worried about your family and friends. Despite all these uncertainties, we can rest assured that the IPA's core value, Friendship, will be there throughout this difficult time for all of us.

Friendship is the cement of our association, of our members, and we will be an even stronger association after surmounting the adversities we are facing at the moment. Let us stand united and strong as one throughout this hard time and help those who are affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as much as we can.

I seize this opportunity to pay a very special tribute to all police officers who are working tirelessly, at the forefront, in order to fight this pandemic. They are living proof that guardian angels also wear blue!

Many of our colleagues have been infected, some have fallen. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and be at their side.

Dear friends, stay safe, and I hope to see you soon at the end of this tunnel.

Servo per Amikeco,

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

## AROUND THE WORLD

### IPA South Africa's West Coast Region happy to host Visitors from IPA Denmark



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, we were fortunate to receive a visit from IPA friends from Denmark. Jan is a police officer in Copenhagen, and he and Brigitte had been traveling around South Africa for a bit.

First, they visited Tableview SAPS, where they were met by Marcellino Nel, who showed them around the station.

We spent the evening at SALT, exchanging stories and experiences of

our work environments and our countries. And of course the perfect way to end the day was with a delicious braai.



Thank you to Carla Ferreira for arranging the whole day, and to Marcellino for showing our Danish visitors around.

Servo per Amikeco

***Elbie Gore, West Coast Region, IPA South Africa***

## Die IPA beim Kölner Karneval 2020

Als Vertreter des Nationalbüros der IPA Schweiz durfte ich den Karneval in Köln besuchen. Bereits bei der Ankunft in Köln erwartete uns IPA Kollege Claude und brachte uns ins Hotel. Der IPA-Karnevalsball im Brunosaal ist jeweils abends, was uns ermöglichte, am Nachmittag für die entsprechende Kostümierung zu sorgen.

IPA Köln Präsident Dietmar und seine Frau Therese holten uns ab, und die Party ging um kurz nach 19:00 Uhr los. Ein Höhepunkt jagte den anderen. Georg hatte wie üblich ein grandioses Programm zusammengestellt. Eröffnet wurde die Party traditionell mit dem Kölner Dreigestirn. Die Winzer und Winzerinnen verzauberten uns mit ihren Tanzeinlagen und «de Schlofmütze» brachten mit ihrem Gesang die Bude zum Kochen.

«De Höppebeenche» zogen uns mit ihrer akrobatischen Tanzshow in Bann. Sie rockten den Saal zu Kölner und internationaler Musik. Bei «We will rock you» ging die Post ab. Danach brachte unser Kollege Jupp Menth als «ne Kölsche Schutzmann» mit seiner pointierten Rede auch aktuelle Themen aufs Trapez. Danke lieber Jupp, du hast es wieder mal genau getroffen. Den Abschluss machten die Jubilare «Kölner Funken Artillerie blau weiß», die ihr 150-jähriges Bestehen feiern durften.



David & Franz  
mitten im Geschehen 😊



*Höhepunkt einer jeden Karnevalssitzung: Der Besuch des Kölner Dreigestirns – Kölle Alaaf!*

Auf der Party begegnete ich auch wieder dem treuesten Teilnehmer, David S. Moore. In Begleitung seiner Tochter liess der mittlerweile 94-Jährige es sich nicht nehmen, dem IPA-Ball beizuwohnen. Erstaunlich; er hielt tatsächlich bis zum Schluss durch.

Im Verlauf des Abends überreichte ich Dietmar im Namen der IPA Schweiz ein Geschenk als Dank für die Einladung und sein Engagement für die IPA.

Mit Tanzmusik der Gruppe «JetSett» ging die 53. IPA-Party zu Ende.

Am Samstag stand nichts Spezielles auf dem Programm. Shopping, fein Essen, die Stadt besichtigen – einfach, worauf wir Lust hatten.

Am folgenden Tag trafen wir uns gegen Mittag im Stadtteil Longerich. Wir durften uns auf den kleinen, feinen und bunten Umzug freuen. Leider spielte das Wetter nicht wie gewünscht mit. Doch Regen und Wind konnten den Teilnehmenden die Laune nicht verderben. Im Anschluss führte uns Georg ins Alte Brauhaus, wo die IPA-Freunde sich zum Abschluss noch auf ein Glas trafen und eine warme Stärkung zu sich nahmen.

Am Abend gingen wir zu dritt zur grossen Sonntagssitzung im Gürzenich, wo uns ein abwechslungsreiches Programm erwartete. Alle waren ganz wunderbar verkleidet, bunte Kostüme und geschminkte Gesichter, wo man hinsah. Ein Erlebnis, das man nicht verpassen sollte!

Den krönenden Abschluss bildete der Rosenmontagsumzug. Was Dietmar und seine Helfer wieder auf die Beine stellten, war einfach grandios. Wir mussten zwar schon vor 12.00 Uhr am Treffpunkt sein, was seinen guten Grund hatte. Später wären wir nicht mehr hingekommen. So «proppenvoll» waren die Strassen mit Menschen, die den Karneval feierten. Beim speziell für die IPA reservierten Sektor war fürs leibliche Wohl gesorgt mit Getränkeausschank und Grill. Beim Treffen mit IPA-Mitgliedern aus beispielsweise Belgien, Grossbritannien, Finnland, Österreich und Deutschland wurden Kontakte geknüpft, geplaudert und Karneval gefeiert.



*Egal wie schlecht das Wetter auch sein mag: D'r Zoch kütt!*

Einige Eckdaten zum Rosenmontagsumzug:

Aus durchschnittlich 210 Wagen und rund 12,000 Menschen bildet sich der Umzug, welcher die rund 7,5 km lange Strecke durch die Innenstadt bewältigt. Circa 3,5 Stunden benötigt man für die Strecke. Der Umzug startet um 10.00 Uhr, und der Prinzenwagen kommt jeweils gegen 19.00 Uhr an der Mohrenstrasse an. Fast 300 Tonnen Süssigkeiten werden den Jecken (Zuschauern) zugeworfen, davon 700,000 Schokoladentafeln sowie 300,000 «Strüssjer» (Blumen).

Wer nun Lust hat, 2021 den Karneval zu besuchen, melde sich bitte direkt bei der IPA Köln.

Ein riesiges Dankeschön an Dietmar, Georg, Günther, Claude, Uschi, Therese und all deren Helfer und Helferinnen für dieses tolle Erlebnis.

Vielen Dank auch an unsere Kolleginnen und Kollegen, die während der Karnevalszeit im Einsatz standen und für unsere Sicherheit gesorgt haben.

**Franz Brühlhart, Editor IPA Revue IPA Schweiz**

## IPA Sri Lanka National Council Member receives National Honours by President of Sri Lanka

For his exemplary contribution, Mr. T. Perinpanayagam, a retired Deputy Inspector General of Police and member of IPA Sri Lanka's National Council, received the 2019 National Honours, 'SRI LANKA THILAKAR', by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka at the National Honours Ceremony held on 19 August 2019 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH).

The 'Sri Lanka Thilakar' title was conferred for the meritorious service he rendered of a general nature and for yeoman service towards the enhancement in the field of Road Safety to the Nation, and delivering outstanding leadership to programmes designed to protect Human Rights of individuals, and the safety of road users on our highways.



Mr. Perinpanayagam is a founding member of the Sri Lankan Section and was honoured for his commitment towards his services. He was a member of the Sri Lanka Police for a period of 40 years, having joined as a Sub-Inspector of Police in 1957 and retired as a Deputy Inspector General of Police after an unblemished, dedicated and loyal service to his country. He also had the honour of being appointed the First Deputy Inspector General of Police, for the newly created Traffic Division for the entire Country in 1993. He was the Director for Traffic, and Deputy Inspector General of Police for Traffic Administration and Road Safety for 15 Years.

He has served the country in the field of traffic exceptionally well, over a long period of time and still continues to do so. Even in the years of retirement he continues to work tirelessly, serving diverse interests and organisations.

He is a unique officer with many achievements and innovations to his credit far beyond the expected performance in his capacity.

***Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General IPA Sri Lanka***

# ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

## IEB Meeting March 2020 held at IBZ Gimborn

The first meeting of the International Executive Board of the IPA this year took place from 4-8 March 2020 at the picturesque IBZ castle Gimborn. Due to the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Furthermore, due to illness, the Chairperson of the Professional Commission, Demetris Demetriou, was also unable to participate.

In addition to the two-day IEB meeting, 15 new commission members had been invited to specify projects for the next 4 years, to write concepts and to plan their implementation. We would like to thank all commission members for their support in future IPA projects.

In a separate meeting, the internal auditors Nicole Kikcio and Fred Boyd teamed up with the Treasurer Finances, Mick Walsh, the former Treasurer Finances, Romain Miny, and me to check and approve the 2019 accounts. Many thanks again to Romain Miny and Wolfgang Gabrutsch for their excellent cash management in recent years.



*Ensuring the IPA accounts are in order:  
the internal auditors meeting 2019*



*Enjoying some social time together  
after successful meetings*

As part of the accompanying programme, the new building of the District Police Authority Oberbergischer Kreis and the brewery 'Gilden im Zims' in Cologne were visited.

Many thanks to IBZ Gimborn, who have proven to be excellent hosts once more, and thank you to Michael O. A. Klapper, who kindly took the group photo of all of us shown on the front page of the IPA Newsletter.

***Martin Hoffmann, Treasurer Social Affairs***

## IEB Commission Member Training and Meeting in Gimborn

To coincide with the IEB meeting in Gimborn, the International Executive Board had also organised a Commission Member Training and Meeting with 15 members from the External Relations (4), Professional (5) and Socio-Cultural (6) commissions.



The idea was to gather some of the commission members with future key roles from the three commissions at the same time, and provide a briefing on the IEB commitments, programmes and projects that are executed either by IEB members or commission members. A presentation on the work commitments for the IEB members was given. The difference between programmes and projects was explained, the importance of studying in detail the IPA Statutes & Rules and

Procedures was highlighted, as well as the responsibilities of the Treasury, the Head of Administration and the support from the IAC, plus the significance of the chairpersons in the three commissions.

After the training the chairpersons held independent meetings with their members and distributed programmes and projects among them. The commissions were also tasked to identify new projects for the IEB and the commissions during an independent workshop.

This was the very first time the IEB gathered members from all three commissions, and the outcome of such a cross-border meeting was stimulating for everyone present. We therefore hope to be able to arrange a similar event in the future.



Please see below a few of the ideas brought forward during the meeting:

### Suggestions from the ERC

- Identify UN bodies internationally
- Identify other international GOV bodies
- Identify INGOS

### Suggestions from the PC

- Picture/video database for promotional purposes
- Database for recruitment / promotional material
- Sharing recruitment ideas / strategies
- Sharing checklists and procedures for IPA events

- Webinars in cooperation with IBZ Gimborn
- Creating a defensive tactics competition within the IPA Games

### Suggestions from the SCC

- IPA Houses – online booking system
- IPA Houses – guest satisfaction survey
- IPA Games – procedure
- IPA Games – mascot / logo
- Collectors Club – online exchange and international trading meetings
- Travel form - update

During the afternoon of day two, Mr. Günter Rammel, IPA Köln, took all commission members and the IEB internal auditors on a guided tour of Cologne. They were later in the evening joined by the IEB for a meal in one of Cologne's many breweries, as guests of IBZ Gimborn. The chairperson of IPA Köln, Mr. Dietmar-Udo Weiss joined us, and on the behalf of the branch presented everyone with the Carnival 2020 medal, and invited everyone to be their guests at the carnival in 2021.

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

## International Day for Street Children – 12 April 2020

We have all heard about this day from the former Head of the Professional Commission, May-Britt Ronnebro. This year I have been asked to remind you of the challenges faced by some of the most vulnerable in our societies.

As members of the International Police Association our daily lives may bring us into contact with some of these children. As the world deals with a pandemic which is taking many lives, it is more important than ever to remember those on the street who cannot access medicines, welfare and accommodation. This year, more than any other, it is vital we all try to support the work of the various NGOs providing support and calling for change.



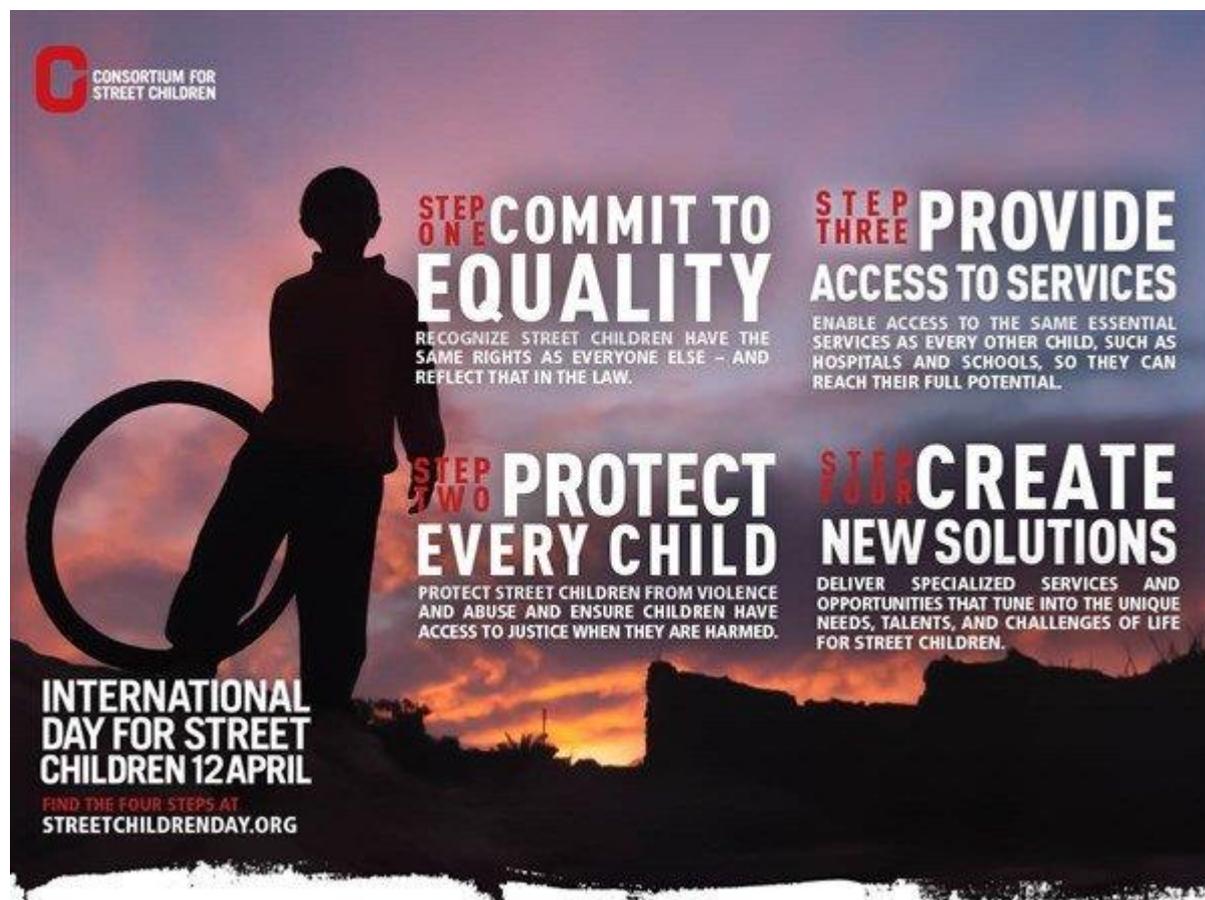
Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is the only global network that raises the voices of street children and creates long-term change to ensure they are not overlooked.

There are 100+ NGOs, researchers and on-the-ground practitioners across 135 countries, working with and for street children. Together, they focus the world's attention on the lives and needs of its most overlooked children.

The IPA continues to support the work of the CSC and I urge you to find a few minutes to go to the website and see for yourself the work being undertaken around the globe.

<https://streetchildrenday.org/>

The IPA, through the Professional Commission is proud to support the CSC. I urge every Section to share the CSC's message with all its members and to ask our members to think about how they can personally be involved. The four steps below are the route to change. Can you help, will you help?



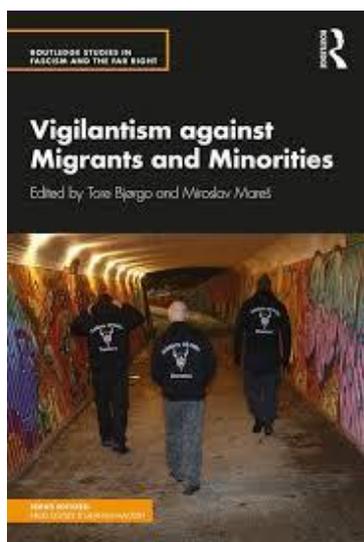
Thank you for allowing me to remind you of the work on-going to protect and support some of the most vulnerable in our societies.

***Clive Wood, President Section UK and Member of the Professional Commission***

## READERS' CORNER

### Vigilantism against migrants and minorities

This edited volume by Tore Bjørgo, T. and Miroslav Mareš traces the rise of far-right vigilante movements – some of whom have been involved in serious violence against minorities, migrants and other vulnerable groups in society, whereas other vigilantes are intimidating but avoid using violence.



Written by an international team of contributors, the book features case studies from Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, and Asia. Each chapter is written to a common research template examining the national social and political context, the purpose of the vigilante group, how it is organised and operates, its communications and social media strategy and its relationship to mainstream social actors and institutions, and to similar groups in other countries. The final comparative chapter explores some of the broader research issues, such as under which conditions such vigilantism emerges, flourishes or fails, policing approaches, masculinity, the role of social media, responses from the state and civil society, and the evidence of transnational co-operation or inspiration.

This is a groundbreaking volume which will be of particular interest to scholars and police officers with an interest in the extreme right, social movements, political violence, policing and criminology.

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9780429485619>

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**Recommended by May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Secretary General**

## LAST WORD

Amazing how fast life as we know it can change. If anyone had told me at the end of 2019 that in the first quarter of the new year, a pandemic would spread across the world in a matter of weeks, I would not have believed it. Strangely enough, my dissertation at university – now quite a few years ago – dealt with catastrophes, and the various ways humanity copes with these ...

I try to look at things day by day and aim to mainly look at the positive side of things. I count myself lucky that in addition to my husband, my 3 adult kids are here with us at home right now, and we get to spend so much more time with each other than we usually do! We enjoy playing board games, and even our old Wii has come back out, keeping us all entertained 😊

In the UK, we are now in our second week of lockdown, a word I did not even know a few weeks ago ... For the IAC, this has meant a few changes: Kerry, Daniel and I had to adjust to working from home from one day to the next. All of us have a laptop or desktop to work with, we have ensured that we have access to our work files, and we keep in visual contact with several WhatsApp group video chats a day. It is 'do-able', although we are a bit slower



to respond than usually, and I hope you bear with us throughout this period, where the Newsletter will also be shorter for a while.

'Do-able' for sure, but it has shown me – even in this very first week of confinement – that I miss being with Kerry and Daniel at the IAC, as well as with our colleagues from Section UK across the corridor. In short: I miss spending my working days at the Arthur Troop House!

The positive in all of this for me is that I will appreciate 'normal' daily life a lot more once we get through this unprecedented time: going out, eating in restaurants, enjoying a concert, doing as much sports outside as you wish.

Most of all, though, I will cherish that I will be able to meet up with people, be that family not living in our household, friends, or neighbours. In short, I will appreciate Friendship, the core value of the IPA, so much more.

*Elke*

