



NEWSLETTER



Convention of the Statutes – Lisbon, Portugal

From 14–18 March 2026, the Convention of the Statutes was held in Lisbon, bringing together the IEB, representatives from the 10 largest Sections, and Regional Chairpersons.

The Convention focused on reviewing and considering amendments to our International Statutes and Rules – The guiding principles that shape and unite our Association. Read more on Page 5

Plant A Tree – Green IPA

Join IPA members worldwide from 22 April to 17 May 2026 to take action for the environment. Get involved and help create a greener future. Read more on page 7





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Introduction from Secretary General Jože Senica



Jože Senica
Secretary General

Dear readers,

At the beginning of each new year, change often finds its way into our lives – and this year, it found its way into mine as well. Some of us have faced important transitions, from relocations to new professional paths and shifts in our personal lives. All of this is unfolding against a backdrop of global instability, a time in which the core values of the International Police Association (IPA) stand out even more clearly and remind us of the enduring importance of integrity, friendship, and professionalism.

It is precisely in times like these that the work within our organisation takes on even greater significance. In recent days, the IPA IEB held the Statutes Convention in Lisbon.

The overall objective of this process is to modernise and clarify the Statutes, Rules and Procedures where necessary, while preserving the unity, identity and founding principles of the International Police Association.

As part of this process, we discussed three Fundamental Questions, each carrying long-term implications for the identity, strategic positioning, and governance of the IPA. These matters go well beyond individual article amendments and require broad consultation across all National Sections: The Character and Identity of the IPA, Consideration of a Minimum Levy, Voting Weight at the World Congress.



This period is also marked by the arrival of most of the annual reports from our National Sections. We are proud to see growth, progress, and strong activity in many of them. At the same time, a few sections still face challenges – yet these challenges represent opportunities for development and renewed engagement.

Introduction from Secretary General Jože Senica

We are particularly pleased with the work of the emerging Sections and Formations. Together with Dominican Republic and Costa Rica, we are taking the next steps forward towards Foundation status. We have also re-established contact with Section in Foundation Trinidad & Tobago, which together with Seychelles are working diligently to advance to the next stage to be Provisionally affiliated. With IPA Colombia, we have prepared a roadmap toward full affiliation. I sincerely believe that each of these efforts will succeed.



Alongside this, we are actively cooperating with IPA Sri Lanka on the organisation of this year's World Congress. Registration has already opened, and all ongoing responsibilities are progressing according to the timeline. We maintain regular meetings to ensure everything proceeds smoothly.

This collaborative momentum also strengthens our sense of purpose within the International Executive Board. I am truly proud to be part of this team. Following the mid-term review, the International Executive Board has refreshed the IPA strategy. It has demonstrated that so far we have achieved visible results, and we have set clear goals for the years ahead.

To conclude: As we navigate these personal and global changes, I am reminded once again of the spirit that connects us – the integrity, friendship, and professionalism that define our International Police Association. These values guide us not only in times of stability, but especially when life presents us with new directions and unexpected opportunities. With this in mind, I extend my warm greetings from The Hague, where I have recently taken on a new professional role within Europol, and I look forward to continuing our shared journey in the year ahead.

Jože

Jože Senica
Secretary General





Convention of the Statutes Lisbon, Portugal 14–18 March 2026

From 14–18 March, the International Police Association (IPA) held a Convention of the Statutes at IPA House in Lisbon, Portugal. The event brought together the IEB, IAC, the IPA Legal Advisor, representatives from the ten largest Sections, and chairpersons from all seven regions – alongside our wonderful hosts, IPA Portugal. We extend our sincere thanks to IPA Portugal for their exceptional hospitality

The Convention, facilitated by Conor O'Higgins, Immediate Past President (IPP) of IPA Ireland, was conducted over four sessions.

While the ten largest Sections were present, all Sections were represented by regional chairpersons who had engaged in either physical or virtual preparatory meetings to discuss key topics in advance.

Key Discussions and Outcomes

Constructive discussions were held throughout the Convention. While it was not the objective to make formal decisions, the focus was on discussing and developing guiding principles together with other Sections. The Convention provided a solid foundation for motions to be prepared and submitted to the World Congress.

Despite different views, a clear common ground emerged: the IPA remains a non-political international friendship organisation, firmly committed to the principles of human rights, whose strength lies in dialogue and mutual respect.



Key Topics Discussed

Open and constructive discussions, with respect for all opinions, covered areas including:

- **Identity and neutrality of the IPA** – reaffirming our commitment to remain fully neutral in political, international, or governmental matters, focusing instead on friendship, cultural exchange, and professional cooperation.
- **Membership matters** – reviewing professional criteria for membership, including updates to ensure clarity and fairness.
- **World Congress voting principles** – discussions on maintaining the “one Section – one vote” principle versus introducing a limited, clearly defined weighted voting model linked to verifiable criteria.



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In addition to the formal sessions, participants had the opportunity to:

- Visit the **Special Police Unit**, where demonstrations of the different units were given. Our thanks go to the Commander and Deputy Commander for their kind invitation.
- Attend an evening at the **Navy Mess**, hosted by Chief Superintendent Luís Carriço, National Director of the Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP), offering a chance for fellowship and networking with IPA Portugal.

The IEB continued its meeting on 18-19 March, discussing next steps and preparing for the World Congress in Sri Lanka, October 2026.

Next Steps

Following the Convention, minutes will be circulated to all Sections to communicate the outcomes of discussions. The IEB will prepare motions to bring forward to the World Congress in Sri Lanka, October 2026, while Sections will also have the opportunity to submit their own motions in April. Feedback and suggestions from Sections, whether discussed at the Convention or otherwise, will help guide the IPA's future direction.

Collaboration between the IEB and all Sections remains essential as we continue shaping the future of the IPA and ensuring our governing documents remain up to date.

Hana Bower
IAC Office Manager

- **International administration and crisis planning** – including the role of the International Administration Centre and a crisis committee in the event the IEB is dissolved or unable to participate.
- **Engagement with international bodies** – considerations for invitations to the IPA World Congress.



Plant A Tree Green IPA

PLANT A TREE GREEN IPA Project

Organised By The Socio-Cultural Team

Wednesday, 22 April 2026, through Sunday, 17 May 2026



The Socio-Cultural Commission (S.C.C.) Green IPA Project Team is proud to launch a global environmental campaign, inviting all IPA Sections, members, and their families to take part in “PLANT A TREE – GREEN IPA”.

Held in celebration of Earth Day on 22 April 2026, this initiative builds on two years of impactful environmental action across the IPA. The campaign will run from 22 April to 17 May 2026, with Sections encouraged to organise tree-planting activities during this period—or at another suitable time based on local conditions.

The mission is simple: each IPA member is encouraged to plant at least one tree. Sections can further amplify their impact by working with local organisations, schools, and communities to promote environmental awareness and long-term sustainability.

There is no limit to participation—every tree planted contributes to a greener future.

Following the campaign, Sections will be invited to share their results, with outstanding contributions recognised at the upcoming IPA World Congress.

This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate IPA’s commitment to environmental responsibility while strengthening connections within our communities worldwide.

We encourage all Sections to get involved and make a lasting difference.

For full details, guidance, and reporting information, please visit the IPA website.

Let’s grow together—one tree at a time.

[Visit Website](#)

Arts & Culture – Social Cultural Commission



IPA International Photo Competition 2026

The IPA Socio-Cultural Commission invites members worldwide to take part in the IPA International Photo Competition 2026.

Categories

- Open: Any subject
- Subject: Police at Work, with a focus on Women in Policing

Awards

- €400 Overall Winner
- €300 Category Winners
- €200 / €100 for 2nd & 3rd places
- 6 Merit Awards

Deadline: 31 July 2026



Find full details and the entry form on the IPA website:

[Enter the Competition](#)

IPA Literary Competition 2026
Competition deadline **July 1st**

Please send all entries to:
artsandcultureprojectteam@gmail.com

Categories

- short story
- Poetry

Scan the QR for details
Please visit the international website for all details
www.ipa-international.org

IPA Literary Competition 2026

We invite members worldwide to showcase their creativity and explore the human dimension of professional life. This competition encourages works that highlight ethics, commitment, and the emotional impact of pursuing a vocation or career.

- Short Story: Maximum 10 pages, A4, 12-pt font, 1.5 line spacing
- Poetry: Free length and structure, submitted under a single title

Work must be original, unpublished, and in English

- Submission Deadline: 1 July 2026
- Jury Decision: 1 August 2026

For full rules, prizes, jury details, and how to enter, please visit our website:

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Arts & Culture – Social Cultural Commission



6th International Children's Drawing Competition 2026

We are delighted to announce the 6th International Children's Drawing Competition!

Who Can Participate

- Children or grandchildren of IPA members, aged 6–12 years (born 1 Jan 2014 – 31 Dec 2020)
- Schools and institutions may also submit entries, forming a special category

Themes & Requirements

- Topics: Police cars, Animals, Environment
- Pencil, watercolours, tempera, oil pastel, dry pastel, inks
- A4 size
- Maximum 2 entries per child
- **Submission Deadline:** Saturday, 16 August 2026
- **Results:** Announced on the last working day of the 69th IPA World Congress in Sri Lanka

For more information on prizes, rules and the entry form can be found here:

We wish all young artists the best of luck!



[More Information](#)



Art of Expression: A Journey Through Words, Paint, and Lens

Seminar: 4–7 December 2026 | IBZ Gimborn, Germany

This three-day seminar welcomes amateurs and enthusiasts alike to immerse themselves in a warm and inspiring space for creativity, self-expression, and meaningful connection. Explore the interplay of words, paint, and photography while sharing ideas and experiences with fellow participants.

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IPA West Europe Regional Meeting – San Marino



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with all of you the wonderful experience of having been able to organise and host in San Marino, the IPA West Europe Regional Meeting, on February 20–22, where representatives from the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland, France, Malta and Italy participated.

“BENVENUTI NELL’ANTICA TERRA DELLA LIBERTÀ” (“Welcome to the Ancient Land of Freedom”). This is how I would like to begin.

For a small IPA Section like that of San Marino, it is not easy to organise an event of international importance, first of all because of logistical problems because the hotels cannot accommodate many guests, and finally because of the resources available; without a doubt, occasions such as the "Regional Meetings" allow even us "little ones" of the IPA to get involved to make ourselves better known and demonstrate how much we can give to the whole Association.



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The commitment was maximum, in finding a suitable hotel for guests, restaurants where to have lunch and dinner, meeting room and above all close to each other where travel did not create problems, and the possibility of visiting the small medieval historic center.

On the 18th, 19th and 20th, we were busy welcoming all the guests who arrived at the airport of Bologna (Italy) with its transfer to San Marino.

On the evening of the 20th, all the guests arrived, what better way to open the Meeting than with a dinner of pizza and pasta! and on the occasion, having learned that a few days earlier it had been our friend Willem's birthday, we celebrated it again with a small surprise!



On Saturday 21 morning, the official work of the meeting began, at the meeting room of the Gendarmerie Command, for the use of which I thank my Commander, General Maurizio Faraone, where the various points were discussed and we found ourselves particularly aligned on the decisions, and at the end the exchange of some tributes.

IPA West Europe Regional Meeting – San Marino

After an excellent lunch at the "Smaller da Miki Restaurant" where we could taste typical dishes, there was for me, as President of IPA San Marino, the most exciting part of the whole short conference, that is, having been able to accompany the whole Delegation in a private audience with the current Captains Regent, Heads of State of San Marino, His Excellency Matteo ROSSI and His Excellency Lorenzo BUGLI, who have honoured us to receive us privately, at the Palazzo Pubblico, the venue where the official ceremonies of the Republic of San Marino take place and is the seat of the main institutional and administrative bodies, such as the Captains Regent, the Great and General Council, the Council of XII and the Congress of State.

After a brief introductory speech on what the IPA is and its tasks, it was truly a pleasure to listen to Their Excellencies, where they expressed deep closeness to these associations that carry out important missions of cultural and professional exchanges, also fundamental in the relations of friendship between the various countries. The brief meeting ended with a visit to the parliament hall.



The day concluded with a friendly dinner at the IPA House of San Marino, where the CEN—particularly our “chef” Filippo Bartolomeo—prepared some outstanding dishes. In addition to His Excellency Matteo Rossi, several members of IPA San Marino also attended the dinner.

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The 22nd was the day, where with great regret we said goodbye to all the friends who allowed us to spend unforgettable days.

But now let's go back to the beginning, “**BENVENUTI NELL'ANTICA TERRA DELLA LIBERTA'**”, this inscription overlooks the border of entry to the Republic of San Marino; WELCOME, everyone is welcome and is a guest, and we have the pleasure and honour of treating everyone as such, to whom we have the satisfaction of making known our traditions, our customs and in some cases, like this, the honour of the highest institutions. If I think of the principles on which the Republic of San Marino is founded, Neutrality, Hospitality and Friendship, I cannot help but think back to the IPA's Esperanto motto “SERVO PER AMIKECO”, or to serve through friendship.

I must say that there is no insurmountable obstacle or equally pleasant one, if carried out through friendship, collaboration and mutual respect.

Almost certainly the IPA's motto recalls and blends with the traditions of the Republic of San Marino, values that every person can read and experience, crossing our territory.

IPA San Marino is certainly not big, but it hopes to have shown, at least a little, how big is the heart of its members, respect and feeling of friendship.

Rene Rosti – President IPA San Marino

IPA Lesotho Hosts 4th National Congress



Former 1st Vice President on left, 2nd Vice President Administration in the middle and new News editor on the right with Eswatini delegates.

The discussions were constructive and forward-looking, focusing on strengthening governance and ensuring the continued development of IPA Lesotho.

To ensure transparency and integrity in the electoral process, an independent Electoral Commission was established, comprising members from IPA Botswana and IPA Eswatini. The elections were overseen by the Commissioner of Elections, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Mr Mkhabela (IPA Eswatini), supported by Mr Morris, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) from IPA Botswana, along with their team.

The IPA Lesotho Section successfully held its 4th National Congress from 19 to 22 March 2026 at the Blue Mountain Inn (BMI) Hotel in Teya-Teyaneng, Berea District, in the northern region of Lesotho. The Congress brought together members from across the country, alongside delegates from other African Sections, including colleagues and friends from Botswana and Eswatini, reinforcing the strong spirit of international friendship within IPA.

The Congress was officially opened by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dr Morai, who welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of unity, professionalism, and continued development within the Association.

The primary objectives of the Congress were to deliberate on proposed amendments to the national constitution, submitted by the National Executive Committee (NEC) and various regions, and to elect a new National Executive Committee.



Group Photos during the Congress



IPA Lesotho Hosts 4th National Congress

Adv. Borotho Matsoso continues his term and holds an ex officio position as President of Lesotho, following his appointment in May 2024 after the retirement of the former Chief of Police, Mr Molibeli.

The Congress also provided an important platform for collaboration and exchange, strengthening ties not only within Lesotho but across the African region. Delegates also enjoyed an excursion day, providing an opportunity to celebrate friendship, strengthen connections, and experience local culture together.

The presence of international delegates contributed to meaningful dialogue and reinforced the shared values of friendship, cooperation, and professional solidarity.

**2nd Vice President – IPA Lesotho
Andreas Lebeoana**



President IPA Lesotho – Adv Borotho Matsoso

Role	Name
President	Adv Borotho Matsoso
2nd Vice President	Khojane Andreas Lebeoana
Secretary General	Seabata Augustinus Maepa
Vice Secretary General	Mohatle Elias Makhoana
Vice President – Trade	Moletsana Theko
Vice President – Culture & Travel	Mpho Benedict Khabele
National Treasurer	Keketso Patrick Mokhethi
News Editor	Atang Buller Hlapane

The composition of the newly elected board

Creating a model and Infrastructure for Volunteering and Social Involvement In IPA – IPA Israel



Imagine a situation in which all IPA members begin to show greater involvement in what is happening in their section.

They start sending complaints about the leadership, activities, budget.
In short – a nightmare for every IPA manager.

One must admit the truth: local leaders may speak about involvement and care for their section, but they would not wish to see too much involvement.

We have three types of members in the IPA: There are the members who treat the organisation as a consumer organisation that provides services, support, and benefits.

There are the members who, beyond that, are interested in donating, volunteering, and being involved in community and social activities. And there is the management, which in most sections consists of the national board and chairmen of local branches.

The central problem is the place of the individual IPA member and his power within the IPA community framework.

The ability to influence about decision-making, courses of action, strategy, and even simple issues like where the budget goes.

We would like to see the IPA as an association with values and goals beyond benefits and consumerism.

Two secondary questions arise:

1. Can the individual IPA member encouraged and incentivise to take responsibility, to be involved and if so – who should do this?

2. Do we want this kind of influence and involvement. (From the point of view of IPA leadership, local and national).

From the institutional perspective – what interest does it have in encouraging involvement that may affect its functioning and values? It resembles introducing a Trojan horse into the fortress courtyard.

The dilemma sharpens: there are apparently clear conflicts of interest between the members community and the management systems. Bureaucracy seeks independence and minimal members interference in decision-making.

National boards and chairmen managers do not like a “nagging and demanding” members community.

On the other hand, the members have an interest in receiving efficient and quality services.

My argument is that despite these conflicts, there are change-generating factors within both the members community and IPA management on all levels.

Creating a model and Infrastructure for Volunteering and Social Involvement In IPA – IPA Israel

Elements capable of seeing beyond narrow local, sectorial interests and leading organisational, conceptual, and educational change at the members community, national and international levels.

One example is the strategy presented by the current IEB. The strategy includes, for the first time, elements of social engagement, volunteerism, community and environmental activities, and more.

Community Test as Basis for Volunteering

We expect that IPA as an NGO will be characterised by solidarity, informal relations, responsibility, and mutual involvement.

Indicators include:

- Shared “we” consciousness and pride.
- Common values and goals.
- Be in touch with local organisations and media.
- Democratic participation.
- Willingness to share burdens and values.
- A strong “community identity”.

Do we really want volunteers in IPA?

We need to be realistic. Most police officers, especially young ones, do not have the time, or perhaps even the desire, to volunteer.

We need to remember that there are many retirees and members of various types in the IPA who are interested in volunteering, if they can find suitable goals and frameworks.

Let's examine whether volunteering and involvement of IPA members contributes to the organisation's goals.

- Promotion of collective interests.
- International collaborations at the professional level.
- Creating friendships between police officers around the world.

How to Build Supportive Infrastructure

- Choosing diverse projects that match different age groups, flexible schedules, and different volunteer levels. Education about volunteering for all ages.
- Professional approach and training.
- Clear mission and challenges.
- Recognition ceremonies.
- Quality work environment.
- Cooperation with institutions and professionals.
- Creating group identity and pride.
- Regular satisfaction surveys.
- Publicising achievements.
- Appointing a responsible person at the national and branch levels to channel and activate volunteers, determine projects, and collaborate with other organisations.

Key Definition

At the IPA management level, all office holders are volunteers, at the national and international levels.

Most office holders invest a great deal of time and effort in leading the organisation in accordance with its goals.

IPA was founded as an organisation with values, and it is important to create and promote infrastructures that will help all members of the organisation to be partners and promote these values, through volunteerism, involvement, and adherence to the organisation's motto, Servo Per Amikeco.

Dr Eran Israel

IPA Israel

IPA Armenia Strengthens International Cooperation During Visit to California



In January 2026 IPA Armenian section visited the United States in specifically California.

During this visit President Grisha Sargsyan and the IPA section US-Armenia's vice president, Mike Israelian, held a series of meetings with California state authorities. They reached mutually beneficial cooperation agreements and met with Glendale's mayor Ara Najaryan, former mayor and current city council member Elen Asataryan, Glendale's chief of police Manny Cid, and the city's fire department chief Jeff Rose.

There were also meetings in Brbank, particularly with the police chief Rafael Quintero and other high-ranking officers. During these meetings, they discussed the challenges faced by the Armenian community in California and explored effective solutions. The aforementioned officials were also presented with certificates and medals from the International Police Association.

**Vice president IPA Armenia
Zevs Sargsyan**



International Baltic IPA Meeting in Łódź, Poland

Earlier this year, an international gathering of representatives from several Baltic IPA countries took place in Łódź, Poland. The meeting brought together delegations from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Germany and the host country, Poland, providing an excellent opportunity to strengthen international cooperation and friendship within the International Police Association.

The event created a valuable platform for members to exchange experiences, discuss common challenges, and reinforce the strong professional and personal bonds that exist between IPA sections across the region.

Such meetings play an important role in promoting the IPA's core values of friendship, service and international understanding among police officers and law enforcement professionals.

A key highlight of the gathering was the Orange Ball, a special evening event organised in support of the global "Orange the World" initiative. This campaign, widely recognised internationally, aims to raise awareness about violence against women and girls and to promote actions that help prevent it.



The evening was dedicated to promoting solidarity, respect and shared responsibility in addressing violence against women, including within uniformed services. By supporting the initiative, participants emphasised the role that police organisations can play in raising awareness and contributing to positive change within society.

The Orange Ball served as the symbolic culmination of the meeting and provided an opportunity for participants to collectively express their commitment to this important cause.



International Baltic IPA Meeting in Łódź, Poland



The event also demonstrated how IPA gatherings can go beyond professional exchange, creating meaningful opportunities to support wider social initiatives and strengthen cooperation across borders. The strong participation from neighbouring IPA sections highlighted the importance of maintaining close relationships within the international IPA family.

Throughout the meeting, delegates engaged in constructive discussions while also enjoying the warm hospitality of the host city, Łódź. The combination of professional dialogue and social activities created a positive and inspiring atmosphere for all participants.

The organisers expressed their appreciation to all delegations who travelled to Poland to take part in the meeting and contribute to the success of the event. Their presence and engagement reinforced the spirit of international friendship that lies at the heart of the IPA.

The gathering concluded with a renewed sense of cooperation and shared purpose among the participating sections, along with a commitment to continue supporting initiatives that promote respect, equality and solidarity both within the policing community and in wider society.

Aneta
IPA Poland

Young Police Officers Seminar 2026 – Germany

The Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) 2026, "Future Meets Training – Digitalisation in Police Operational Training," will take place in Selm, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, from 2–9 August 2026.

The seminar brings together young police officers from around the world for an intensive programme featuring expert presentations, interactive workshops, and practice-oriented training using modern digital tools. Participants will also benefit from international networking, cultural exchange, and opportunities to develop professional skills in a forward-looking police training environment.

IPA members interested in taking part should contact their National Section for details on the nomination and selection process.

IPA Italy National Congress & Elections

Nicolangelo Pezone re-elected president of IPA Italy. La Scala, Nardella, and Simonato head the magistrates. Manfredi, Di Stefano, and Kuk appointed auditors.



Abano Terme (PD) – The three-day election for the Italian section of the International Police Association (IPA) concluded in the presence of international president Martin Hoffman and several foreign delegations. This is one of the most representative associations in the world, with approximately 400,000 members from 69 countries across five continents. The election was held in Abano Terme and saw the participation of 22 delegations from all over Italy.

Outgoing President Nicolangelo Pezone was re-elected with flying colors to lead the association, a sign that his policies, along with those of his team—which were largely confirmed—were appreciated and shared by many of the delegates who attended the vote. Pezone will be supported in his mandate by Deputy National Vice President Alfredo Iasuozi and Deputy National Vice President Antonio Molinaro. Francesca Perchiazzi will serve as Secretary General, Francesco Amodei as Deputy General Secretary, and Eugenio Cagnazzo and Antonella Setaro as Deputy National Secretary.

Salvatore Del Giglio and Filippo Paci will serve as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, respectively. The team will also include two alternate members: Francesco Puglielli and Antonio Manconi

Pezone's list prevailed over that of the other presidential candidate, Giuseppe De Niro, and its members Michele Guarnieri, Mirco Ciccarese, Milco Cipullo, Paolo Massari, Paolo Simone Cesario, Diego Tirolese, Puglisi Salvatore, Diego Dipolo, and Domenico Guarnieri. The list of Proviviri (essentially the association's magistrates) was overwhelmingly victorious, with 90 votes out of 110 cast. The list was composed of Antonio Maria La Scala, a lawyer originally from Manfredonia but a lifelong resident of Bari and among the most well-known and respected in the world of law enforcement, and Mauro Nardella, a Penitentiary Police Inspector born and raised in San Severo, in the province of Foggia, and a long-time member of the International Police Association thanks to the acumen of his mentors Pellegrino Gaeta and Alfredo Iasuozi. The team of Proviviri will include Veneto's Girolamo Simonato, a retired Local Police officer who previously served as president of the Board of Auditors.



IPA Italy National Congress & Elections

Further confirmation comes from the Auditors, although Luca Manfredi will chair the meeting in place of the aforementioned Simonato. He will be joined by Michelangelo Di Stefano, former Deputy Chief of Police of Reggio Calabria, and veteran Aldo Kuk. All the winners of this round paid tribute to the losers. They deserve credit for having contributed to one of the most interesting and proactive electoral phases in the history of the Italian section of the International Police Association.

Mauro Nardella
IPA Italy Magazine Editorial Director



IPA UK Tayside Ceilidh Weekend 2027



IPA Scotland, Tayside Branch, invites you to its Annual Ceilidh Weekend from 29 January–1 February 2027 at the Invercarse Hotel, Dundee. Enjoy whisky and gin tasting, a Gala Dinner with traditional Scottish music and dancing, and the chance to strengthen international IPA friendships. Raffles and prize draws will support SCAA and the branch.

Registration: yvonnemcgregor@gmail.com

Celebrate friendship, fun, and Scotland's rich culture in a stunning riverside setting!

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IPA Moldova – March 2nd



On March 2, we mark a day of profound significance for the Republic of Moldova – the day when we remember the courage, sacrifice and unity of those who defended our right to freedom and dignity.

In 1992, the Republic of Moldova was drawn into an armed conflict on the Dniester, in which soldiers, police and volunteers fought to defend the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

The leadership of the IPA – Republic of Moldova Section, together with colleagues from the law enforcement agencies, veterans and the state leadership, laid flowers at the monument to Stephen the Great and the Saint, and then participated in the March of Remembrance to the “Mother of Sorrows” monument, paying tribute to the heroes who fell in the Dniester War.

At the same time, our colleagues from other localities and specialized subdivisions marked this day by laying flowers and holding commemorative ceremonies in their communities – especially those from the Briceni, Hincesti, Fulger and Straseni Offices – keeping the memory of the heroes alive and demonstrating national unity.



Thus, the IPA Briceni Office and the veterans' organization in the district, with the support of local public authorities, organized a mini-cultural event held in the Briceni District Council hall, where students from the Briceni District Creative Center recited poems and performed patriotic songs. At the same time, members of the Hincesti Office of the IPA – Republic of Moldova Section held thematic lessons dedicated to the 1992 war in educational institutions in the district. As part of the commemorative measures, religious services for health and remembrance were held for those who sacrificed their lives in defence of the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova.

IPA Moldova

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Silesian Provincial IPA Poland Group Becomes the Guardian of a “Memory Oak” in Toronto

In 2025, the Silesian Provincial IPA Group proudly announced that it had become the official guardian of a “Memory Oak” in Toronto, Canada. This event forms part of the broader programme ‘Katyń... to keep from being forgotten’, whose aim is to commemorate the victims of the Katyn massacre and other tragic events that affected Poles in the 20th century.

The oak tree planted in Toronto is a symbol of remembrance for Captain Tomasz Witalis Kosiński of the Rawicz coat of arms. Kosiński was one of many who lost their lives as a result of the brutal actions of the Stalinist regime. His story, like the stories of countless other victims, reminds us of the need to preserve the memory of the past and of those who fought for Poland’s freedom and independence.

The Memory Oak is not only a symbol, but also an expression of solidarity with the families of the victims, who still struggle with the pain of losing their loved ones. The tree growing in Toronto is proof that the memory of those who perished does not fade, no matter where we are in the world.



Initiatives such as ‘Katyń... to keep from being forgotten’ are vital so that future generations can learn about and understand the history of their ancestors.

By taking care of the Memory Oak, the Silesian Provincial IPA Group shows how important it is to support initiatives that preserve historical memory. The group, which brings together IPA members, carries out various activities for the community, and caring for the oak is another example of their commitment to nurturing Polish history and tradition, despite the great distance from Poland.

Silesian Provincial IPA Poland Group Becomes the Guardian of a “Memory Oak” in Toronto



Planting the Memory Oak to commemorate Captain Kosiński is not only an act of honouring his life, but also a reminder of the values he stood for. The joint efforts of the Polish community in Canada and organisations such as the Silesian Provincial IPA Group are crucial in passing on history and the memory of those who gave their lives in the name of freedom.

This event is a moving example of how remembrance of the past can bring people together, regardless of where they live. The Memory Oak in Toronto will remain a lasting symbol for future generations, reminding them of the victims of the Katyn massacre and of those who fought for Poland’s freedom. A part of their memory will live on in the hearts and minds of those who care for this important history.

With this article, we would like to thank our member Janusz Fornal, whose dedication helped bring this project to completion.

Ewa Dębowska
IPA Poland Secretary General

IPA Salzburg, Austria – 65th Anniversary



Celebrate 65 years of IPA Salzburg with a festive weekend in Salzburg, Austria. From 4–6 December 2026, join IPA friends for cultural experiences in the historic Old Town, a funicular ride to Hohensalzburg Fortress, classical concerts, guided heritage tours, and the renowned “Salzburger Advent” performance. Enjoy festive hospitality, including mulled wine, gala dinners, and Christmas celebrations. Accommodation, meals, and event entries are included. Limited places available—register by 30 June 2026 for this unforgettable Advent weekend of friendship and culture.

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IPA Luxembourg Honours Lifesaver



Saturday, September 19th 2025 – 3 pm

Christian Poire is cycling from Breinert, home, to watch the Skoda Tour de Luxembourg time trial. On the dirt road behind Breinert, shortly before the forest, he sees a man lying on the ground. He fell off his bike because he felt sick. His bike is still leaning on him. The man tries to get up and tells Kröscht that everything is fine.

However, he instinctively realizes that nothing is right. The man has no strength left and his body is too weak. Kröscht sees that something is wrong and immediately calls 112. During the conversation with the surgeon, the man suddenly loses consciousness. He stops breathing and has no more energy.

Christian immediately starts CPR, as he has learned. 12 minutes after his call, the rescuers are on site and they relieve him, they put the defibrillator on and ensure that the Samu team with the Air Rescue arrives.

They stabilize the patient, who is immediately flown to the SNCCI where he is immediately operated on. The injured man was saved and after 20 minutes without a heartbeat – thanks to the quick and decisive intervention of Christian Poiré.

A great achievement, which, as we at the IPA believe, should be highlighted and honored.

On behalf of all of us, we would like to say a big thank you to our member Christian Poire for his life-saving action against a private individual. I am therefore happy to be able to present him with a small gift, a shopping voucher, as a token of appreciation this evening.

Congratulations Christian!

Eugene Thommes
IPA Luxembourg

IPA Armenia Secures Podium Finish in Police Veterans Chess Tournament

On 19 March, the Union of Non-Olympic Sports, in collaboration with IPA Armenia, hosted an open rapid chess tournament dedicated to police veterans. The event took place at the House of Chess, a renowned venue for chess in Armenia.

A total of 11 teams representing various police departments competed, including a team from IPA Armenia. The tournament brought together participants in a spirit of respect, camaraderie, and healthy competition, honouring the contribution of police veterans.



Following a series of competitive matches, the IPA Armenia team achieved an impressive third-place finish. The team was awarded a cup, medals, and diplomas in recognition of their performance. This event not only celebrated sporting excellence but also strengthened connections within the policing community, reflecting the core values of the IPA.

Vice President, IPA Armenia
Zevs Sargsyan




Upcoming Events




Motorcycle Culture and Safety – Responsible Motorcycling Training

10-12 April, 2026




Developing Stress Intelligence – Strengthening Competencies: Help Through Stress Management

12-20 April 2026



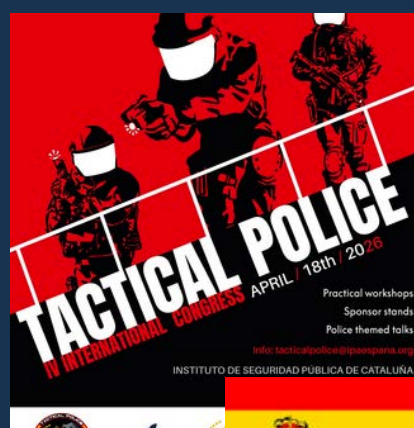


IPA Netherlands/Belgium Lowlands on Patrol 2026

12-20 April 2026




#SHEisIPA – Empowering Female Leaders – in the IPA and Beyond

12-17 April 2026

IPA Spain IV International Tactical Police Congress

18 April 2026




IPA Management Academy Serbia 2026

22-26 April 2026

Here are some of the events taking place throughout the IPA over the next couple of months. Visit our international website for a full list of our upcoming events: ipa-international.org/Events

Upcoming Events



**PLANT A TREE
GREEN IPA Project**

Organised By The Socio-Cultural Team

Wednesday, 22 April 2026, through Sunday, 17 May 2026

IPA green

Plant a Tree
Green IPA

22 April – 17 May 2026



IPA Peru Friendship Week May 2026

22-26 April 2026



**INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
PORTO FRANCO**

PLATINUM ARENA GALAȚI
23-26 APRIL 2026

Porto-Franco Cup Romania

23-26 April, 2026



Motorcycle Culture and Safety – Responsible Motorcycle Training.

24-26 April 2026

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CLOSE-QUARTERS TACTICAL SELF-DEFENSE

- Instinctive close-quarters self-defense against armed & unarmed threats
- Transition from verbal de-escalation to physical response
- Movement & control tactics under threat

POINT SHOOTING & FIREARMS DEFENSIVE TACTICS

- Transition from empty-hand to firearm
- Instinctive shooting under stress
- Target acquisition without sights
- Weapon retention and COB drills

INTEGRATED TACTICAL FIRST AID (TECC BASED)

- Rapid casualty assessment & bleeding control
- Tourniquet application under threat
- Casualty evacuation in high-threat scenarios
- Integrated into tactical scenarios

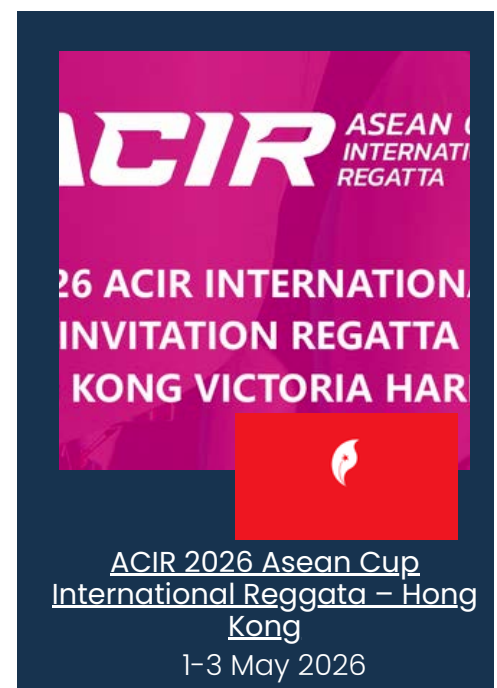
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FOR THOSE WHO PROTECT

WHO IT'S FOR

- Law enforcement
- Tactical instructors

IPA Sweden Close Quarter Self Defense Tactical

24-26 April 2026



ACIR ASEAN CUP INTERNATIONAL REGGATA

2026 ACIR INTERNATIONAL INVITATION REGGATA HONG KONG VICTORIA HARBOUR

ACIR 2026 Asean Cup International Reggata – Hong Kong

1-3 May 2026

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Gimborn Seminars

Discover the opportunities at IBZ Gimborn—a leading international training centre for law enforcement professionals. Located at Castle Gimborn, it serves as a hub for seminars, conferences, and professional exchange.

The 2026 seminar programme offers a wide range of courses designed to enhance professional development, share global best practices, and strengthen international networks in policing.

Explore the upcoming seminars, find topics that match your interests, and plan ahead to secure your place. IBZ Gimborn provides a unique environment to learn, connect, and grow within the global law enforcement community.



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UPCOMING SEMINARS



Motorcycle Culture and Safety – Responsible Motorcycling Training **1-3 May 2026**

In this short weekend seminar for bikers, the latest safety concepts and technical possibilities around the motorcycle are discussed, demonstrated and tried out. Guided motorcycle tours are offered on beautiful routes through the Bergisches Land. Saturday will be dedicated to driving safety training according to DVR guidelines.

- To Register for this event, click on link below

[Register Here](#)



Marketing



Strengthening IPA Marketing Through Webinars and Collaboration

To further support Sections in promoting the IPA effectively at a national level, the Marketing Team will be refocusing its efforts towards the delivery of a series of practical and engaging webinars and videos.

These are designed to provide direct support to Sections by offering guidance on key marketing tools and approaches. Topics will include how to edit and adapt templates, improve communication strategies, and make best use of available resources to enhance visibility and engagement within each country.

A central aim of this initiative is to strengthen collaboration between Sections and their designated marketing representatives. By creating regular opportunities for interaction, knowledge-sharing, and feedback, we hope to build stronger relationships and ensure that all Sections feel supported in their marketing efforts.

In addition, work is currently underway to develop a new promotional video that reflects the diversity and values of the IPA. This video will be made available to all Sections for use across their own platforms, providing a consistent and impactful way to showcase the organisation globally.

Through these initiatives, the Marketing Team aims to equip Sections with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to effectively promote the IPA, while fostering a more connected and collaborative international network.

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Scan the QR code to visit our Linktree and explore all our social media platforms. See how we're promoting the IPA and connecting members around the world.





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