

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION



GLOBAL REPORT 2019



'SERVICE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP'

IPA – The largest Police Association in the World

The International Police Association is a friendship organisation for members of the police service, whether serving or retired, and without distinction as to rank, position, gender, race, language or religion. We have more than 360,000 members in nearly 100 countries, of which 65 are affiliated national sections, and we are represented on 6 continents.

The IPA is a non-governmental organisation, and our aims are to:

- create and strengthen bonds of friendship between members of the police service,
- promote international cooperation in social, cultural and professional fields,
- encourage peaceful co-existence between peoples and preservation of world peace,
- improve the public image of the police service and
- enhance recognition of the IPA by international bodies.

The IPA is committed to the principles as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948, and is in Consultative (Special) Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and also is in Consultative Status with the Organization of American States and UNESCO.

Our motto: ‘Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship’

Message from the President

I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report 2019 of the International Police Association (IPA), describing the fields, tasks and projects of the International Executive Board members (IEB), of the International Administration Centre (IAC) and of our Information and Education Centre Gimborn (IBZ). You will discover a whole connected IPA world!

2019 highlights:

The IEB met twice, once in Dublin at the end of January, and once in Tallinn in mid-June. Thank you to the presidents of IPA Ireland and IPA Estonia as well as their teams for their warm welcome.

Our global membership is on the increase. The renewal of membership is a constant challenge, and the loss of members must also be considered. We all know that the average age in some sections is still increasing and that it is important to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of the IPA. This also includes assigning responsibilities within the National Committees to younger members who are still active and have contact with colleagues in the field, Police Headquarters and even security policy makers.

Two founding meetings were scheduled to take place this year, the first in Albania and the second in the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately, we had to postpone both to 2020 due to various reasons, however our work continues in both countries.

The International Administration Centre (IAC) plays an essential role in the life of the IPA. It serves as a central hub and permanent facilitator. Over the years, its missions and procedures have been reviewed and its work has been modernised. Today, the IAC provides an adapted, professional service, with the added responsibility for the international website and social media management.

The IEB maintains strong and effective contacts with our sections, and I am pleased with the collaboration. We sometimes have problems to solve, but I think overall we find acceptable solutions, with the IPA's motto of "Servo per Amikeco" as our common standard.

Congratulations to IBZ Gimborn, who celebrated their 50th anniversary at the end of August. Many IPA friends and IBZ members participated. A special thank you to the current director, René Kauffmann, for his willingness and motivation to develop this flagship, in collaboration with the IPA, as well as to all those who support IBZ in many ways.

The IPA World Congress, which took place in Cavtat in Croatia in October, was a great success. Thanks to the immense work of our friends from IPA Croatia, under the leadership of their President, Miljenko Vidak. We covered a very full agenda but were also able to enjoy some good social time, essential to the life of the IPA.



The Congress ended with the elections and I congratulate the elected IEB members, who will be my colleagues for the next four years. They are listed further down in this report.

Closing my message, I would like to thank warmly all my colleagues from the IEB 2015-2019, Gal Sharon (Israel), Alexey Gankin (Russia), May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro (Sweden), Stephen Crockard (United Kingdom), Romain Miny (Luxembourg) and Wolfgang Gabrutsch (Austria), plus posthumously Georgios Katsaropoulos (Greece), for their constructive work over the past four years, and for helping me to keep the office in the line of our principles and values.

Thank you also to the Internal Auditors who were by our side for four years as well, Demetris Demetriou (Cyprus) and Michael Walsh (Ireland). Thank you to the representatives of all sections, presidents and delegates, for the friendly atmosphere of cooperation. Thank you to the IAC staff for their proactiveness and constant will to develop the centre and what it can offer to everyone. I cannot forget to also thank our interpreters for the Russian language, Sasha and Slava, who were part of the IEB group for the past four years.

The IPA is a wonderful association, and everyone is needed to develop it and make it prosper. Thank you to all those who believe in the IPA and give a lot of their free time, energy and ideas, in order to safeguard our values and ensure our association's future.

Long live IPA – Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin

President

IPA Presence Around the World

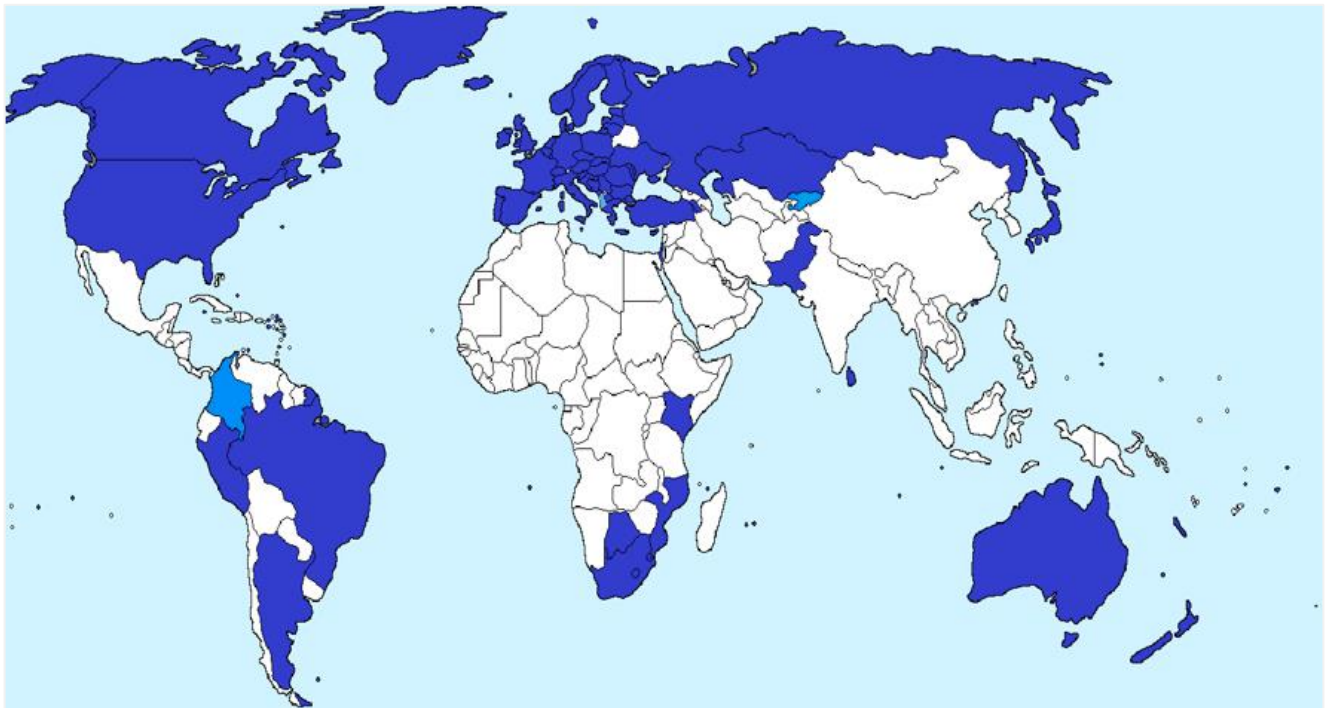
In 2019, the IPA consisted of 65 fully affiliated sections, plus two sections that are provisionally affiliated. Members of the police force from countries without an IPA section may apply to become Foreign Associate Members (FAMs). In 2019, the IPA counted a total of 1065 FAMs from 39 countries.

Affiliated Sections:

Andorra · Argentina · Armenia · Australia · Austria · Belgium · Bosnia & Herzegovina · Botswana · Brazil · Bulgaria · Canada · Croatia · Cyprus · Czech Republic · Denmark · Estonia · Eswatini · Finland · France · Germany · Gibraltar · Greece · Hong Kong · Hungary · Iceland · Ireland · Israel · Italy · Japan · Kazakhstan · Kenya · Latvia · Lesotho · Lithuania · Luxembourg · Macau · Malta · Mauritius · Moldova · Monaco · Montenegro · Mozambique · Netherlands · New Zealand · North Macedonia · Norway · Pakistan · Peru · Poland · Portugal · Romania · Russia · San Marino · Serbia · Slovakia · Slovenia · South Africa · Spain · Sri Lanka · Sweden · Switzerland · Turkey · Ukraine · United Kingdom · USA

Sections Provisionally Affiliated:

Colombia · Kyrgyzstan



International Commissions

The IPA Commissions are supporting bodies of the International Executive Board (IEB). Within their working areas they develop projects based on the strategic plan of the IEB, with the aim of developing and promoting the IPA.

There are three Commissions, each chaired by a member of the IEB:

- External Relations Commission (ERC)
- Professional Commission (PC)
- Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC)

External Relations Commission

The Chairperson of the External Relation Commission's (ERC) main task is to promote the IPA through establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations.

The ERC continued its work in promoting the IPA within organisations the IPA collaborates with by taking part in meetings and conferences, such as the UNODC's 27th "Session on Crime" in Vienna in 2018 and "the International Conference of INGOs" at UNESCO in Paris in 2018.

The ERC also took part in various projects. ERC priority projects include:

The IPA Status at Inter-Governmental Organisations

UN, Council of Europe, Europol, European Institutions, OAS, UNESCO, Interpol and other IGOs.

The IPA External Mandate of GLOHUS

UN Principal Mandate - The UN basic principle of the sustainable development and human security. To consolidate civil society competence and to support & promote capacity building of the Global Humanitarian Security (GLOHUS). International cooperation involving faith, culture, education, media, business, social and other supporting components of global humanitarian security.

The IPA External Relations Status

Developing the IPA External Relations Status procedure.

IPA external non-membership relations, supported or promoted for the IPA's benefit, based on a uniform approach with the details determined by the national sections and a unique register of the external relations statuses formation & maintenance.

Professional Commission

The Professional Commission (PC) concentrates on the professional aspect of the association, including the following projects relating to police structure and development:

Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS)

The YPOS is a training event for young IPA members from Law Enforcement Agencies, held every second year. The organiser of the YPOS 2019 was IPA Section UK, with the event taking place in Stirling, Scotland. In total, 44 young police officers from 25 sections participated in the YPOS and enjoyed professional lectures, as well as social and cultural outings.



Arthur Troop Scholarships (ATS)

The ATS is awarded annually to 10 – 15 IPA members for professional education and advanced training, with the aim of aiding IPA members in their professional development in memory of the founder of the IPA. The ATS may be awarded to any IPA member active in a law enforcement role, but is predominantly targeted at our younger members.

International Learning and Development Exchange Programme

The International Learning and Development Exchange Programme (ILDEP) relates to an international exchange of IPA members pertaining to their professional working role and is placed under the responsibility of the Chairperson of the PC. The exchange has a focus on sharing knowledge, an exchange of ideas, practices, and policy.

Professional Conferences



Professional conferences and seminars on police topics are delivered by national IPA sections and our education facility IBZ Gimborn throughout the year. These professional opportunities brought new knowledge and further training to more than 26,000 participants in 2019. The Defensive Tactics Training (DTG) groups provided further training in new defensive techniques for law enforcement officers in Belgium, Brazil, Poland, Sweden, the UK and USA, as well as at IBZ Gimborn.

Socio-Cultural Commission

The Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) is responsible for the development and promotion of social and cultural activities within the IPA, with a focus on the following areas:



International sports events and championships

Sports events and championships are arranged worldwide with numerous IPA members participating. The IPA Games is the latest contribution and is organised biennially. IPA Portugal hosted the IPA Games 2018, and IPA Montenegro will be the host for the next IPA Games.

Travel opportunities for IPA members

IPA Sections frequently arrange friendship weeks for members and their families to promote the culture and traditions of their countries, thus facilitating cross-border understanding. Many members participate in these events, while others travel on their own, with help from the sections they visit.

IPA Houses and other accommodation

Many sections offer IPA members accommodation options: More than 40 IPA Houses are available, offering reasonably priced accommodation, plus the IPA has many other accommodation options available, including members' holiday homes and discounts at hotels. IPA Houses and other accommodations are advertised in the IPA Hosting Book, with at present 264 hosting options.

International video and photo competitions

To encourage the art of photography, the SCC organises video and photo competitions. In 2019 over 600 entries were received. The winners' photos are made available to all IPA sections for photo exhibitions, promotion of the IPA and for publication in IPA magazines and for use on websites and social media.



IPA social activities

Social activities are one of the major activities in all IPA sections. In 2018, over 300,000 IPA members took part in over 5,000 social events. There is a steady increase in numbers participating year on year. The latest contribution is a folklore festival. The SCC encourages social projects as hobby activities, such as walking clubs, caravan groups, radio amateurs and police memorabilia collectors, including IPA Heritage.

International Executive Board 2019-2023



PRESIDENT

Pierre-Martin Moulin Switzerland

IPA member since 1994. International Treasurer 2003 – 2012. Elected President in 2012 and re-elected in 2015 and 2019. Serving Police officer between 1993 and 2015. Ended career as deputy Chief of the cantonal police in Valais / Switzerland. Currently advisor of the cantonal minister of security, institutions and sports, especially on matters related to police and security.



CHAIRPERSON SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMISSION & VICE PRESIDENT

Kyriakos Karkalis Greece

IPA member since 1995. Member of the Socio-Cultural Commission 2012 to 2019. Head of International Relations at IPA Greece 2008 – 2019. Serving Police Officer; 1st Lieutenant at the National Police Authority in Greece.



SECRETARY GENERAL

May-Britt Ronnebro Sweden

IPA member since 1981. National President of IPA Sweden 2010 – 2020. Member of the International Professional Commission 2012 – 2015 and Chairperson of the Professional Commission 2015 – 2019. Elected Secretary General for the IEB 2019. Senior Serving Police Officer/ National Advisor on Crime Prevention at the Swedish Police Authority.



CHAIRPERSON EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Einar Guðberg Jónsson Iceland

IPA member since 2002. Treasurer for IPA Iceland from 2006 – 2012. National President of IPA Iceland since 2012. Serving Police officer of the Reykjavik Metropolitan Police in Iceland. Works as a Detective Chief Inspector in the Human Trafficking unit in Reykjavik.



CHAIRPERSON PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION

Demetris Demetriou Cyprus

IPA member since 1985. Member of the Social Commission 2003 – 2009 and of the Professional Commission 2009 – 2012. Internal Auditor 2012 – 2019. In 2019 elected as Chairperson of the Professional Commission. Secretary General of the IPA Cyprus Section. Acting President of IPA Cyprus. Currently Assistant Chief of the Cyprus Police.



HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION

Stephen Crockard United Kingdom

IPA member since 1978. Regional Secretary Northern Ireland 1992-2007. UK National Vice President from 1999-2009. Member of the International Professional Commission from 2003-2009 and its chair from 2009-2012, then Chair of the International Cultural Commission to 2015. AISG/Head of Administration on PEB/IEB from 2009 to present. Retired Police Officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.



TREASURER FINANCES

Michael Walsh Ireland

IPA member since 1993. I have spent many years on Section Ireland's NEC holding positions such as Vice President, Treasurer and Social Affairs. I also served as an International Auditor from 2012 – 2019. I am currently a serving police officer with An Garda Síochána (Irish Police Service) where I hold the position of Crime Prevention Officer for Galway city and county in the west of Ireland.



TREASURER SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Martin Hoffmann Austria

IPA member since 1987. National President of IPA Austria since 2017. Secretary General IPA Austria from 2016. Member of the External Relations Commission 2018 – 2019. Head of IPA branch Krems/Wachau 2004 – 2016. Senior Officer at the Austrian Prison Service Academy since 2014, Prison Officer in the High Security Prison in Krems/Stein 2001 – 2013, Police Officer in Vienna 1985 – 2001.

International Treasury

The IPA is made up by individual members who pay an annual membership fee to their national section. From this national annual fee, the international levy, is forwarded to the Treasury of the International Executive Board of the IPA. The International Executive Council decides the budget at the World Congress. Additionally, the IEB accepts donations from members, organisations and businesses.

The International Treasury (IT) is made up of the Treasurer Finances (TF) and Treasurer Social Affairs (TS), and they have the overall responsibility for the IEB's finances. Their financial strategy is to maintain strong monetary governance of IPA finances while ensuring maximum spending value is achieved in supporting the sustainable growth of our association. The International Treasury includes the responsibility to:

- Assist host sections organise the IPA World Congress,
- Liaise with IPA sections with regard to collecting the annual financial subscription,
- Reimburse Delegates for their attendance to World Congresses,
- Continue to support and fund the work of the IAC,
- Design and circulate the annual membership card,
- Prepare budgets and oversee related spending,
- Engage in the day-to-day running of the IEB,
- Work with our internal and external auditors ensuring high standards of financial governance,
- Continue to support the work of the IPA Commissions in the promotion, development, and growth of the association,
- Provide ongoing funding to the international IPA events, programmes, scholarships, training seminars and competitions.

As well as the day-to-day financial functions of the Treasury, they are an integral part of the IEB team and actively participate at the decision-making table. The IPA world is a dynamic structure and both treasurers are on hand to provide support and guidance to the many challenges that arise around the world. Like each IEB member, the Treasurers are appointed as IEB liaison members to about nine IPA sections and act as the main point of contact to help and support development in these sections.

The Treasury is an important arm of the IEB and a vital part of the IEB team. The TF and TS remain dedicated to their task and continue to deliver with professionalism, ethical oversight and to the core values of IPA.

IPA Emergency Aid

The IPA Emergency Aid provides financial assistance from the international level to Sections or members in need.

The IPA is affiliated through the ERC to the United Nations and many other international bodies whose mission is to help and support countries suffering the effects of a natural disaster. The IPA is an organisation built on the foundation of friendship, so it is important that they can reach out to their members with financial or material assistance where it is required immediately following a disaster. The IEB is authorised to make an instant payment from international funds. This aid can be applied in 2 categories:

- Emergency Aid Appeal: official IPA call for help, whether financial or material, launched by the IEB, in favour of a section affected by a disaster,
- Immediate Emergency Aid: direct financial help from the IEB in favour of a section affected by a disaster.

It is essential that when a disaster takes place within a national section, the Secretary General of the affected section or another designated member initiate contact with the Treasurer Social Affairs, so that rapid aid can be provided.

In 2019 for example, the Mozambique section was financially supported from the IEB, as well as 8 further sections, after floods at the beginning of the year.



International Administration Centre

The International Administration Centre (IAC) in Nottingham, United Kingdom, is the official office of the IPA, maintained by the International Executive Board and employing professional staff under the leadership of the Head of Administration, Stephen Crockard.



IAC Staff (left to right):

Elke Schülpen-Roberts – Office Manager

Daniel James – Web Administrator

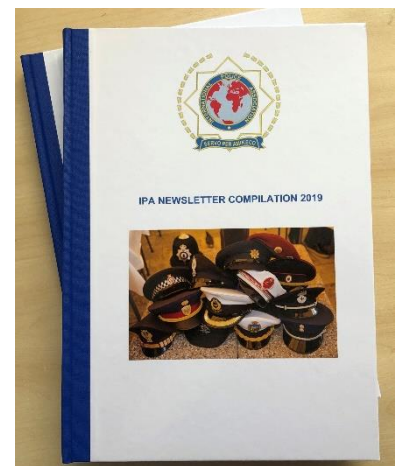
Kerry Ward – Office Administrator

The main tasks of the IAC consist of:

- assisting the International Executive Board,
- supporting all IPA National Sections,
- acting as the first point of contact for the general public,
- preparing and distributing the documentation for the IPA World Congresses and IEB board meetings,
- compiling and circulating the IPA Newsletter,
- collating the information and amendments for the IPA information guide and
- maintaining the IPA IAC website and archives.

The IAC produces a monthly IPA Newsletter, keeping all IPA members up to date with events and activities throughout the IPA world. The current edition, as well as past copies are available on the IPA international website at:

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Newsletters>



Operating an open-door policy, the IAC welcomes visitors from all IPA sections at the Arthur Troop House. Please contact us on iac@ieb-ipa.org if you would like to visit.

IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2019

The highlight of the IPA's international calendar is the annual IPA World Congress. The entire IPA family gathers to review the events of the previous year, determine the future direction for the IPA, and socialise with IPA friends.

Worldwide success



The World Congress is a prestigious IPA event which has been hosted annually since 1955, when the first congress took place in Paris. Since then 34 sections, on 6 continents, have hosted this annual gathering. The last 5 years saw IPA Congresses taking place in Limassol, Cyprus (2015); Auckland, New Zealand (2016); Albena, Bulgaria (2017); Rotterdam, the Netherlands (2018) and Dubrovnik, Croatia (2019).

Structure

The main agenda of the World Congress covers the board's annual reports, including the accounts of the association. In addition, motions proposed by the IEB or by national sections to develop the IPA, are discussed and voted on by the delegates of each national section, plus the IEB, using a majority voting system. Furthermore, the budget for the next year, presented by the International Treasury, is decided upon. The congress agenda is complemented by sections' presentations or workshops, to ensure congress participants can benefit from a wide range of experiences. Every 4 years, elections take place for a new international board, plus two internal auditors.

Location

The 64th IPA World Congress 2019 took place in the coastal resort of Cavtat, near Dubrovnik, from 8-13 October 2019. The facilities chosen by the hosting section combined a beautiful setting with excellent meeting facilities, including a congress hall providing ample space for around 300 congress participants from 63 out of the IPA's 67 affiliated sections. After a full day of congress sessions, everyone had the opportunity to relax and round off the day with a quick swim in the Adriatic Sea or a short stroll into historic Cavtat.



IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2019

The proud host for the IPA World Congress 2019 was IPA Croatia. Fully affiliated to the IPA in 2003, the section is a relative newcomer to the IPA family, but easily managed to impress all congress participants with their high level of professionalism and most of all, friendship.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of the Congress, which took place in the city theatre of Dubrovnik after a colourful parade in the main street of the ancient city of Ragusa with uniforms from all over the world, was a very pleasant occasion. It gave the time to pay tribute to the colleagues and IPA members lost during the past year, but also to hear the greetings of the president of IPA Croatia, the police director and the mayor of the city. A folkloristic show, punctuated by several songs performed by the police choir, including the national anthem of Croatia and the IPA hymn, completed this very special ceremony.



Congress Sessions & Elections

The congress participants covered a packed agenda. Productive sessions ensured that many decisions were taken, and several presentations were given by sections. It was also an opportunity to hand out numerous individual recognitions for IPA commitment over the years or for specific projects. The atmosphere was friendly and constructive. 2019 marked the end of a 4-year term and the elections for a new international executive board, presented over two pages further towards the front of this brochure. Importantly, it was also a time to celebrate the achievements of the outgoing board and thank them for their hard work during the preceding 4 years.



Gala Dinner & Friendship Week

An IPA World Congress does not only consist of work, but also of plenty of opportunities to gather and celebrate friendship. The congress 2019 was no exception in this respect, and finished with a gala dinner on the last day, and a chance to join a Friendship Week through major sights in Croatia.

Information & Education Centre Gimborn (IBZ)

The Information and Education Centre Gimborn is the flagship of the IPA, where members can profit from professional further education.

Optimum Learning Conditions

IBZ Castle Gimborn, which is located in idyllic wooded mountainous surroundings in Germany, houses the IPA's Education and Information Centre.

IBZ was founded in 1969, and serves as the location for most of the IPA's professional seminars, conferences and meetings.

It is a truly international institution; the Board of Trustees includes representation from the International Executive Board, 23 national IPA sections, and several German IPA regions and police authorities.



A Myriad of Opportunities



IBZ Gimborn employs permanent administrative staff members, who coordinate the seminar programmes with professional speakers on a wide range of topics. The full seminar programme, and information on the facility, is available at www.ibz-gimborn.de.

Membership of the IBZ Castle Gimborn is open to IPA sections, regions, branches as well as individuals and has up to now gathered around 560 members from over 30 countries.

IBZ Gimborn delivers 45+ professional seminars each year to IPA members, police officers and police staff, as well as the public.

Gimborn – where a picture is worth a thousand words!

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