

# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION



**2024 - 2027**



**Uniting Police Forces Worldwide**

**Introduction to IPA**

# 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 368,000 members in nearly 100 countries, of which 68 are fully 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'

## IPA Presence Around the World

In 2024, the IPA consists of 68 fully affiliated sections, two sections that are provisionally affiliated, and one section in foundation. Members of the police force from countries without an IPA section may apply to become Foreign Associate Members (FAMs). In 2023, the IPA counted a total of 1264 FAMs from 61 countries.

### Affiliated Sections:

Albania • 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 • Kyrgyzstan • 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

### Sections in Foundation:

Trinidad & Tobago

68,000 members  
100 countries  
6 continents

# International Executive Board



**Martin Hoffmann**

International President



**Oliver Hoffmann**

Vice President & Chairperson International Relations Commission



**Jože Senica**

Secretary General



**Diego Trolese**

Chairperson Professional Commission



**Christos Parginos**

Chairperson Socio Cultural Commission



**Kyriakos Perikleous**

Treasurer Finances



**Jean-Pierre Allet**

Treasurer Social Affairs



**Clive Wood**

Head of Administration

# 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:

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (IRC)

Chairperson - Oliver Hoffmann (IPA Germany)



The chairperson of the International Relations Commission (IRC) main task is to promote the IPA through establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations.

- Relationships with external institutions such as United Nations, Council of Europe, European Parliament, Europol, Interpol, Cepol and Mepa.
- Establish liaison officers with the United Nations in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and with EU Institutions in Brussels and Strassburg.
- IRC 7 Regions project involving working with sections to operationalise the IPA strategy and other interlinked related projects. Two annual meetings - combination of physical, online and hybrid.
- Work on projects related to the International Relations such as the UN Tree, UN Maritime and a project with the Red Cross.

## PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION (PC)

Chairperson - Diego Trolese (IPA Italy)



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

## PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION - PROJECTS

### Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS)

The ATS as a legacy to the IPA founder Mr Arthur Troop OBE, is a professional education and advanced training bursary, with the aim of aiding IPA members in their professional development and promoting the International Police Association. It provides applicants with opportunities to acquire new knowledge, and a wider understanding of the similarities and differences between the operation of police forces across the world, whilst enhancing their skills through the training provided.

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### Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS)

YPOS is an International professional seminar which presumably targets serving IPA members that have served under 10 years and offers the opportunity to experience world-class presentations from leading police officers and academies, to learn from each other by shared experience and creates life-long bonds of friendship. Previously YPOS is held every second year, however from 2024 it will become an annual event.

## Strategic Young Members' Conference

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The Strategic Young Members' Conference is one day of workshops with focus on recruitment and retention of younger IPA members. SYMC is a future focused workshop aiming on how the participants can support their IPA Sections on return after the YPOS with their new global network and increased knowledge in policing and the IPA aims.

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### IBZ Gimborn

The Chairperson of the PC, Diego Trolese is the representative of the IEB on the Board of IBZ Gimborn which provides an excellent opportunity for promising members to join the IPA by promoting their participation in various seminars that not only enrich the knowledge of the members, but also help to bring them together while enhancing cross-border friendship. It is the IEB'S intention to make the IBZ Gimborn seminars more accessible around the globe by way of seminars and other virtual media.

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### Women in IPA #sheisipa

'Embracing an inclusive Vision for the Future'

There is an opportunity for the IPA to make positive strides towards inclusivity by not only embracing an inclusive vision for the future, but proactively going after it. We have to develop a project which seeks to bring women who are already in the IPA together, as well as making the IPA externally visible to women within Policing. Scan the code below to discover more about the project.

## SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMISSION (SCC)

Chairperson - Christos Parginos (IPA Greece)

**The Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC) is responsible for the development and promotion of social and cultural activities within the IPA**

### SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMISSION - PROJECTS

#### Sport



The main objectives of SCC project about sports is to bring our members together and to maintain their physical health by encouraging them to take part in various sports events.

Sports pertains to any form of physical activity or game, often competitive and organized, that aims to use, maintain, or improve physical ability and skills while providing enjoyment to participants.

A variety of sports events take place every year and the idea is to promote IPA among the police officers and especially the young ones.

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### IPA Games

Sports events and championships are arranged worldwide with numerous IPA members participating. The IPA Games is the latest contribution and is organized biannually. IPA Portugal hosted the IPA games in 2018 and IPA Montenegro hosted IPA games in 2022 from 8-13 May. 600 athletes and over 700 visitors from 26 countries attended the games. The next IPA games are due to be held in Romania in 2024.

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### Walk the World for Blue Friendship

New in 2023, the SCC brought the new initiative Walk the World for Blue Friendship to the IPA world on 30th July held on international friendship day. The IPA is inspired by the fundamental value of friendship and this new global event promotes IPA globally to local communities and at the same time bringing our colleagues, their families and friends closer together. It encourages IPA members around the world to gather in groups in their regions and walk an agreed distance together. It intends to serve as a fundraising opportunity where donations can be made and a section can offer these to a local cause(s) of their choice.

# SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMISSION - PROJECTS

## Arts & Culture

The main objectives of SCC project about Arts and Culture is to bring our members together, giving them the opportunity to present their skills, encouraging them to take part in various events, classes and workshops and has a huge variety of hobbies interest groups. A variety of events take place every year and the idea is to promote "IPA artists behind the badge" among the police officers and the society.

### Photo Competition

### Video Competition

### Children's Drawing Competition

Projects in development include Authors, Painters and Musicians



## 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 and seek help or travel assistance from the sections they visit.

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## 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.

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## Hosting Sections Meeting

Many of our members offer to host colleagues and family members from abroad. The purpose of this project is to give the opportunity to those members who wish to offer accommodation to our members to be added to a database to be accessible to other members looking for hosting accommodation on their travels.

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## Hosting & PenPal

Hosting gives opportunity to members who wish to offer accommodation to fellow IPA members. PenPal project offers to opportunity to correspond with other international IPA members to interact and improve language skills.

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## Green IPA

The main objectives of SCC project Green IPA is to sensitise our members to take part in various events for the protection of the natural environment.

A variety of events will take place each year promoting sustainability and to encourage behavioural modifications to contribute to combating climate change.

The Green IPA Project aims to;

- Work towards creating a safer, more sustainable world for everyone
- Engage with external stakeholders to collaborate on mutual goals
- Educate our members on the importance of environmental sustainability
- Strengthen bonds between the sections with environmental agreements



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## Global IPA APP

**Head of Administration - Clive Wood - (IPA UK)**

A project which will culminate in the launch of an integrated global app for the IPA

# IPA Strategy 2024-2027

Our primary goal is to significantly grow our association. This includes not only increasing our membership across the existing 68 IPA sections but also extending our reach by welcoming new countries and more diversity into the IPA family. We are committed to representing a wide range of voices and experiences, developing targeted strategies to attract new members, and ensuring we retain and engage our current members.

## **Diversity, Equality & Inclusion**

Under our new initiative, we are excited to announce the appointment of a **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Advisor - Sunethra Senavirathne- (IPA Sri Lanka)**

This role is vital in our commitment to strengthen an environment where every member feels valued and included. We will implement policies and initiatives that celebrate diversity, ensuring the IPA truly reflects the varied backgrounds and perspectives of our members.

We recognise the importance of continuous learning and aim to enhance our **professional development training**. This includes expanding our seminar offerings beyond Gimborn yet preserving Gimborn as our one centre of educational excellence. Exchanges remain highly beneficial to our members, so we continue to support these opportunities. We also plan to collaborate with police human resource departments to develop mutual benefits from our efforts, including official recognition of IPA education.

**Sustainability** is a crucial part of our strategy. We are committed to integrating sustainable practices into all our activities, aligning our operations with global efforts to protect the environment. This will involve evaluating and adjusting our practices to reduce our ecological footprint, promoting environmental awareness, and contributing positively to the communities we serve. This will be accomplished in line with our focus on our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), with projects such as tree planting, environmental education, sustainably acquired gifts, green IPA and much more.

Our strategy emphasises enhancing cooperation with international organisations to bolster our **global presence**. Key initiatives include strengthening our presence at United Nations locations, seeking re-admission to the Council of Europe, and establishing working relationships with Interpol and Europol. These efforts aim to increase our influence in global law enforcement discussions and provide our members with unique opportunities for international projects and collaborations. Embracing technology is also a key aspect of our strategy. We will invest in modern tools and platforms to enhance connectivity among our members and improve our operational efficiency. This includes developing digital resources for training, communication, and information sharing, ensuring that our members have easy access to the latest information.

## **IPA Marketing Project Chairperson - Martin Hoffmann**

Brand promotion is central to the growth of our association and effective marketing strategies play a pivotal role in establishing a strong presence and connection with police officers across the world. We have a new marketing commission who will now help to steer this growth by bringing in skills to strengthen the marketing of the IPA.

We have identified that social media continues to be the most influential virtual space to promote our IPA brand and generate brand awareness, it is therefore important that we continue our social media campaigns and increase our reach and thus our following.

From a financial perspective we find ourselves in a strong position, so we intend to invest in the future of the IPA to inject growth across all areas of our association and beyond. The IPA needs to be visible; we need to be seen and heard across all touchpoints. Such a far-reaching ambition is going to cost more money but aims to grow membership thus offsetting the costs. This strategy is more than a roadmap for the next four years; it is a pledge to our members and the communities we serve. We are committed to evolving, adapting, and growing as an organisation, ensuring the IPA remains at the forefront of international law enforcement.



# A few IPA facts DID YOU KNOW ?



The IPA was founded on January 1st 1950 by Arthur Troop. He was awarded the **British Empire medal** for his work founding the IPA in 1965



Represented on **6** continents

**1950**  
**2025**



**1000** + FOREIGN ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN **28** COUNTRIES



40 IPA Houses offering accommodation in 15 countries

Sections that have hosted the most IEC/WC'S



ARTHUR TROOP DAY  
**15TH DECEMBER**  
ARTHUR TROOP'S  
**BIRTHDAY**



The First IPA Games  
*Portugal*



**33 Gold Medals**  
For outstanding contribution.  
Arthur Troop was the first recipient

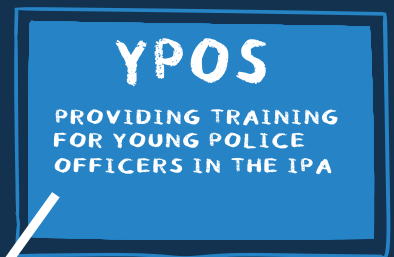


FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO THE PEB:  
**PHYLLIS NOLAN, IRELAND, 1982**

The IPA has its own hymn: 'Servir Par L'amitie', played at the opening and closing of every World Congress



**14** international presidents  
From **11** countries



**4 IPA LANGUAGES**



The first IPA Sections outside of Europe were Canada, Hong Kong and Kenya in 1961



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