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Autumn Blessings from IPA Macau



Photo courtesy of IPA Macau
Meeting with the Lai Yuen Centre

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

This month the IPA World Congress was supposed to take place in Lloret de Mar, Spain, and at the same time, the IPA had planned to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of our association by Arthur Troop.

Unfortunately, everything turned out differently.

Covid-19 has kept the world in suspense for more than 9 months by now, and resulted in the deaths of more than a million people. Daily life has completely changed, and it is uncertain how long this extraordinary situation will last.

During this difficult time, I took a moment to think about what the IPA means for me, and came to the following conclusion:

- Friendship
- Solidarity
- Mutual Support

‘Service through friendship’ is the motto of our association. The IPA makes it possible to find friends all over the world, friends, that we might see several times a year, friends, with whom we keep in contact via social media, email or telephone, friends, that we can count on for help at home or further away, friends, who organise a day out on vacation, friends, who are there for you when you need someone, friends, with whom you can go through thick and thin. When I think of many different countries around the world, good friends in those countries immediately come to my mind!

The solidarity of these friendships means that should our friends leave this world, the IPA mourns around the globe, as was recently the case with our IPA friend from Monaco, Claude Amadori, or our friend from Northern Ireland, Hilary Boyd. Even though I may only have seen them a few times, the IPA has enabled me to feel close to them. My condolences and thoughts go to both families.

Solidarity also means that everyone can count on mutual support. I have often benefitted from the support of IPA members all over the world, both on private holidays and with work. To reciprocate, I am happy to offer support with travel plans for anyone coming to Vienna or Austria, as long as my schedule allows me time for this, and to meet you and go out for a drink or a meal.

In my role as Treasurer Social Affairs in the IEB, it is my job to help IPA members who are affected by disasters, at the request of a section. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me. After consultation with the IEB, we will try to help you as soon as possible, in accordance with our international documents.

Let us make sure to stay in contact, to stand together, and to help each other! Friendships are worth their weight in gold during these difficult times!

Martin Hoffmann, Treasurer Social Affairs



AROUND THE WORLD

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Liebe IPA Freunde,

Corona (COVID-19) regiert weiterhin den ganzen Erdball. Etwas Unrealistisches wurde auf einen Schlag Realität! Viele vor kurzer Zeit noch einfache Anliegen oder Anlässe werden nun in Frage gestellt. Hier ist es wichtig, dass wir trotz dieser stetigen Angst unsere Vereinigung am Leben erhalten. Um ein kleines Zeichen zu setzen, hat unsere Sektion im August seinen jährlichen Kongress im kleinen Rahmen durchgeführt. An diesem Kongress wurde auch ein neuer Nationalvorstand gewählt. Die Delegierten haben mir in meiner Funktion als Präsident weiterhin ihr Vertrauen ausgesprochen. Zusammen mit meinem – zum Teil – neuen Team werden wir die Anliegen der IPA Schweiz weiter voranbringen. Durch die Anpassung (Teilrevision) der Statuten, wollen wir jedem Einzelnen (den Regionen) wieder mehr Mitspracherecht übertragen. Denn das Fundament eines jeden Vereines sind die zufriedenen Mitglieder.

Ich freue mich, insofern Corona es zulässt, euch von unseren Ideen in den nächsten Jahren zu berichten und euch meine «neuen» Kollegen präsentieren zu können. Auf gute Zusammenarbeit!

Dear IPA friends,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to rule the globe. Something unrealistic suddenly became reality! Many concerns or events that previously were simple, are now being questioned. It is important that we keep our association alive despite this constant fear. In order to set a small example, our section held its annual congress on a small-scale in August. A new national board was also elected on this occasion. The delegates expressed their continued trust in me as President. Together with my - partly - new team, we will advance the concerns of IPA Switzerland. By adapting our statutes (partial revision), we aim to give our regions a greater say, because the foundation of every association are its satisfied members.



I will be pleased, insofar as Coronavirus allows it, to report to you about our ideas in the next few years, and to be able to present you now my "new" colleagues. Here's to good cooperation!

Jean-Pierre Allet, President IPA Switzerland

IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina's Regional Police Club Brčko busy sending First-Graders off to a safe Start at School

The IPA Brčko Police Club, in cooperation with the Brčko District Police of BiH, the Red Cross and the Vermont Youth Center, has been working for four years on various activities related to schools and kindergartens.



This year, we decided to cheer up the children, and we provided 750 school packages for all first-graders from Brčko, in order to wish them a happy and successful start to their education.



The packages contained school supplies and a hygienic mask for children, with which we wanted to point out to them the importance of wearing masks and adhering to epidemiological measures in order to preserve their health during the coronavirus pandemic.

Servo per amikeco!

Predrag Simeunović, Secretary General IPA Bosnia & Herzegovina, on behalf of IPA Brčko

IPA Kenya assist School in rural Homa Bay County

On 1 September 2020, a team from IPA Kenya travelled 400 km from Nairobi to Kojwach Apondo Village, Homa Bay County in Nyanza, Western Kenya, with a mission to visit Apondo Secondary School, a rural secondary school with 250 students; 115 girls and 135 boys. Earlier in the year, the school had made a written request to the National Executive Board of Section Kenya for assistance to students, most of who are from poor backgrounds.



Police Driver Cpl Silas Matelong delivered the donations to the school

The response for aid was overwhelming, and IPA Kenya members made donations of the following items towards the school visit project: 30 boxes of sanitary pads, 72 school uniforms, 152 pairs of school shoes, 18 boxes of exercise books, 1000 face masks, 100 litres of soap, 60 bottles of hand sanitizers, 2000 ball point pens, and other assorted personal hygiene items. Donations totalled the equivalent of USD 3,500.

The event took place at the school compound, and items were handed over to the School Principal, Mrs Esther Okombo by IPA Kenya's Secretary General, Mr. Jared Ojuok, in the presence of the School Board of Management led by the Chairman Mr. K'Okello and Mr. Peter Resa. Also present were representatives of parents and students. Mrs Okombo expressed gratefulness towards the IPA and the National Police Service for considering the plight of her students, who she said will now be more comfortable in school. She said that some of the students were from extremely poor families, and some who had been orphaned were likely to miss school days due to lack of the very basic requirements like school uniforms and writing materials.

During the presentation, the Section's President Mr. Alfred Otieno Osur Ochiel noted in a signed statement that 'There is no doubt that our youth can play a major role in re-energising this great nation through their creativity and the ability to adjust quickly to new situations.' Mr. Osur also urged parents to remain vigilant on the movement of their children during long periods at home due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to ensure that they remain safe and focused on their studies.



Mr Juvenalis Baraza hands over the donations

The Association's Patron, The Inspector General of the National Police Service Mr. Hillary N. Mutyambai, was represented by the Rachuonyo East Sub County Police Commander, Mr. Juvenalis Baraza. The Kojwach Ward Officer Commanding Station IP Wainaina was also in attendance. In a statement read on his behalf by the local police commander Mr. Baraza, the Inspector General noted that as a law enforcement officer, it concerned him greatly that a growing number of offenders appeared to be younger and crimes more violent. 'Today, news in this country is full of stories

connecting the youth with violent crimes. Subcultures have emerged that perpetrate violence from assaults to homicides using firearms, machetes or blunt objects to intimidate rival gangs, law enforcement and the general public. They also engage in theft, armed robberies, rape and kidnappings. Most of the time, they claim denial of access to societal goals and therefore turn to deviance as an alternative to livelihood’, said the Inspector General.

Furthermore, he reminded the school community to respect the sanctity of life and other fundamental human rights and freedoms, amongst them the respect for the right to property as outlined in the Bill of Rights. “My unequivocal message to all of you is: Avoid crime at all costs. Crime can cost your life and your future. You are now in school and it is for a season; and a reason. I urge you to have patience and concentrate only on that which matters most at the moment, your education”.

‘I would like to extend my invitation to all the youth of this country to engage us in fruitful discussions that will help us rebuild trust in our collective humanity and promote the spirit of tolerance amongst our people. I am convinced that following this visit, you now know that police are your brothers and sisters. I ask you to reciprocate this gesture by being our good ambassadors wherever you go, so that together we may make Kenya safer for all of us’.



IPA Kenya members led by SG Jared Ojuok, join the school community in a group photo

The President of IPA Kenya expressed deep appreciation to the National Police Service leadership for the continued support from the office of The Inspector General. He was equally grateful to the Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Noor Y. Gabow, EBS, for providing the transportation which ensured that the donations reached the intended recipients safely.

Jared Ojuok, Secretary General IPA Kenya

IPA Macau's Autumn Blessing

In these months, due to the 'attack' of Covid-19, many people around the world have been suffering to a certain extent, and the world has been covered by darkness and mist.

As the Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching, a festival of family reunion, the IPA Macau Section gathered members and friends and, with our passion and festive gifts, we visited the local community, in particular disadvantaged groups.



During the visits, we connected with different local associations by exchanging feedback and thoughts in several aspects, such as women's rights, the situation of disadvantaged groups in Macau, etc.

In addition, we are looking forward to having further cooperation with those organisations, in order to build up a close relationship between law-enforcement and citizens.

Last but not the least, we wish everyone a wonderful Mid-Autumn Festival with your family and friends in good health and safety.

Servo per Amikeco,

Marco Lei, Liaison Cultural & Social IPA Macau

OBITUARY Pierre Suszek

Pierre Suszek from IPA France passed away on 1 August 2020 at the age of 72, following a long illness.

An unmeasurable loss for the IPA.

Pierre joined the association in 1970, and gave 50 years of loyalty to the IPA, to which he was devoted with body and soul!



He was a member of the IPA-Paris branch, of which he was first a delegate for over 15 years and then, in 1985, he became a member of the branch board, as Vice-President.

Following this, he held the office of Chairman of the Paris region for 15 years, and was elected as Regional Advisor of Ile de France in 2000.

From 2005 until 2015, he was the elected Vice President of the National Bureau of IPA France.

During his last mandate, Pierre was in charge of the National Cultural Commission.

Pierre worked hard and contributed to the success of many major events of IPA France, including the IPA World Congress in Paris in 2010.

In September 2013, he was instrumental in the organisation of the 60th anniversary of IPA France, which welcomed many foreign and French colleagues.

Pierre was also particularly involved in the development of the programme for the International Youth Gathering in Paris and in the Doubs region in the summer of 2014. This event brought together 64 young people from 28 countries and 5 continents.

In 2013, Pierre accompanied me to the World Congress in Copenhagen, to represent IPA France. He also managed the clubs of his commission, including the motorhome operators club of IPA France.

Pierre had a strong character, which very often animated our meetings, but behind this energy he was, above all, a sensitive man with a magnanimous heart.

If the IPA is moving forward today with pride and recognition, it is thanks to people like Pierre who carry our values, and invest themselves with generosity, intelligence, and humility.

Pierre, my friend, we miss you.

SERVO PER AMICEKO

Rose Lourme, Honorary President IPA France, on behalf of the national board

IPA UK pleased to upgrade the Arthur Troop House

As you'll be aware from the 'Last Word' in the February 2020 edition of the IPA Newsletter, the maintenance of the Arthur Troop House in Nottingham is a never-ending task.

With COVID restricting the work that could be done by volunteers over the past few months, the Section UK National Executive Board decided that the time had come to call in the professionals.

Parking space at the house has always been at a premium, with 6 cars squeezing into the space next to the old coach house. So, the renovation work started with taking up the lawns at the rear of the premises and putting down a hard standing.

As you can see from the progress photographs, there is now plenty of parking space, which will allow Section UK to make better use of the building for conferences, seminars and so on.

The extra parking may even bring in an income by letting car parking space for commuters during the week and football and cricket fans at weekends - COVID permitting!



Before the renovations



Work in progress to create ample car parking space for a variety of uses

Over the next 6-8 weeks work will start to completely repaint the interior and exterior of the house. With ceilings over 4 metres high and gable ends over 10 metres high, it's no small task.

On the positive side, having Section UK and IAC staff working from home during the pandemic means that the decorators can have free run of the premises, so that by the time staff return to office working, the whole building will have a bright, clean look.

Steve Bretherton, Secretary General IPA UK

IPA Section in Foundation Albania stage a cycling tour and expand by establishing two new regions

Under the motto 'Stop Covid 19 – Enjoy Albania', IPA Section in Foundation Albania staged a cycling tour from 13-15 August 2020 through municipalities located in the coastal areas of Albania.



The event was attended by around 60 people, and included police officers, members of the fire service, a professional team of cyclists, plus participants from several further associations.

The event aimed at promoting tourism, as well as raising the awareness of citizens for the prevention of Covid-19. It was held in full partnership with the Albanian Cycling Federation, the municipalities of several cities, in cooperation with several NGOs, and with the support of the Ministry of the Interior and the State Police.

The cycling tour was widely covered in the local and national media.

A further milestone for our section was the inauguration ceremony of the renovated premises for the IPA, which took place on 12 August 2020 in the Shkodra Border Directorate. This project was jointly financed by the association 'Maltezer' Shkodër and IPA Section in Foundation Albania.



In addition, we held a meeting for the establishment of the IPA-Vlora Region branch of IPA Section in Foundation Albania on 14 August 2020.

The expansion of our association in Albania took a further step on 11 September 2020, with a meeting for the establishment of the IPA-Southeast Egnatia Region based in Korça. Apart from many Albanian guests, we were pleased that Mr Stefan Dimoski from IPA Ohrid (North Macedonia) also participated in this event.

Skender Doda, President IPA Section in Foundation Albania

#70IPAChallenge in IPA Poland's Lower Silesia Region

This year did not start successfully. The coronavirus epidemic ruined the plans for sporting rivalry planned by members of IPA Poland's Lower Silesia Region. And these plans had been very ambitious. In 2020, police officers had planned to start a new project – the Running League – the first initiative of its kind in Poland!

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic it was impossible to participate in races that were part of a league, and therefore the Ślęzański Half Marathon, Wrocław Night Half Marathon, H2O Half Marathon, as well as the Toyota Wałbrzych Half Marathon were all cancelled. Members of the IPA Lower Silesia Region had to change their plans. Training sessions with Mariusz Cieślak, a coaching champion, were also suspended. However, the police officers came up with an idea how to replace the league and return to training and sports competitions ...



As this year marks the 70th Anniversary of the International Police Association's foundation by Arthur Troop in 1950, the police officers from Lower Silesia thought about how to celebrate this milestone in a sporty way, and as soon as some of the restrictions were withdrawn, they decided to organise a challenge aimed not only at getting back to training and running competitions, but also at a sporty celebration of the IPA Anniversary.

The general idea of #70IPAChallenge was simple: for 7 IPA members to run 10km in the fastest time possible, and according to the motto *Servo per Amikeco*, with the finishing time of the last competitor counting! The location: a beautiful park in Szczodre, placed on the edge of the Wrocław agglomeration. The route was suggested by IPA Wrocław member Joanna Woźniak-Cieślak, who has gained podium places in cross-country competitions more than once. She knows the park and its surroundings inside out, as it is not only the terrain where she trains, but also the area of operation of the Długołęka Police Station where she serves as a Deputy Commander.

Two teams reported at the start line, both under the leadership of coaching champions. Mariusz Cieślak's Team, consisting of Renata Piech, Paweł Jankowski, Paweł Czechowski, Dominik Piziewicz, Błażej Przygodzki and Krzysztof Zając began the #70IPAChallenge first. A few moments later, and of course adhering to all safety precautions in the pandemic, Szymon Fiedorow's Team set off with Joanna Woźniak-Cieślak, Marcin Klimczak, Wiktor Fedorczyk, Adrian Piasecki, Radosław Ząb and Bartłomiej Majchrzak.

The competition was fierce, and the fight continued to the very last metres! Despite the enormous effort put into the race, coach Mariusz's team had to recognise the superiority of their rivals coached by Szymon.



At the finish line all competitors, with their last breaths, agreed that this sports challenge should be continued in order to celebrate the Anniversary of the Association by as many people as possible.

Therefore, following this new social media trend of challenges, they sent nominations for the #70IPAChallenge, a relay race 7x10 kilometres, to the following: IPA Region Jelenia Góra, IPA Region Nowy Sącz, IPA Mauritius, IPA

Germany, IPA Canada and the Police Headquarters in Dresden, just beyond our western border.

The members of IPA Lower Silesia hope that the nominees will accept the challenge and join the sports competition to promote the motto of our Association – Servo per Amikeco, and will nominate further IPA members in the world to join in the competition!

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ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

IPA Secretary General May-Britt Ronnebro Recipient of the Apoxiomeno 2020 Award

Promoting the IPA is one of the key tasks of each IEB member. I was therefore extremely pleased that the IPA Secretary General, May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, was amongst this year's recipients of the Apoxiomeno International Award 2020.

The award was initiated by Orazio Anania, a Colonel of the Italian Carabinieri and chairperson of the Tuscan IPA, and the Apoxiomeno award, now in its 24th year, aims amongst other aspects, to recognise personalities who have heightened the image of the police through their work and professional activities.

This year's event was marked by a gala evening on 25 August 2020 at the Villa Bertelli in Forte dei Marmi, and included



awards in the categories of journalism, literature, culture and society, music, international cinema, arts, cinema and television.

May-Britt was presented with the Apoxiomeno award in the International Police category, for her involvement and role as ambassador for the Swedish National Symphony Orchestra, the delivery of further education to police officers worldwide, and her development of the Swedish Crime Harm Index. In addition to her IPA involvement, May-Britt delivers lectures and presentations on a wide variety of policing topics at universities, education facilities and conferences worldwide.



Congratulations from all IEB members to May-Britt on the Apoxiomeno 2020 Award, and thank you for promoting the IPA at every opportunity!

Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President

IEB Zoom Smiles

As Covid-19 lockdowns and social distancing prompt a global retreat into our homes, Zoom has become an everyday feature for millions of people around the world, who have been forced to work, learn and socialise remotely. In fact, use of the software jumped 30-fold in April 2020. But although the IEB has to stay physically apart, Zoom is firmly keeping us together.

Having decided to embrace Zoom video conferencing back in 2019, the IEB did not expect it to become our main communication tool. With a meeting scheduled every 2 weeks, we have become conditioned to receiving a message from our Head of Administration, Stephen Crockard, on a Tuesday afternoon with our log-in details for that evening. From Reykjavík to Nicosia, Stephen kindly provides us with our meeting times relative to our different time zones.

I think we can all agree that Zoom meetings were somewhat alien to begin with, but judging by all our smiles in this week's meeting, I think we're doing ok. Although I have

to admit that I did attend a couple of the IPA Whiskey Forum online Zoom meetings, and they had slightly bigger smiles for some reason 😊.



With the many Covid challenges that may lay ahead, sharing a Zoom smile might just keep us going. Perhaps even a warm smile is the universal language of friendship.

Mick Walsh, Treasurer Finances

LAST WORD

All of us from the IAC: Kerry, Daniel and I, have now been working from home for a full 6 months, and in line with recent government regulations, it looks as if we will continue to operate mainly from our 'home offices' for the next 6 months as well. To stay on track with our tasks and to keep up our morale, similar to the IEB, we have altered our ways of communication, and frequent daily WhatsApp video group chats, as well as Microsoft Team messages keep us together as a team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all IPA Sections for keeping in touch and for frequently asking how we are. It is very much appreciated. Our ways of working may have changed, but we are here on a daily basis throughout the working week for all of you, to assist the IEB and all IPA sections.

To continue providing you with the best service possible, and to keep our international website up to date, we would be grateful if you could inform us of any amendments to planned events, IPA house opening arrangements and similar on a regular basis.

Thank you in advance!

Elke

