



International Police Association

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 in Consultative Status with the Council of Europe and the Organisation of American States;
 International NGO maintaining operational relations within UNESCO and Europol

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Founded on 1st January 1950, the International Police Association (IPA) is today the undisputed major police organisation in the world, both in numerical strength and influence. In the 61 intervening years its Esperanto motto "**Servo per Amikeco**" ("Service through Friendship") has reached more people than one could ever have imagined. The IPA was the brainchild of Arthur Troop BEM (1914-2000), a police sergeant from Lincolnshire, England, who wanted to create a channel for friendship and international co-operation amongst police officers. At the beginning of 2011 the IPA was made up of **62** National Sections covering all 5 continents. There are currently two Sections in Foundation and initial talks have begun with three other interested countries. Total membership now stands at approximately **376,000** and growing...

The IPA is managed by the **Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB)**. Since the PEB meeting after the 36th IEC in Paris (France) in September 2010 it has met twice more: in Vilnius (Lithuania) in February 2011, and in Luxembourg in May 2011 to coincide with that Section's 50th anniversary celebrations. The **International Executive Committee (IEC)**, which is the supreme body of the Association, is composed of one delegate from each Section and of the PEB. The IEC meets every three years at an **IPA World Congress**,

and between Congresses, once a year at an IEC conference. The 37th IEC will meet in September 2011 in Bucharest (Romania). The PEB is:

President:	Michael ODYSSEOS	Cyprus
1 st Vice-president:	Daniel CONDAMINAS (ERC Chair)	France
2 nd Vice-president:	Julianna PAPNÉ VÉGSÓ (ICC Chair)	Hungary
3 rd Vice president:	Gal SHARON (ISC Chair)	Israel
Secretary-General:	Georgios KATSAROPOULOS (ICC Chair)	Hellas
Assistant Sec-Genl:	Stephen CROCKARD (IPC Chair)	UK
Treasurer:	Pierre-Martin MOULIN	Switzerland
Assistant Treasurer:	Romain MINY	Luxembourg

- **Aims**

The IPA is an independent body made up of members of the police service belonging to National Sections, whether on active duty or retired, and without distinction as to rank, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation. The Association is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948. Its aims include the development of cultural relations among its members, a broadening of their general knowledge and an exchange of professional experience.

- **Administration**

Maintained by the PEB, Nottingham, England is the home of the International Administration Centre (IAC). The IAC is staffed by two clerical officers working under the control of the Secretary-General.

- **International Commissions**

The International Commissions are supporting bodies of the PEB. Within their working areas they develop ideas and make recommendations.

- **International Commission for External Relations (ERC)**

- Relations with international organisations
- Participating in conferences with key international institutions; power to propose subjects for debate.
- Drafting of the annual global report
- Promoting the IPA

Introduction

Once again, 2010/11 was a year of action and development, during which the Commission was enlarged with the appointment of a new Liaison Officer at the **Europol** site. It should be noted that on 1st January 2010, Europol became a European Union (EU) agency, thereby gaining greater powers to combat international crime. In connection with its new status, the institute will soon be moving to new premises in The Hague, NL. The ERC is still on the lookout for a suitable candidate to represent it at **Interpol** in Lyon, France.

The ERC is proud to be represented at the seats of **eight** international organisations. Since its classification as an NGO having 'special' status with the United Nations (UN), its role has developed considerably. Apart from its usual representation activities, it can now propose subjects for discussion and analysis which fall within its area of expertise on security issues.

At the United Nations **press conference** held on 31st January 2011, the Director-General of the UN in Geneva reminded all NGOs that their role is paramount for the smooth operation of the UN and that their opinions, actions and recommendations would be taken into account henceforth for major international decisions. This new opportunity granted to civil societies is crucial. The role of the IPA, as a major NGO in the field of security, should enable it to promote its initiatives based on the key themes of expertise, excellence, acknowledgement and a strategic view of global security.

During the 36th IEC in Paris, the ERC staffed a **photographic stand** on its activities and presented a **documentary archive** on the major topics of the Human Rights Council and UNESCO. This proved to be a resounding success among IPA delegates, and it is hoped to repeat the experience at future IECs.

Finally, given the growing number of e-mails, texts and reports from institutions as well as the addition of further representation sites, and thus the increased workload for the Commission, we have revised the distribution of our members' tasks. The Commission will henceforth be responsible for representing and promoting the association (onsite representatives) and for analysing information as well as summarising/drawing up reports (Auditors and Chair). Due to the extent of information to be processed, we will also draw up a **quarterly activity report** under the guidance of our representative in Geneva.

Activities of Commission Members

Daniel CONDAMINAS, Chair of the Commission undertook to follow daily developments at the eight key sites. He found and approved the new Europol representative, with the collaboration of Section Netherlands. He is actively searching for an Interpol representative. He organised and chaired the meeting of Commission Auditors, held in Nottingham in July 2011. He helped draft the annual global report, the annual activity report and the interim reports for PEB meetings. He also made official visits to several members of the Commission at their headquarters (Geneva, Paris and London), organised several video conferences with other members, and drafted a large body of correspondence with international institutions.

Dominique BERNECKER and Steve CONNOR, Auditors teamed up to draft and summarise all documents in circulation relating to its international relations. They progressively participated in the activation of sites on matters of interest to the IPA and in the administrative organisation of our companies. They drew up the minutes of the Audit meeting, formatted the global report and the activity report, translated several documents, monitored relevant websites, and organised the publication of documents formalising our existence with regard to international institutions.

Franz BERGER, Representative at the UN in Vienna, assisted by Andreas NIESSER, in 2010/11 continued his groundwork relating as much to drafting proposals as to maintaining regular correspondence with his partners at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and participating in meetings and conferences. Franz was regularly invited to numerous events organised by the Austrian permanent representative at the UN in Vienna, the Austrian Minister for the Interior, the Academic Council on the United Nations System, and the permanent representation of the USA at the UN in Vienna. He attended numerous meetings on crime prevention and criminal justice, the issue of drugs, prevention of violence against women and girls, prevention of crime against minors, general crime prevention and victims' rights, and took part in a round table on international cooperation with regard to human trafficking.

Georges THULLIEZ, Representative at the UN in Geneva, assisted by Michel JOYE, given the UN's position in Geneva, has a strategic function: the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG), the birthplace of human rights, was initially home to the League of Nations, which became the UN. The United Nations Human Rights Council, the successor to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, holds four sessions per year. All international human rights conferences take place on site.

Philippe ANTOINE, Representative at the European Institutions in Brussels, during 2010 continued his exceptional liaison work with the European institutions in Brussels. The IPA is receiving increasing requests for consultancy services on international security matters. In January 2011, Philippe went to IBZ Gimborn to start the preparations for a future IPA seminar on the theme of forgery and the protection of intellectual property. With regard to this, a follow-up meeting was held on 15th February 2011, at the European Commission in Brussels. The following were present: Mr TOURNE (national expert in the fields of organised crime, financial inquests, forgery and piracy), Klaus NIEDER of IBZ Gimborn and our representative. This seminar, mostly sponsored, should enable the IBZ to train the greatest possible number of IPA participants on the subject of forgery.

Jimmy ALBRECHT, Representative at the UN in New York, assisted by Tony MOK, as meetings relating to police activities are rare at the United Nations headquarters in New York, the role of the Commission representative is mainly limited to maintaining contacts with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Security Services. In 2010/2011, Tony and Jimmy (the latter having resumed his leadership of the representation since returning from an assignment in Kosovo) continued their liaison work in order to reinforce the IPA's role at the UN in NEW YORK.

Hugh BRIEN, Representative to OAS in Washington DC, assisted by Tom CAMPBELL, followed the events below on behalf of the IPA: Workshop on aviation safety in the context of crisis management - 23rd to 26th August 2010; preventing terrorism: "The fight against terrorism and its financing" - 17th to 20th August 2010; national conference on cyber security - 20th to 21st October 2010; Freight: a potential target of global terrorism - 13th to 20th November 2010; Caribbean cyber security workshop - 13th to 16th December 2010; detecting fraudulent documents and preventing fraud: 15th to 18th January 2011; "Preventing and fighting terrorism and its financing" - 15th to 28th February 2011; Safety of cruise ships - March 2011. In 2010/11 our representative also continued his liaison work in order to reinforce the IPA's position.

Thierry SCHERRER, Liaison Officer at the Council of Europe in STRASBOURG, on behalf of the IPA, follows and participates in the major topics covered by the Council of Europe. His work in the third quarter of 2010 was essentially devoted to following the activity of the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) and of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Thomas Hammarberg). The Observatory's objective is to promote awareness and observance of human rights in the Council of Europe's 47 Member States. In the last quarter of 2010, he attended the autumn session of the Conference of INGOs (4th to 6th October 2010) and, more notably, represented the IPA at the Human Rights Committee during the 4 October meeting. He was also in touch with our German IPA colleagues, who are searching for a spokesperson for road safety matters (i.e. tired drivers) at the Council of Europe. Last but not least, he followed the June session of the Conference of INGOs, from 20 to 22nd June 2011 at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Benoît MARTINET, Liaison Officer at UNESCO in PARIS, assisted by Erik CASTEL, followed the events below on behalf of the IPA: 7th October 2010: meeting of the Committee on INGOs of the Executive Board at the UNESCO headquarters; October 2010: collaboration with the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the European Commission in the context of a round table on hate crimes in France; 7th January 2011: contact with Rama YADE, former French Secretary of State for Human Rights and currently French Ambassador to UNESCO; 15th March 2011: the IPA was enrolled for the 40th anniversary of the 1970 Convention on the measures to be taken against the illicit trafficking of cultural property. To mark the occasion, UNESCO held a round table on the topic; 24th March 2011: with a view to promoting a culture of peace in the world, the IPA was invited by the Pontifical Council for Culture, under the presidency of Getachew ENGIDA, UNESCO's Deputy Director-General; 6th April 2011: working meeting with Nadine CARMEL-TREMBLAY, Public Safety Strategic Advisor of the General Delegation of Quebec in Paris (International Relations and Protocol Department); 5th and 6th May: UNESCO Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Executive Board (186th session). A round table on the "Social and human impact of international migrations" was held on 5th May. On 6th May, the focus was on the statutory factors of relations between NGOs and UNESCO, and the development of the Committee's mandate so that it comprises all partners of civil society; 23rd May: opening session of the International Congress of the International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE/ICCB), held at the UNESCO House, on the right to education of children estranged from their families and socially excluded; 25th May: African week with a view to peace-building and establishing a peace culture. The main objective of this event, organised in collaboration with the permanent African delegations to UNESCO, was to create synergies between the African states in UNESCO's fields of competence by strengthening cooperation.

Henk KLAP, Liaison Officer at EUROPOL in The Hague, who very recently took on this role of representing the IPA, made his initial contacts with Europol. The institution is set to move to new premises shortly. His representation position is therefore put on hold until the move has been completed.

Outlook

The Chair has asked members to continue to focus their activities on several main goals during 2011/12:

- ▶ Increasing recognition of the IPA's special **area of expertise** in its role as non-governmental organisation in relation to national and international institutional partners, in particular regarding human rights and police assignments.
- ▶ Maintaining the IPA's **liaison activities** through the diligent representation of Commission members at various events organised by international institutions.
- ▶ Strengthening the position of the IPA's audience through the planned recruitment of a new liaison officer at INTERPOL.
- ▶ Increasing internal communication, particularly in relation to producing quarterly reports on the activities of representatives in their respective posts. Providing input for the IPA's new and dynamic international site. Creating a **documentary archive** for the use of the Sections.

Our thanks

The Commission wishes to thank all the Sections that help it to exist and continue its work, essential to spreading its influence and maintaining its hard-won status. With support the ERC will continue to promote as far as possible the values which inspire us all.

- **International Cultural Commission (ICC)**

- Promotion of cultural activities
- International Youth Gatherings (co-ordination and advising organisers)
- International educational events other than policing matters
- International Competitions (proposals for the issuing, execution and prize distribution)
- IEC Conference and World Congress theme topics
- Co-ordination of matters regarding hobbies (collectors, radio amateurs, requests for pen-friends etc.)

ICC Reports

The ICC met between 5th and 8th May 2011 in Barcelona, Spain. **58** sections contributed to and helped its task by sending in their reports. This year there was again confusion over what is an event or activity that is reportable to the "Cultural Commission" versus the other commissions with the main cross-over being with the Social Commission. These were primarily the reporting of or suggestions for sporting events. Realizing these difficulties the ICC suggested to the PEB to organise a seminar for the national liaison officers to clarify its points and describe our area of work. This 3 day seminar was announced in the Newsletter and will be held in March 2012 in Cyprus.

Some of the suggestions provided were:

- The ICC doing more with the Cultural Capitals program.
- Visit and study the usefulness of fish farms.
- ICC may exchange cultural information within different countries.
- An event for police officers who travel in caravans in Europe.
- To organize events such as
 - an International Festival of music and folk dances;
 - an International Short Film Festival about the work of the National Police and IPA National Sections
 - an International Insignia Swap.
- Open broadcasting of video conferences with IPA sections.
- Cultural activities to be held during the International Conferences.

ICC tasks embrace the *past*, the *present* and the *future* of IPA.

The past:

Archives

The biggest project of the ICC is to take the first steps to establish the international IPA archive. During the last 6 decades a huge amount of documents, photos, magazines, books and other items have been created which need to be saved for future generations.

The present: the actual life of IPA, to show the multicultural treasure, the extraordinary potential and talent of our members:

Competitions

3rd Photo Competition

Written Article Competition Update

Video competition

IPA Website Award

Workshops

2011 - IEC Bucharest: The topic is "*What is the most effective way to use new technology to promote the IPA?*"

Promotion of cultural activities

The promotion of cultural activities within the IPA is assisted through the IAC Newsletter and also the circulation of the IPA Cultural activities as reported by the Sections in the ICC Annual Report. The ICC members strongly feel that there should be a Cultural Commission page on the IAC website where past and future cultural events, reports and minutes can be featured.

Organizing youth gatherings are tasks of the *future*.

International Youth Gathering

The 2011 International Youth Gathering, (IYG) hosted in Ireland, was entitled "*Green country, green environment*". IYG Ireland 2011 travelled through the most spectacular parts of Ireland, commencing in Dublin before transferring onwards to the Garda College in Templemore. Following a fun stay in Templemore, it was onwards to the beautiful Burren in County Clare to an Outdoor Education Centre. Then it was a visit to the scenic Co Kerry stopping at Tralee and Killarney, before returning back to Dublin. There were 41 participants from 19 countries.

Future IYGs: 2012 Section Czech Republic and 2013 Section Switzerland

The topic for the 2012 event is '*Where history came through...*'. A presentation by the Delegate of the Czech Republic will be provided during the IEC conference to encourage participation.

- **International Internal Commission (IIC)**

- Recommendations for amendments to the International Statutes and Rules
- Assistance to Sections with the wording of motions
- Recommendations to the PEB and Sections on submitted motions
- Examination of National Statutes, Rules and supporting documents
- Examination of draft documentation relating to the admission of new sections
- Preparation of suspension of voting rights
- Drafting of forms and documents
- Preparation of membership statistical reports
- Translation of documents into the 4 official languages

Commission Meeting

The IIC held a meeting in Vienna, Austria between 14th and 17th April, 2011.

International Statute, Rules, Directives & Advice documents

Following the adoption of the new International Statute, Rules and Directives in 2009, it was good to see that all necessary amendments, according to the delegates' decisions at the WC Turkey have been completed. It is hoped that Sections find the documents easier to work with than previously but, if anything is found to be inadequate please bring it to the attention of the PEB for the IIC at the earliest opportunity. A number of topical Motions will appear on the Agenda this year at the 37th IEC and next year at the XX WC.

IIC Progress Reports

Eight (8) Sections failed to submit IIC Progress Reports this year. Our total international membership, as declared at 31st December 2010, was **402,578**, an increase of **10,036** members. According to the reports **23,801** new members joined IPA but only **375,858** members paid the 2010 Levy (**26,720** less) than the 2010 membership declared.

Included in the membership total, **21** IPA Sections have **2,065** Foreign Associate Members (FAM's) situated in **37** (48 in 2009) locations. This number is considerably lower than last year. Of the remaining Sections, **25** (36 in 2009) show an increase in membership, **26** (16 in 2009) show a decrease and **11** (2 in 2009) show no movement. These figures are slightly distorted by the **8** reports not submitted. All the information provided in the reports is used by the Secretariat throughout the year.

The IIC would like to congratulate Sections Croatia & Russia for the work they are doing working with FAMs of neighbouring countries, promoting police to join IPA. Due to Croatia's efforts **Bosnia & Herzegovina** gained Section in Foundation status last February and **Armenia** held its Foundation Meeting in July this year. Sections Croatia and Russia are sponsor Sections for **FYROM & Kazakhstan** as well.

Reluctantly, the PEB felt it necessary to remove the *Sponsor Section Status* from Section Portugal for **Cape Verde**. This was because there was no evidence of progress and the Directive for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections was not being followed.

"Inactive" Sections

For the following Sections **Argentina (2 years)**, **Mauritius (2 years)**, **Seychelles (3 years)**, although they paid their levy, the IIC recommend putting forward a motion for suspension, in accordance with the International Rule Art 5.1d) for not sending the required annual reports for 2 years.

National Statutes and Rules

Since 2009 some 20 national Sections changed their Statutes or Rules.

IPA World Police Prize - Award

Five (5) nominations were received for the IPA WPP from France; Israel; U.K; The Netherlands (which came after the deadline date and will be examined next year) and South Africa (Section South Africa withdrew the application to re-examine the documents themselves and may resubmit next year). After discussion, the IIC unanimously supported the application from Section Israel and felt the action was valuable and essential. We recognized that these 3 IPA members have given their lives in rescuing their colleagues. They had to work under restricted conditions knowing there was a 'price on their head', but this was not enough to stop their efforts to save lives. So the IIC evaluated this submission and proposed to the PEB to award posthumously the 3 police officers who died during the fire rescue operations. Although the criterion for the IPA WPP does not insist on an international content, this was felt to be an important element of the award. In consequence, a new criterion has been added to the Procedure document for IEC approval.

- **International Professional Commission (IPC)**

- Matters relating to police development, structure and history
- Comparative surveys regarding police work within IPA Sections
- Crime development, criminology, crime prevention
- Police techniques
- Traffic matters
- Police placement program
- Representation of IPA at International Education Centres
- IPA Scholarships (proposals for planning and granting)
- International educational events involving policing issues

IPC Meeting Athens March 2011

The IPC met in Athens in March. Section Hellas was most generous in providing their national office for the meeting.

Arthur Troop Scholarship

All 2010 scholarships have been completed successfully and in accordance with the procedures. Two scholars, Juan Carlos Ascencio Saravia from Peru and Nicholas Allwood from Australia, unable to attend their seminars in 2009 and again in 2010, for reasons beyond their control, are to be permitted to attend in 2011, with the agreement of the PEB.

The 2011 scholarship is well under way, with colleagues from Lithuania, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong having completed their seminars. A number of applications from Africa went direct to IBZ Gimborn, without first applying through the approved process. This was established long after the final date for submissions. It is hoped that these members will reapply through the ISG and IPC for the next process. The number of applications and awards of scholarships in the current process is as follows:

Continents	Europe	Australasia	Asia	Africa	North America	South America
Applications	10	2	13	0	2	1
Awards	4	1	3	0	2	0

A number of applications for the 2012 scholarship have been received. Full details and the application form are available on the Arthur Troop page on the IAC website. Please remember that the closing date for applications is 30th September 2011. Two amendments to the procedural document were discussed by the commission. They have been agreed by the PEB and will form a proposal by the PEB to the IEC in Romania.

Additional Seminar Venues & Sponsors

The IPC strongly supports IBZ Gimborn, but has also been looking at other venues to offer professional seminars to members. Contact has been established with CEPOL, through Section France Vice President, Didier Martin, and a possible joint seminar may be commissioned for 2012. This may allow us to reach out to the senior ranks of the service and to better promote the Association.

The IPC also discussed the proposed EU funded seminars on commercial counterfeiting to be run at IBZ Gimborn, over three years. The PEB decided that 1st IVP, Daniel Condaminas and the AISG I should have oversight of this project.

1st International Young Police Officers' Seminar in the Netherlands

The President of Section Netherlands, Kees Sal, has been working hard to progress the seminar, which will have 53 participants from 27 sections. 38 are paid for by the PEB, with the remainder paid for by their sections. It is hoped that a member of the Dutch Royal family, who is a senior officer will open the seminar. Items on the programme include visits to the International Court of Justice at The Hague, neighbourhood management units in ethnic areas, the National Police drugs laboratories and the Marechaussee immigration unit at Schiphol airport. The Police media department will film the whole seminar. After the seminar, the participants will have the option to take part in the Arnhem airborne memorial march. 12 NL police will act as group leaders. Kees will be in charge for the full week and will report to the IPC on lessons learnt for support to potential future seminars. We can further advise that Paul Kelly, Vice President of IPA Australia, will be present at the seminar, with the intention of learning from the Netherlands Section. Australia is proposing to hold a similar Young Officers' seminar in Brisbane, Queensland in 2013. As the IPC member with responsibility for Young Officers' Programmes, Kees Sal is only too willing to assist Australia and any other section with potential future events.

The commission noted the cancellation of the Section Ireland seminar on child protection issues, notwithstanding all the work put into the project by Marie Daly and her team, who had support from the highest circles in the Irish Police, (the Garda) and in the Ministry of Justice. The IPC is aware that Section Ireland may take the same package, enlarge it and offer to run it in IBZ Gimborn sometime in 2012. The IPC also noted the recent seminar on child protection hosted by Section Turkey, who offered to cover all costs incurred by participants, including travel. The IPC were advised by a UK participant that this was a successful and professionally run event.

Drugs in Traffic survey

23 countries have supplied replies to the survey on measures to counter the illegal use of drugs by drivers, as requested by the IPC and it is hoped that more would take the time to contribute to this very topical subject. The submissions are being reviewed; some were very detailed.

IPC Annual Report returns evaluation

53 sections supplied written returns, some with very short replies to questions and others with fully expanded answers, such as Australia and the Netherlands. It is noted that Canada have put together a new 'Project Gimborn' in cooperation with police chiefs in Ontario to select an officer each year to attend a seminar in Germany, fully funded. Section USA has a similar scheme running. A fine example of the IPA providing professional support to the police comes from New South Wales in Australia, where members have raised \$20,000 to purchase police dogs. A number of sections have again run professional seminars for the benefit of their members and of the police in general. Section Spain reports running 39 seminars across the country and Section Peru reports the increased use of video conferencing for seminars. Section Argentina has run a number of workshops for its members and Section Brazil hopes to fund English language courses, for the forthcoming police deployment at the 'World Cup'. Section Germany's use of incentives, such as a chance of winning an iPad, for members to recruit newcomers to the IPA is worthy of note.

IPA Database project

It is proposed to have 2 databases, one for police officers performing specialist functions and one for student officers, to be held securely at national section level by the Secretary-General in each country. Officers wishing to contact a contemporary in another section would apply to that sections' Secretary-General for assistance, who would then forward details to the appropriate members in his/her section. They would then choose whether or not to respond to the request. There would be no central international database, thus ensuring data protection. The scheme should offer networking access for members to their contemporaries worldwide. A questionnaire has been sent all to IPA sections for consideration. The importance of data protection is accepted as paramount.

Forward planning for 2012

It has been suggested that cooperation between police services on an international basis be a possible theme for study in the year 2012 by the commission. European police officers do of course have experience within the Schengen area, but many other services have working protocols for formal cooperation with their neighbours, from which areas of best practice may be identified. This would be initiated following the completion of the drugs in traffic survey for the IEC in Bucharest.

The IPC members have discussed the viability and the potential value of a meeting of IPC liaison officers, following on from the PEB decision to hold a meeting of ICC liaison officers at Gimborn in 2011. It was agreed that if the ICC liaison meeting is considered to have been worthwhile, that a meeting of liaison officers for each commission should be proposed to the PEB, with one commission each year holding such a meeting in turn, with sections paying for travel and the relevant commission for the venue.

- **International Social Commission (ISC)**

- Promotion and co-ordination of social activities
- Co-ordination of emergency and humanitarian aid
- Matters regarding IPA houses
- Youth and holiday exchange programmes
- Co-ordination and monitoring of International Sports events and championships
- Matters regarding travel
- Mapping events and encouraging participation

Following the ISC meeting in Budapest in August 2010, a revamped annual ISC report form has been implemented. It is hoped that each Section select a Commission Liaison officer to establish faster contact with that Section in case of emergency. The new form has the space to include the name and email address of the Liaison officer.

Emergency aid

Many natural disasters have 'hit' our planet since last year. The situation for some IPA Sections has been very difficult to monitor because of the actual urgent needs for the victims which became the priority. The ISC tries to assist all IPA Sections victimized by mother-nature. To date we have the following data to share with our membership:

-Australia: 82 policemen in Queensland were affected, 15 lost everything. One policeman lost his child.

-Brazil: Major floods and mud slides were reported, but no details on how it affected policemen or IPA members in that country.

-Slovakia: 192 policemen and 30 IPA members were victims of the floods, a total estimation of material damages was set at 62,849 €. We are waiting for update to transfer the money.

-As for the Europe flood, we launch an appeal in 2010.

-Sri Lanka: We received a first report from Mr. Hemachandra Dias, the Secretary-General, following this disaster but we are still waiting for a final report.

-Pakistan: Following the disaster, we received donations from different Sections.

-Israel: Secretary General, Dr. Israel Eran, submitted a full report after the major fire on Carmel Mountain, 44 persons died, 40 of them were policemen or from the prison service. All the families received money with a memorial plate signed by the international president.

Hungary, France, Croatia and Poland also had floods and so far in 2011 the catastrophes spread to Australia, Japan, Canada and the USA.

The emergency appeals for Australia and Japan were launched and publicized in the April International Newsletter. There was no report of IPA members affected in the USA or Canada in their respective floods.

-Japan: The donations to Japan are still in progress. 19 policemen died and 11 were still missing as of April 2011. We implemented the suggestions from the ISC meeting in Budapest in August 2010 and were able to respond quicker and more efficiently by transferring the donations directly to the bank account of the affected Section. At the PEB meeting in Luxemburg in May 2011 we suggested amendments to the emergency aid procedures as the PEB had decided in Lithuania.

Because of this change in procedure, the ISC will have to monitor the transfer of moneys to the affected Sections and report quickly on any relief action. Again the nomination of a liaison officer from each Section would be instrumental in case of disaster and give us a quick contact to monitor assistance.

It was a great year of friendship, Sections donated more than 72,000 \$ for emergency aid in 2010 and more than 195,000\$ from within its own sections. Tragedy gave us the opportunity to show the true IPA spirit.

IPA houses and "other accommodation"

We still have 71 IPA houses in 21 Sections, with occupancy of more than 29,000 bed/nights. We also have 320 "other accommodations" in 25 Sections. We encourage a trend of expansion in other hosting options and indeed we see that more and more Sections advertise these options. We hope Sections will continue to inform us (the ISC) as these new accommodations become available to our members. At the last ISC meeting, we also decided to develop the "other accommodations" and to put it in IPA official news, website and publications.

The IPA houses managers' meeting, if approved by PEB, should be held in May 2012 in the Netherlands. The last meeting was held in Poland in 2010.

Social Events

2,677 social activities were held in 2010 with almost 134,000 participants. 387 Sections were involved in these social events. The most active were Poland, Israel, Germany, Italy and Romania.

IPA Travel

12,310 individuals in 760 groups travelled to other sections. 11,717 individuals in 493 groups were hosted by IPA sections. The 7 best travellers were IPA Sections Germany, Poland, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Israel and Hungary. The most active hostesses were IPA Sections USA, Croatia, Netherlands, Lithuania and Hungary.

IPA Sports and championships

37,900 IPA members participated in 715 sporting events, nationally and internationally. We again see that this is a major activity within IPA as it involves large numbers of members all over the world. The top 6 in numbers of events were IPA Sections Poland, Slovenia, Romania, Hungary, Israel, and Lithuania. The top 6 in numbers of participants were: IPA Sections Poland, Israel, Croatia, Germany, Slovenia and Romania.

The annual trophy in this category will be awarded after a final decision of the PEB and will be announced at the 37th I.E.C. in Romania in September 2011.

International Youth Holiday (exchange) programme

The project is working well. In 2010, we promoted the idea and drew attention to the project, hence we had more than 30 applications for the International Youth Holiday (exchange) programme. Let's not forget that today's youth will be the future IPA members, we can do better. Developing the Youth Holiday (exchange) Program and promoting it is also a mandate of the ISC. Again it is important each Section select and inform us on their choice of a liaison officer for this program. It makes it a lot easier to communicate with one person who is informed and interested in this programme for the benefit of the kids. WPGF 2011 N.Y and 2013 Belfast

The ISC has made contact with the organisers of the World Police and Fire Games and we hope to be able to plan ahead in order to maximise IPA exposure at this events. PEB will set a budget for our participation in N.Y 2011 and Belfast in 2013.

Finance

The Association is funded by annual subscription by members within their respective sections. A proportion of this is forwarded to the International Treasury, set by the IEC, the supreme organ of the IPA. One third of expenditure is spent on various grants and support, another third funds the annual meeting of the IEC, and the balance is used in the running costs of the association (meetings of various international offices - translation costs and secretariat). The financial situation of the Association is sound and adequate capital serves as insurance. The accounts are maintained by the International Treasury, and on an annual basis audited by two bodies: an external accountant and two internal auditors appointed by the IEC. It is estimated receipts from 2010 to 2011 will be received from an increased membership in excess of 390,000.

Conclusion

The forgoing report does not cover all aspects of the Association's work and only items thought to be of significant interest internationally have been included. Nevertheless the document serves to show the wide range of activities engaged by the largest international police organization, the majority of activities being undertaken on a voluntary basis. In addition to the issues drawn together in this document it must be remembered that many multi various activities continue within the individual sections worldwide.