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37TH IEC 2011, BUCHAREST-ROMANIA REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION

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IPC Meeting Athens March 2011

The IPC met for their first formal meeting in Athens in March. Section Hellas were most generous in providing their national office, along with refreshments for the meeting. Stephen Crockard, Kees Sal, Demetris Demitriou and Wolfgang Gabrutsch made positive and productive progress on a number of issues. Unfortunately, two of the commission members were unable to attend. Mirco Ciccarese became a proud father just before the meeting and Pierre Angibaud had to participate in a promotion process. Whilst the vast majority of work is completed, using the internet, there is no real substitute for face to face meetings to establish solid relationships. Our thanks go to ISG, Georgios Katsaropoulos and his team, Kiriyakos Karkalis, Ioannis Karapatakis & Ioannis Panoussis, not forgetting Georgios' wife Poly for inviting us into her lovely home.

Arthur Troop Scholarship

I am able to advise the meeting that 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.

Wolfgang Gabrutsch reports that the 2011 scholarship is well under way, with colleagues from Lithuania, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong having completed their seminars. He noted that it was difficult to get answers from some of the applicants, as to their intentions and plans, but he was working to resolve this. A number of applications from Africa went direct to Gimborn, without first applying through the approved process. This was established long after the final date for submissions. I hope 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

We have received a number of applications for the 2012 scholarship. 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 the IBZ Gimborn, and I continue to chair seminars there on a regular basis. The commission also looked 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 Gimborn, over three years. The PEB decided that 1st IVP, Daniel Condaminas and I should have oversight of this project. AIT Romain Miny and I were at the recent Trustees meeting in Gimborn, when this was under discussion. The commission members are hopeful that the seminars will go ahead and are grateful for the work done on this by our friend, Philippe Antoine of the ERC.

1st International Young Police Officers' Seminar in the 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 Schipol 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. The team in IPA The Netherlands have been doing fine work in putting the seminar together.

I am able to 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. I am aware that Section Ireland may take the same package, enlarge it and offer to run it in Gimborn sometime in 2012. I and the other commission members wish them much success, if this goes ahead.

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. I was advised by UK participant, Anna Hopkins, that this was a successful and professionally run event. I congratulate the Turkish team on their fine effort.

Drugs in Traffic survey

Demetris Demetriou reports, at the time of writing, that 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 he hoped that more would take the time to contribute to this very topical subject. He is reviewing the submissions, some of which were very detailed. He was grateful that Section Australia had sent a number of replies from federal states, with different traffic regulations. He hopes to have a consolidated report ready in time for presentation at the IEC.

IPC Annual Report returns evaluation

I can advise that 53 sections have supplied written returns, some with very short replies to questions and others with fully expanded answers, such as Australia and the Netherlands. I note 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. I know 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. The table of returns is appended, following this report.

IPA Database project.

Kees Sals has explained his reasoning for 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 section's 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. Kees has revised his project paper and a questionnaire has been sent all to IPA sections for consideration and replies to Kees and myself. The importance of data protection is accepted as paramount.

Forward planning for 2012

Pierre Angibaud has suggested 'cooperation between police services on an international basis as the 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.

The second meeting of the current IPC is planned for the Netherlands in 2012.

I wish to thank all sections and individual members, who have contributed to the increasing professionalism of our Association, through their own projects and indeed for helping the commission. Our sincere thanks go to our IAC staffers in Nottingham, Wendy and Lesley, who do sterling work throughout the year and are a ready source of sound advice.

Stephen Crockard