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## **Report of the International Internal Commission (IIC) for the XX World Congress Eilat, Israel 2012**

### **Commission Members:**

George Katsaropoulos	Chairman (ISG)
Eugene Thommes	(Luxemburg)
Humberto Garcia-Gomez	(Mexico)
Steve Pierce	(Australia)
Werner Busch	(Germany)

### **Commission Meeting**

The IIC meeting was held between 10 and 13 May, 2012 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The IPA section Russia and the region St. Petersburg arranged everything. The hospitality, support and cooperation of the Russian friends was excellent.

The secretary general of the region St. Petersburg Dmitry Usanov and Gennady Ermoloviche the president of the region, did more than their best in order to make our stay pleasant and our meeting a success.

Discussion took place on impending documents for the XX IPA WC and our final analysis was submitted to the PEB for its June meeting in Cyprus.

### **International Statute, Rules & Motion documents**

Where any substantial changes were needed to be made to the International Statute and Rules, the IIC formulated and recommended to the PEB several motions. The agreed motions will be put forward for approval by the World Congress in Israel 2012.

## Review of IS & IR 2009

Since translation to all official languages, our PEB Interpreter Viviane Vaucher assisted us with spelling and grammar mistakes. These are now corrected.

## Check list for Sponsoring Sections

In accordance with the PEB decision taken in Vilnius (IIC will add a check list in the annual 2012 Progress Report of what we want Sponsoring Sections to do. Also to keep in mind that Founding Committees need part of the Foreign Associate Member levy for administrative purposes), an item will be included in the next IIC annual progress report form to include the following additional questions:

- Who is paying the levy for Foreign Associate Members (FAMs)?
- Are Sponsor Sections doing this or do the FAM's pay individually?
- How do Sections collect the levy from FAM's?

## Analysis of IIC Annual Progress Reports 2011

Six (6) Sections failed to submit IIC Progress Reports this year. These Sections are Andorra (2), Brazil, Mauritius (3), Lesotho, Netherlands, and Seychelles (3).

Our total international membership, as declared at 31 December 2011, was **413.158** (Sections which failed to submit a 2011 report are included with the 2010 figures), an increase of **10.049** members. According to the reports **25.975** new members joined IPA but only **379.984** members paid the 2011 Levy (**33.174** less than the 2011 membership declared).

Included in the membership total, **35** IPA Sections have **2.451** Foreign Associate Members (FAM's) situated in **55** (37 in 2010) locations. This number is considerably higher than last year, but the number is mainly due to the increase in FAMs from FYROM, Kazakhstan, Cameroon and Colombia.

**33** Sections, (25 in 2010) show an increase in membership, **21** (26 in 2010) show a decrease and **9** (11 in 2010) show no movement. These figures are slightly distorted by the **6** reports not submitted.

All the information provided in the reports is used by the Secretariat throughout the year.

I would like to congratulate Sections Croatia & Russia for the work they are doing with FAM's of neighbouring countries, promoting police to join IPA. Sections Croatia and Russia are sponsor Sections for **FYROM & Kazakhstan** as well as Bosnia & Herzegovina and Armenia. Founding meetings are pending for 2012 in these countries. Reports were also received from France for Cameroon and Spain for Colombia.

Looking back at the last IIC annual reports, I found out the following:

- Mozambique; last elections were 2002
- Pakistan; last elections were 2007. Election date was given as 2011 – but to date no elections have taken place.
- Hellenic section lost contact with 75 FAMs from Georgia
- Czech section accepted as members the Municipal policemen
- Gabon moved from New to Old membership cards
- Israel is using New & Old style of membership cards
- There is a big gap between membership declared and levy paid.

### **“Inactive” Sections**

For the following Sections: - **Andorra (2 years), Lesotho (2 years), Mauritius (3 years), Seychelles (5 years)**, although they paid their levy, they did not send the required reports for some years.

For Andorra, Lesotho & Mauritius the IIC will not recommend a motion for suspension, in accordance with the International Rule Art 5.1d) for not sending the required annual reports for 2 years. The IEC view on this matter lately has been to give them the opportunity to remain as Sections (one more chance) in order to establish good contact to keep the PEB informed, as to their activities.

### **National Statutes and Rules**

A big number of national Sections changed their Statutes or Rules and sent them to the IAC.

I will remind you again that we prefer it if you send us the new National documents as **‘Word’** documents, attached to an e-mail. This helps with the examination and filing process. So when future amendments occur, the amended articles need to be written in **BOLD**.

### **IPA World Police Prize – Award**

**Two proposals were received:**

- 1) **IPA NETHERLANDS** nominating a musical group named *Arthur Troop Pipes and Drums* for upstanding services to IPA aims.
- 2) **IPA HELLAS** nominating 2 Police officers GEORGIOS SKYLOGIANNIS and IOANNIS EVANGELINELIS, who lost their lives in the line of duty.

After a meticulous and thorough analysis and consideration of the justification with each proposal:

- 1) The IIC was bound by the wording of the rules of the award of which the criteria requires “exceptional services”. Whilst the IIC unanimously believed the work and efforts of the Netherlands Pipes and Drums was indeed

meritorious, it did not fit within the boundaries of “exceptional” and therefore the World Police Prize should not be awarded.

2) The IIC also understands and acknowledged the heroic efforts of the deceased officers who lost their lives in the carrying out of their police duties and congratulates the Hellenic Section for their nomination. However, the IIC was mindful that each year there are indeed many (too many) officers who lose their lives in carrying out their police duties. To single out these members creates the concerning issue of ignoring the many other heroic efforts of members who have lost their lives. It was also acknowledged that there is more appropriate official recognition, award ceremonies and memorial services that are applied in these cases by deceased members’ home police services and States/Countries.

The IIC therefore concluded to recommend to the PEB that on this occasion the prize should not be awarded. Furthermore, a review of the whole concept for granting this award should be performed in order to best explain the ground rules for future occasions.

## **Conclusion**

The IIC members are grateful for the opportunity given to us in order to work as tools of the PEB and give them and the World Congress our comment and recommendations for the benefit of our Organisation.

I would like to thank all Sections for their support via the reports sent to the IAC.

Many thanks go to all IIC members for their cooperation and work in the preparation towards this report.

*George*

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