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**International Social Commission (ISC) Report for 2012  
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Mr President,  
P.E.B. Members,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to extend to you and your National Sections my appreciation and sincere thanks for electing me and cooperating with our Commission during the last year.

Dear friends,

I would like to present the ISC members for the term 2012-15. I am sure that you know them all:

Kyriakos Karakalis from Greece.  
Billy Saunderson from Ireland.  
Eran Israel from Israel.  
Fatih Vursavas from Turkey.  
Silvana Sergi from Italy.  
Gal Sharon (Chairman)

The ISC will have 2 official meetings during our current term. The first one was in 13-16 June 2013 in Jesolo Italy. The second one will be in 2015. We are planning the first professional ISC liaison officer's seminar in 2014.

The goal of our commission is to create cooperation with all Sections dealing with the appointment of a representative in the fields of sports and social activities, including the establishment of local teams for concrete tasks.

Our work plan focused on:

- Promoting and coordinating social activities.

- Coordination and cooperation in emergency and humanitarian assistance.
- IPA houses and other accommodation for IPA use.
- Youth exchange and coordination of international sports events.

### **Try harder and make it better!**

In the present report we want to point out directions that will make the organization more efficient (quality management) and to do the best that will influence our members.

Responsibilities and tasks of ISC members:

*Kyriakos:-*

- responsibility of the IPA houses and 'other accommodation for IPA use'.
- to monitor, audit and become the professional authority for IPA houses.
- to develop and promote the possibilities within the 'other accommodation'. We proposed new rules to the PEB that will hopefully be presented to the IEC in Copenhagen. One of our central conclusions in this regard was that we have little influence on opening or closing IPA houses, but we can promote the idea of "other accommodation" with lot of success.

*Billy:-*

- sports
- WPF 2013 . To work with the organizers of the WPF 2013 in Belfast, not as part of the organizing team, but as auditor and maintaining IPA interests, updating the commission and making sure that IPA will be represented as it is proposed in the Sponsorship Bronze package and more.

*Fatih:-*

- Youth holiday exchange programs. It is a great idea, but we have found out that only few IPA members participate in it. With the IYG, each section sends youth to participate, in this program it is not well known to most sections and it needs to be promoted.

*Silvana:-*

- Travel and hosting. This issue is the major one in IPA. All sections are sending groups, visitors, delegations. This is the essence of IPA: friendship. We want to develop new relationships and to open new possibilities of travelling and hosting for IPA members.

*Eran:-*

- Secretary of the ISC and media. He collects and prepares the ISC reports. Develops the ISC Facebook page, the ISC page in the international website.

## **Emergency aid**

In the last year we had many natural disasters but none of them required international aid. The ISC tries to assist all IPA Sections adversely affected by mother-nature.

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. In the last 3 years, the new method of transferring emergency aid directly to affected section worked. In the 37<sup>th</sup> IEC in Bucharest, the implementation of the new procedure became part of IPA regulations.

The ISC will have to monitor the transfer of money 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. So please make sure that your section has a liaison officer to the ISC.

We have learned that sections are donating a lot of money to members and policemen within the sections. In 2012 it was more than 214,000 Euro.

We have also learned that lots of sections are involved in social work and donating money to charity, NGO's and good causes. We will have to find a way to reflect it in the synopsis and the ISC report.

## **IPA houses and "other accommodation for IPA use"**

We have 64 IPA houses in 21 Sections, with occupancy of more than 42'354 bed/nights. We also have 389 "other accommodation" in 25 Sections.

It seems that we are growing in "other accommodation". 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 new accommodation becomes available to our members.

We also decided to develop the "other accommodation" and to put it in IPA official news, website and publications. If you check the new information guide 2013, you will find the "other accommodation". The ISC put forward a suggestion to amend the directives for IPA houses and "other accommodation" and it concerns the last fraud attempts.

The IPA House Managers' Meeting was in March 2012 in the Netherlands. The next one will be in Greece 2014.

## **Social Events**

5510 social events were held in 2012 with almost 187,543 participants. 752 sections were involved in these social events. The most active were Poland, South Africa, Germany, Italy and Romania.

## **IPA Travel**

12,920 individuals in 720 groups travelled to other sections. 12,078 individuals in 371 groups were hosted by IPA sections. The best travellers were IPA Sections Germany, Poland, Italy, and Spain. The most active hosts were IPA Sections USA, Israel, France, and Poland.

## **IPA Sports and championships**

33,650 IPA members participated in 1116 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 5 in numbers of events were IPA Sections Poland, Romania, Germany, Hungary and Israel. The top 5 in numbers of participants were: IPA Sections Poland, Israel, Spain, Lithuania and Croatia.

The annual trophy in this category will be awarded after a final decision of the PEB and will be announced at the IEC in Copenhagen.

## **International Youth Holiday Programme (exchange)**

The project is working well, but we should try harder. In 2011, we promoted the idea and drew attention to the project; hence we had more than 200 youth involved in the International Youth Holiday (exchange) programme. Let's not forget that today's youth will be the future IPA members. We can do better.

## **WPF 2013 Belfast**

The ISC is in contact with the organisers of the World Police and Fire Games 2013 in Belfast. The ISC with the UK section worked on a work-plan in order to maximise IPA exposure at this event.

Our goal is encouraging, welcoming, assisting and advising our members of over 400,000 on what to expect at the Games - whether participant, entourage or visitor.

WPF 2013 will end in Aug. 2013 and we will have to prepare for the next one. The WPF 2013 is a major project, but not the main one. We will have to promote the idea of international involvement in any sports event in all sections and start working on a new IPA international event. The WPF 2013 is not an IPA event, we are just participants. When you will read this report it will be after the games, which will hopefully be successful.

## **Conclusion**

I conclude my first year in the second term in the PEB, as a chairman of the ISC. Last year I noted that if I needed to point to one major conclusion, it is our duty to bring all this 'doing' to the attention of every IPA member. In my opinion we are doing much more than it is known to our members.

We must strengthen ties with the sections and find ways to have direct and open information channels with our members. Since it is a major goal of our PEB, I am sure that we will succeed.

I want to thank my team, the PEB and all members of IPA for their support and actions to promote IPA.

**SERVO PER AMIKECO !**

Gal Sharon  
1st International Vice President  
ISC Chairman