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In its 3rd year of office, the International Professional Commission (IPC) has maintained and worked on its tasks together with sections to establish improvements and results.

Main issues were:

- The Arthur Troop Scholarship
- The Police Exchange Programme
- Reports on IPC related matters and issues over 2014
- Professional participation
- Promotion activities and increase in the use of social media, in particular the IPA-IPC Fbook page
- IBZ-Gimborn
- IPC meeting in Poland in July 2015
- The promotion and support to the YPOS in Poland

The Arthur Troop Scholarship:

As presented at the IEC in Potsdam and mentioned in the International Newsletter, there were 13 applicants from the sections. This was disappointing, knowing that the ATS is a welcome support to our members to use, as started by Fritz Schwindt.

The new application form is working and all information needed to make a selection is available for the IPC to select the awardees and recommend them to the IEB for decision.

The awardees for 2016 will be announced and displayed during the WC.

In Nottingham, December 2014 the IEB discussed the development of the YPOS seminars and the effect it is having. At the same time, from a financial point of view, the International budget allows a specific amount for education and ATS opportunities, which, at the moment will not be increased and remain at the sum of €25.000.

The IPC recommends that initiating a yearly YPOS from 2017 onwards, an increasing opportunity for younger officers will be established. It is here where the challenge lies for the IEB and IPC in the next term 2015-2019 to initiate further steps, but at the same time to watch over the funding and stay within the budget agreed by the IEC.

Due to circumstances beyond their control, Section Canada has had to withdraw their intention of organizing the next YPOS. We are pleased to see that section USA is willing to take this on board for 2017.

The experience from the 1st and 2nd YPOS in The Netherlands and Australia has proved that this is a way forward we must continue to follow. Bringing it with the current IEB budget is a logical step to do so.

The Police Exchange Programme:

The reports from 2014 still indicate a diverse connection with their National Police Authorities, Police Academies and National Police forces. Some mention that it is very difficult and sometimes not possible to discuss the item of police exchange with the respective responsible authorities.

This is contrary to what was agreed upon when the establishing of a new section always had the support from the national authorities at the foundation meeting.

There is however progress to be seen. Many sections indicate they wish to initiate police exchange events by just crossing borders. Other sections have initiated new contacts.

We invite sections that have stated they wish to initiate, continue and create an exchange programme to take the next step and actually do so. It is a good intention to want to participate and initiate such an exchange, but if it stays with only being an intention, progress will not be made.

We would not even be surprised if there are sections that are not aware of the fact that their neighbouring section wants to exchange also..... or that they share a common issue from which they could benefit by joining forces and establishing a permanent exchange. A key component for an exchange to work is reciprocity, meaning that the exchange is mutual. We have found that when this happens the exchange lasts and shows to be an effective tool for governments, national police forces to strengthen their cross border programmes as well.

IPC reports:

The IPC questionnaire was sent out in 4 languages. By June 1st 2015, 38 out of 66 sections had replied to the IAC and IPC.

This is a disappointing result looking at the number of reports not submitted. It is vital for a commission to receive the reports from the sections in order to initiate activities to support them in any way they can.

However, those sections that did send in a report show they are active and even more than active. Others are still facing connection/relationship difficulties with national police authorities and police forces. Some are not able to, due to lack of finances and/or internal support.

It is here where our concern is still strong. Since the last IEC, at the suggestion of Section Russia, a general letter of support from our Association and specifically the IPC is available and can, if so required by the section, be sent to the respective authorities and national police forces. Some sections have asked the IPC to do so , with which we have complied.

A full page of topics for IBZ Gimborn has been sent to the director of IBZ Gimborn. These can now be taken into consideration by the board when discussing the new seminars for 2016.

Professional participation and promotion activities:

The ATS has achieved professional development for the awardees. 13 awardees have or will still follow a professional course or seminar this year. Their reports will be added to the website page.

In the last year of our term, the IPC has not taken part in a specific promotion activity (IPA stand at an international symposium) due to budget saving decisions.

Professional activities/events can still be found on our website under “professional connections”. From time to time the IPC is invited to participate or promote conferences that seem to be police related, but, after looking closer at the contents, appear to be more of a commercial initiative, where organisations are invited and the expense of participating can be very costly.

A succes of 1000 likes was achieved for the IPC Fb page on June 5th. Social media continues to be a good way of promoting IPA activities with a professional content. The IPC Fb page is continuously filled and updated with related topics.

IPC member May Britt Rinaldo has achieved the most publications since the IPC initiative.

Kevin Gordon, is doing an excellent job in coordinating and maintaining the page as well as publishing.

In November 2014 a long outstanding invitation from Section Macau to the IEB for a formal visit was agreed on. As the IEB representative and being the IEB liaison to the Asia-Pacific sections, I visited them from the end of October and beginning of November 2014.

It is always very efficient to combine such a visit with IPC related issues when the opportunity arizes. An informal visit to a local police station in Zhuhai was an eye opener where it involves police work. Crime rates were mainly found in domestic

areas and much less in the crimes related to financial gain. Their technical resources were limited.

A meeting of about 1 hour with the Deputy Commissioner of the Macau police, Mr. Lai Kam Kun and members of his staff was a highlight in this program. I was able to speak about the scope of our organisation in relation to many topics.



His head of international relations was particularly interested in our International World Seminar for Young Officers, explaining the development of the 1st and 2nd Seminars, as well as the 3rd which Poland is organizing next year.



The Deputy Commissioner expressed his support to Section Macau and appreciated the work they did.

He was prepared to support any initiative from Section Macau for an IPA World Seminar for Young Police Officers in the future.



Later that day I visited the Macau Police “navy” on board of one of their patrolling vessels.

The anniversary dinner was well organized, involved over 960 participants, most of them being members, invited guests and in particular high level officials from other countries.

Before the official dinner I had the opportunity to speak to:

Mr. Marquis Francis K.P. Tin, Honorary Consul for **Mali**

Mr. Rafail Walangitan, Consul for the **Republic of Indonesia**

Mr. Tardkam Phongphila Consul General and Mr. Long Ya, Deputy Consul General of the **Lao People’s Democratic Republic**. They were all based in Hong Kong.

For half an hour we were informally together and it gave me the opportunity to speak about the IPA. They showed interest and asked questions.

In particular they were surprised to hear of the possibility concerning FAMS.

Making use of being in that part of the world and on my journey back, section Hong Kong had arranged a meeting with the head of the Hong Kong Police Academy.



It was a successful meeting where the diverse subjects concerning education for police work were shared and compared.

Highlighting the IPA, the IPC ongoing issues, topics of interest including IBZ-Gimborn and its seminars for all IPA members, were welcome subjects to talk about.

During a visit to the city centre of Hong Kong, I saw at first hand the student protests. From a professional point of view I gained much respect for the police officers from Section Hong Kong for the level of restraint and patience they showed dealing with public order.

Throughout this last year again requests for information through e-mail or otherwise have been answered. Members from abroad have been given information and helped on their way.

It is here where an International network can be effective. The majority of the IPC members are working officers and or have built up an (international) network. This is a great benefit when the work of the Professional Commission comes to light and needs to be effective.

On Saturday, April 25th 2015, I participated in the ERC meeting that was held in The Hague, 40 minutes from my home, and was able to contribute to discussions that “touched” the police profession.

During a short holiday in June, I was in Ireland and visited the Irish Police Academy, the Garda College, in Templemore, where IPC member Marie Daly is a lecturer.

A brief meeting with the head of the Academy was a welcome opportunity for the attached photo with Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Mc Mahon, Director of Training at the Garda College.



A lunch meeting with the students was a good moment to share police professional aspects concerning the new education system they have introduced.



The college is situated
in IPA Section Ireland

Region No:24

Consortium for Street Children CSC:

The IPA adoption (IEC Copenhagen 2013) for promotion and activity concerning the Consortium for Street Children has come to an end.

The total number of wristbands that have been purchased since the start of the campaign at the IEC in Potsdam Berlin is 2475.

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The intention was to obtain enough financial funding to support a joint programme for either renewing parts of the CSC manual for police forces/officers, create an online flyer or the option for an app for police officers to be accessible from all over the world.

At Copenhagen the wristband campaign had a successful start and was a positive indicator for continuation of this initiative. For this reason it was continued.

However coming to December 2013 the active responses went down.

Highlighting the purpose for the fundraising and mentioning this in the International Newsletter did not result in the support nor therefore sufficient funding.

The final number of wristbands that were sold is 2475. A significant contrast when we compare this to the more than 400.000 members in our Association.

We regret to have to conclude that the expected support to obtain sufficient financial support for CSC has not been achieved. An amount of € 2475 has therefore been transferred to the CSC.

IBZ Gimborn:

IBZ Gimborn has seen the coming of a new director, who presented himself at the IEC in Potsdam Berlin. Since then already steps and changes have been initiated concerning the development and future.



As part of a strategy team, an extra long and very constructive meeting was held on March 27th and 28th.

Due to the significant input for the future from a professional and financial point of view, the IT, Romain Miny and myself represented the IEB.

A strategy plan has been presented to the IEB during their meeting in June at Gimborn.

It is here where the new board and in particular the new director produced a short review about the past and current situation, but quickly went on and laid out topics and initiatives that were welcomed by the IEB.

Details and steps for the coming years will be presented by him during this WC conference.

This will also include a more significant role for the IPC in relation to education and development as part of our support to IBZ Gimborn.

It has therefore been specifically stated in the job description of the IPC-Chair

IBZ-Gimborn is part of the IPA family. We all know and have experienced the financial effects in the world as a result of financial set backs. This, with no exception has also had its effect on the participation to the seminars throughout the last few years.

Now with a new management, a slow but progressing world financial situation, the support to IBZ-Gimborn must continue to grow and ensure that our members can benefit from our education centre.

In the IPC reports I was pleased to see so many topics as suggestions for future seminars. A full page of suggestions for topics has been handed over to Gimborn as input for new seminars for 2016.

IPC meeting 2015:

The commission met for the last time of their term during their support and lecturing for the YPOS in Poland. Section Poland hosted the meeting.

Topics on the agenda were:

- Police Placement Programme
- CSC support initiative / preparation WC Cyprus
- ATS pre selection candidates
- 4th World YPOS
- IBZ-Gimborn
- Initiate and develop a handover document to next chair IPC and commission
- Discuss last input for IPC report WC Cyprus
- Any other business, topics or issues
- Evaluation of IPC term 2012-2015
- Suggestions for next chair IPC.

The outcome will be reported during the WC.



The 3rd IPA World Seminar for Young Officers, was held on 19th-26th of July 2015 in the Police Training Centre, Legionowo, Poland.

Approximately 50 police officers from 45 national sections attended a seminar based on applications. The organizers received more entries than the planned number of participants which demonstrates the wide interest in our project.

3 IPC members, May Britt Reinaldo, Paul Kelly and I supported this seminar by lecturing on 5 topics.

The subjects of the seminar are:

- Cyber Crime - yesterday, today and tomorrow
- Global terrorism threats
- Organized Crime - threats and emerging trends
- The countering and combating of Human Trafficking
- Gender, diversity and Human Rights for police officers in global context
- Radicalization and awareness
- Selection and service on UN, EU, OSCE missions
- Drug trafficking
- Lesson learned from kid shooter(s) cases in public areas-schools



International Association of Women Police (I A W P)

2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Women Police. This special event was celebrated at the 53rd annual IAWP training conference in Wales, United Kingdom, from 23rd to 27th August 2015.

I have accepted an invitation to join the IAWP full board meeting for 2 days, prior to their conference. It gave the IPA the opportunity to speak about the Association and in particular the Professional Commission directly with the board members. The outcome will be reported back at the World Congress.

Finally:

The IPC has worked to the best of their ability and within the available resources during the term 2012-2015. In particular a big thank you goes to my fellow IEB members and the staff members of the IAC in Nottingham for their support and initiatives.

In general we thank all those, who in whatever way, have contributed and supported us in our task.

Looking back, we believe that we have made a good contribution in regard to the professional aspects within the tasks of the IPC for the benefit of our members and Association.

We have seen and met many different police officers during the last 3 years and have discovered that there is no difference in what we all try to achieve.

Let us never forget that we may wear a different uniform, belong to a different country, speak a different language and work in a different way.... We still belong to the largest police family in the world and SERVE and PROTECT those that have appointed us to be there for them when they need us.

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