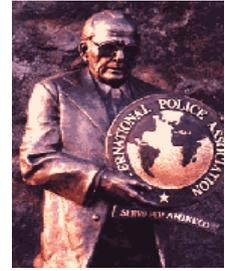




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Arthur Troop Scholarship 2016 REPORT

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Even at that moment when I received a letter in 2015 from Kees Sal, who was the 3rd Vice President of the International Police Association, I understood that being on the list of ten lucky people who were awarded with a scholarship of Arthur Troop, the founder of International Police Association, is a roaring success and at the same time I chose a training course that looked to me more than fantastic.

Taking into consideration that I completed the courses on actions of physical force that are applied by Lithuanian police and physical fitness exercises as well as those on shooting for teaching of instructors, it was very interesting for me to take part in training undertaken by instructors from foreign countries and to gain experience from them. Without delay I made a commitment to take part in these courses and travelled to Germany on 28 March 2016 where, during the period from 29 March 2016 until 2 April 2016, I had an opportunity to complete the course for ASP instructors which was so gripping. On top of that, I will never forget the place in one of the cities of Germany that was chosen to carry out the training activities. It is too difficult for me to describe it, because I still have Gimborn Castle on the brain.

And even despite the fact that the weather forecast of Germany was fuelling concerns in the first days, it did not reduce the participants' wish to know as much as possible and to exchange international experiences with others, so everyone was anticipating a week which seemed to be full of experiences.

Officers came from Germany, Sweden, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Malta, the United States of America and Australia seeking to take part in the courses. First of all, we were introduced to the aim of the courses and programme and as in the beginning of the courses we were asked to spend our time actively, after a short period of time, we moved to a sports hall where we actively trained how technically and effectively to use special police means in various situations, and also studied the teaching techniques of such training for three consecutive days. In the beginning of the course, all participants were notified that at the end of the training all of us would have to pass theoretical and practical exams on the teaching techniques of such training. So, taking into consideration the future challenges, all participants took a huge interest in their studies right from the beginning.

Three days that were spent in a sports hall together with competent instructors Daryell Harmon, Dorothea Schurr, Liam O'Connell and Michael Walsh from the United States of America and Ireland gave appropriate results, and after the tests to check the knowledge and skills on the teaching techniques of such training, the participants were holding certificates confirming ASP instructor's status.



On the remaining days all participants had a chance to take part in the seminars about car checks by searching for the drugs that were hidden in these cars, principals of self-defence that are used in daily police work, and in the practices of practical checks of premises. The instructors Paul Kelly from Australia and Kim Lageroos from Finland prepared an excellent training course and gave very good advice to the police officers on being safe while carrying out daily tasks.

All participants of the training course had an opportunity to visit the centre of Cologne on Friday afternoon: to enjoy Cologne Cathedral, Hohenzollern bridge, and to go for a walk in the old town of Cologne where all of us gathered for a celebration dinner in the evening.

As the official program of courses finished on Saturday afternoon, shortly thereafter, we, together with the colleagues from Australia, Malta and Ireland, organized an unofficial sightseeing excursion by foot in the area of Gimborn. High hills, glorious forests, buildings of German architecture and a variety of domestic animals, are only part of the impressions that can be explained in simple terms.



The courses of ASP instructors were very interesting and profitable, not only for newly prepared instructors, but for the present as well. New, interesting and profitable things that are needful for our job were learnt and understood. I am happy that I had an opportunity to take part in these studies and to become acquainted with the participants of these courses. All of them were friendly, cheerful, helpful, and shared their experiences and practices collected.

I sincerely thank International Police Association, the Lithuanian Section of International Police Association, Utena Branch of Lithuanian Section of International Police Association and personnel of Gimborn Castle Informations & Formation Centre for an opportunity to take part in useful courses, and for their help and support organizing the journey to Gimborn. Living conditions were fantastic as well as the meal that was very delicious. The courses were organized perfectly.

I wish for each member of International Police Association to find an opportunity to visit Gimborn Castle and to take part in any of the seminars organized by Gimborn Castle Informations & Formation Centre. Because only after taking part in similar meetings organized by International Police Association will you become aware and able to evaluate the true meaning of International Police Association!



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