

# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA) NEWSLETTER



## IPA NATIONAL ELECTION IN ISRAEL

**The elections for IPA institutions in Israel ended on January 18, 2023, with the holding of the first national board meeting. During this meeting, all of the office bearers in the presidency were also elected.**

The new president of IPA Israel is Adv. Gal Sharon, who has been the acting president for the past four years. Gal has a lot of international experience; She served as the international vice president and chairperson of the SCC, for 10 years until 2019.



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### Arthur Troop Scholarship

**Remember to submit your applications for IBZ Gimborn 2024 by 31st March 2023**

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship>

### What is the IPA brand saying about IPA?



Try to remember back to the very first time you were introduced to IPA.... what was your perception of the organisation? How did IPA make you feel? Although brand perception is a mental association, it plays an essential role in creating emotional connections with consumers.

Branding is the process of creating a distinct identity in the mind of your target audience. At the most basic level, branding is made up of a logo, visual design, mission, and tone of voice. But brand identity is also determined by the quality and value of products or services. So in a way, our brand is a voice; a voice that tells a story across all our customer touchpoints.

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### “HOW DO WE PROMOTE IPA CAN BE UNLOCKED WITH MARKETING”

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I believe the eternal question of how do we promote IPA can be unlocked with marketing. Marketing put simply is the action or business of promoting and selling products or services, including market research and advertising. The fundamental purpose of marketing is not only to attract consumers to our brand, but also to build brand loyalty.

We all know that social media enables us to create and build relationships with our audience. It gives us a platform to develop trust, credibility, and to bring the value of IPA to our members. But good social media comes down to good content which can be ridiculously hard to produce; but the benefits are enormous.

All the powerful benefits offered by social media pivot on high quality and relevant content. Regular production of quality content creates opportunities to promote the greatness of IPA through social sharing. Great content creates a positive experience, and one satisfying experience brings people back for more, building on the relationship and establishing trust with each visit.

When you post consistently, the algorithms will favour your posts and more people will see them. You'll see increased engagement. When you post regularly, and especially if you post about the same topics on certain days of the week, your audience will expect and look forward to your content.

## What is the IPA brand saying about IPA?

As a global organisation with so many touchpoints and so much activity we should have lots of rich content. While a photo or video of your K9 Unit, or police vehicle might be insignificant to you, it is most likely top quality content to members from other IPA Sections. So this is where IPA needs you... we need content creators and I would like to set up a group of members who can help deliver on the IPA brand. #BeOneOfUs



### IPA AUSTRIA NASSFELD HIKING WEEK 2023

IPA Section Austria along with The Hotel Gartnerkofel invite you to hiking week from **Sunday 25th June - Sunday 2nd July 2023.**

You'll experience the beautiful landscapes with a tour guide including the area of Nassfeld, Lake Weissen, Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe, Winkelalm and even an excursion to Slovenia.

More information, including the programme, accommodation and pricing can be found on our website, or you can contact The Hotel Gartnerkofel on:

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| [www.gartnerkofel.at](http://www.gartnerkofel.at) | [info@gartnerkofel.at](mailto:info@gartnerkofel.at)

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/ipa-austria-nassfeld-hiking-week-2023/178920>

With the recent launch of our new IPA Logo, there's no time like the present to embark on a global marketing campaign for IPA. With great assistance from Hana and Lisa at the IAC in Nottingham we're building a global marketing strategy for IPA, but this needs everyone's help and support. You can do your bit by liking, tagging and sharing our social media posts for example. Why not share this newsletter with your police friends and through your social channels.

Over the coming months we will be calling on you all to help promote the IPA brand. We will be analysing, researching and listening to our members, but most of all we need content creators. If you think you can help, please click [here](#).

**Mick Walsh**

**Treasurer**

**IPA Marketing Lead**

# RECITAL “DE FIN D’ANNÉE”

## IPA BRAZIL



On December 18th, the Brazilian Section of the IPA, following the commemorative events of its 60th anniversary of the International Police Association, promoted a Recital “De fin d’année” for its associates, partners, family, friends and government authorities, with a special selection of the most beautiful music in the world of Opera, performed by renowned Brazilian interpreters of national Opera.

The event took place in the beautiful auditorium of ParlaMundi, of the LGW (Legion of Good Will), located in Brasília/DF, with the support of the Latin American Academy of Sciences and the International Association of Soroptimists in Brazil. At the start of the event, a surprise appearance of 12 child violinists aged between three and eleven years old, from the IPA Brasil Social Project: “Tuning Lives”, performed a lyrical performance that left guests with goosebumps. The gala night, continued with classics such as “Friends Forever”, “O Sole Mio”, “O Guarani” (Vila Lobos), “Adios Nonito” (Astor Piazzolla), “Carmen” (Bizet), “Granada”, and other hits from national and international Opera and ended with Christmas carols. In fact, the IPA Brazil Recital impressed those present in a crowded auditorium for 500 people, which was described by the media as “the show of the year”.

“No matter how rough we may be, no matter how robust, hard of feeling we tend to show, music always touches even the most insensitive souls, hearts and spirits in an indelible way”, said the president of the IPA in Brazil, Dr. Joel Zarpellon Mazo in his opening speech at the event.



The event ended with a beautiful cocktail party, in which partners, supporters and authorities were honored. Among them were the tenors Francisco Bento and Roger Vieira, the baritone Arthur Faustino and the sopranos Janette Dornellas and Rebecca Pacheco. These were the main attractions, singing classics such as Aria “The Queen of the Night” (Mozart), “All I Ask Of You” (The Phantom of the Opera) and “O Mio



Babbino Caro” (Giacomo Puccini and Giovacchino Forzano).

### “Servo per Amikeco”

Social Communication Board – IPA Brazil

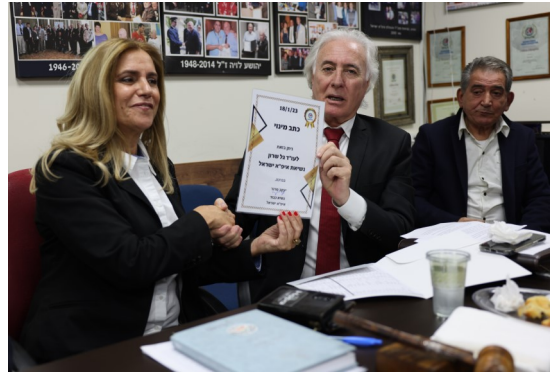


# IPA NATIONAL ELECTION IN ISRAEL

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The elections in Israel are unusual, as the procedure is for all 25,000 members of the IPA to elect the chairmen of the branches, the members of the presidency and the president.

In Israel we have 120 branches of serving and retired police officers. The parliament of IPA Israel is the assembly of branch chairmen and members of the presidency. This body of about 200 members is the one that must approve work plans, budgets, and special projects. The "government" in IPA Israel is the 15-member presidency and in fact it manages this great organisation.



This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of IPA Israel. The organisation in Israel was approved in 1963, but started operating in 1960.

The main positions in the presidency are: Attorney Gal Sharon, president. Dr. Eran Israel, secretary general and responsible for foreign relations, and attorney Haim Shamolevich, vice president.

Our beloved and former president Yacov Terner will be an honorary president for life.

We will continue the excellent cooperation we have with most of the sections in the world. We will continue to host and initiate collaborations on a friendly basis in accordance with the motto of the association.

**Dr. Eran Israel**  
Secretary general and SCC member

## The National Board

January 4, 2023

 Adv. Gal Sharon IPA Israel President	 Adv. Haim Szmulewitz Vice President	 Naser Nasereidin Retired Branches	 Moti Asor Culture Secretary	 Dr. Eran Israel Secretary General & Foreign Relations
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## A FIRST MEETING - IPA UK



**American IPA Visitors Rod Bell and Mary-Lynne outside NSY**

I have been an IPA member for over 10 years, I was a *Forensic Practitioner* in the *MET* retiring in 2013. I have often thought about meeting fellow IPA members travelling from abroad to the UK, however due to caring and other commitments it never seemed to be the right time.

I then received an email asking for volunteers to host some Officers from abroad including Rod Bell who was spending a weekend in London with his Girlfriend Mary-Lynne. Rod had been a Deputy Sheriff with Broward County Sheriff's Office Florida and had also retired in 2013, currently working in security at Disney World Florida.

In the first instance I contacted Alex Williams the IPA London Reception Officer, who after a chat about the expectations for meeting a visitor set up a What's app group to enable me to introduce myself and communicate directly with Rod. We exchanged messages about various aspects of his visit including the weather and what clothing would be required. Rod has visited before and had planned and booked a comprehensive schedule for his visit but he was able to meet Chris a serving MET Officer for lunch on Saturday and I arranged to meet him at the Changing of the Guard on Sunday. Afterwards we enjoyed a walk through Horseguards and Whitehall via the Cenotaph, Downing Street and refreshed ourselves with a swift pint at the Red Lion Pub (Rod is very keen on English Ale)!

Rod was very interested and knowledgeable in British History and I showed him the Guards Memorial. We talked about the unique differences in uniforms and insignia between the Five regiments of Footguards ( my late father was a Grenadier, a Met CID Officer and IPA member). As Rod was travelling with his girlfriend, my wife accompanied me and her and Mary Lynne struck up a rapport as soon as they met and got on very well.

We had a lovely lunch on the River at the Tattershall Castle, a former passenger ferry now moored on the Thames on the Victoria Embankment. We were able to exchange mementoes and then parted as Rod had further plans. We hope to meet soon in Florida.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our day and for any IPA members thinking about taking the plunge of hosting International Visitors, I can highly recommend it. Thanks to Alex who was a great help and support in facilitating our meeting.

**By Steve Fuller**



# IPA JAPAN - PRESIDENT MASAHITO KANETAKA ADDRESSES ASEAN AMBASSADORS



This year 2023 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan friendship and cooperation.

ASEAN, Association of Southeast Asian Nations composed of 10 Nations with the population of more than 670 million. With a total GDP of \$3343 trillion, it is expected to be a driver of world economy. The ties between ASEAN - Japan which are geographically close to one

another have become stronger over the last 50 years and have developed an unshakable mutual confidence and trust.

Just before the dawn of this commemorative year, as President of IPA Japan and Former Commissioner General of the National Police Agency, I had the honor of being invited to the meeting of ASEAN Ambassadors to Japan, and make a speech as a guest speaker. The 313<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo took place on 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Tokyo.



I thought it would be a great opportunity to introduce IPA to the 10 ASEAN countries where no IPA sections yet exist. I explained the structure and the aims of IPA, the activities conducted on a daily basis around the world, and the strength the IPA contributes to build and strengthen friendship among the members of police. I believe this is crucial for international police cooperation. I showed the ambassadors the photos taken during WC in Barcelona, pictures of foreign officers visiting Japan; For instance at the prefectural police training center with Japanese police judo players, and at our members house trying Japanese culture of calligraphy with Japanese old dolls behind wearing traditional costume. I also projected some shots of Japanese young members attending the YPOS with big smiles on their faces among the colleagues from many countries.



I emphasized that nowadays every police force in the world needs international cooperation. All officers can bond and form international friendships via the IPA.

After my presentation we had a QA session during a beautiful lunch kindly prepared by the Embassy of Viet Nam. I was amazed that all Ambassadors asked questions enthusiastically about IPA,

Japanese Police, the crime situation in Japan and international cooperation with ASEAN polices. After 2 and a half hours of discussion, I concluded my talk saying to all the Ambassadors that all the members of IPA Japan look forward to working with the colleagues from the ASEAN countries in IPA in the near future.

**Masahito Kanetaka**  
President of IPA Japan

## IPA AUSTRIA TYROL REGION 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

IPA Regional Group Tyrol, Austria invites you to celebrate their 60th anniversary from **2-4 June 2023**.

The full programme of events can be found in the link below. Registration is open now until 30 April 2023. Only 120 places available. Be quick!

To register, or for more information, contact secretary of the IPA regional group of Tyrol, Walter Schlauer, at [walter.schlauer@ipa.at](mailto:walter.schlauer@ipa.at)

[IPA Tyrol 60th Anniversary Programme \(English\)](#)

You will also find this event on our international website:

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/ipa-austria-tyrol-region-60th-anniversary-celebration/178931>

## IPA SPAIN TRIP TO INDIA 2023

IPA Madrid invite you to join them on a Trip to India 2023 from **26th November - 10 December 2023**.

This new trip has been organised via a local Travel Agency (in India) who have guaranteed us a successful and memorable trip.

There will be two 25-seater buses that will tour northern India visiting numerous places including: Delhi, Jaisalmer, Thar Desert, Ramdevra Temple, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Amber, and Agra.

More information can be found on our website:

[IPA - Upcoming Events \(ipa-international.org\)](#)

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN MADRID

## IPA SPAIN



The regional delegation of Madrid has had intense activity during the past Christmas. Not only has it held its annual meeting and the traditional partner dinner attended by nearly two hundred diners, but it has also organised two solidarity actions coinciding with the dates on which Spain typically deliver gifts and toys to children: the arrival of Father Christmas (or Santa Claus) and also that of the Three Wise Men, at the Epiphany party.

For the first, a tour of IPA members who were motorcycle enthusiasts dressed as Santa Claus was held. This activity has been organised for some years under the name of "Papanoelada". Several hundred IPA members, joined by some friends who were also bikers, toured the main streets and squares of Madrid with their peculiar Christmas attire. They arrived at a restaurant, where the participants were offered cocktails and a gift voucher was given. With the contributions of the participants of the association "I invite you to dinner" which will help to buy food and toys for the most disadvantaged families.

The second activity 'The procession of the Three Kings was carried out also escorting motorcycles, through the city of Torrejón, near the capital Madrid. There were also donation of toys to children by the Catholic NGO smiles.



The Madrid region, in addition to being one of the largest in terms of IPA members, is also one of the regions with the largest number of activities in Spain. Some of the trips it organises are very popular, such as the traditional event: He goes to Israel, to visit the "Holy Land" and also to New York for Columbus Day. In addition to visiting different units and dependencies of the NYPD, whose hospitality is exemplary, they participate in a traditional parade down Fifth Avenue, wearing the police uniform and country flags of the

International Police Association.

More and more IPA members from Madrid and the rest of Spain are joining this initiative.

**Autor: Montejano.**

**Saludos.**





## NEW IPA LOGO & ROUNDEL



The logo of the International Police Association is the centrepiece of our organisation's identity, and has remained relatively unchanged since the IPA was founded in 1950. The original version of the logo was hand drawn by the IPA's founder, Arthur Troop in 1950, and although it had become well established throughout the early years of the association, it wasn't adopted as the official emblem of the IPA until the first World Congress in Paris, France in 1955, where it was debated more thoroughly than any other item on the agenda.

Arthur Troop paid immense attention to detail when he was designing the IPA logo, as he needed to make sure that every element accurately represented what the IPA stands for, and what its aims are as an international friendship organisation.

The centre globe shows the worldwide scope of the association and the unity of police officers around the world. The eight-pointed star is used as the background for most police helmet badges in the UK. The effect is completed by the laurel scrolls on either side of the badge, with the scroll at the base that displays the IPA motto. The language for the association's motto was heavily debated during the 1955 World Congress, but ultimately Arthur Troop decided to contact Bob Hamilton, an IPA member and expert in the international language of Esperanto, who translated the motto which has remained the same since then. The chosen motto for the association was 'Servo per Amikeco', and directly translates to English as 'Service through Friendship'.

Since Arthur Troop's first design of the logo, the International Police Association has continued to develop and grow.



New IPA Emblem

The emblem and the roundel badge were revised and simplified in 2022 as part of the development of a corporate design for the IPA Section Germany.

At the 65th World Congress in Lloret de Mar, delegates voted in favour of the new IPA designed logos presented by President IPA Germany-Oliver Hoffmann and they were adopted internationally.

The new logo remains close to the original version, but includes a wider scope of the globe image to ensure coverage of all of our national sections, whilst bringing a more modern, up to date look and feel.

**Usage:** If possible and economically justifiable, the emblem should always be implemented in colour. Different variants have been developed for the best possible print presentation.

The files for the new logo and roundel have been circulated by the IAC to sections via We Transfer. If you have not received these, please email [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org).



New IPA Roundel

### IPA FRANCE 70TH ANNIVERSARY FRIENDSHIP WEEK

IPA France are pleased to invite you to celebrate 70 year anniversary of their section from **10-18 June 2023**.

This special 'birthday' Friendship week will take you to the D-Day beaches, Mont Saint Michel, Granville and other surprises of this beautiful region filled with history.

The second part of the week will allow you to visit some of the magnificent 'chateaux of the Loire.'

This amazing event will end with a gala dinner to celebrate their anniversary.

Please visit the International website for more information

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/ipa-france-friendship-week-70th-anniversary/178912>

You can also email IPA France [70ans@ipafrance.org](mailto:70ans@ipafrance.org)

## IPA UK OPENS 'GATEWAY TO THE NORTH'



**Alex Williams with Anne and her husband**

Norway – cold, wet, foggy, uncomfortable, mosquitos and very expensive. These were just some of my thoughts prior to contacting IPA Norway! But upon landing in Tromso on 25 June 2022 I was warmly welcomed by IPA member Anne who invited me into her home.

The hospitality and kindness was over whelming. Difficulties in rescheduling my cycle ride due to unplanned strike action at the airport evaporated and on Day 3 I was happily cycling towards Nordkapp, well rested and full of food and cheer!

My crazy holiday adventure was to cycle from Nordkapp through the Norwegian fjords to Bergen, some 2,500 - 2,700km or thereabouts. The journey would take around 30 days and follow loosely the Eurovelo 1 bicycle route. Before departure, I shared my plans with Gunnar Baardsen who created a Whats App group introducing me to his IPA contacts along the west coast. My companion for the journey would be 'SWOOP' the IPA UK section mascot who was very keen to meet IPA Norway members.

Basked in glorious sunshine and never-ending daylight I pedalled forth. With new travel plans I messaged ahead to Alta for advice on ferries / camping opportunities and to see if anyone might be free for a beer. Within two hours Harald arrived in his police van, jumped out and presented me with a cold bottle of coca-cola and some water. How fabulous! I was given good directions for the remaining 40km to Alta police station where I was afforded a hot shower, a superb tour of the police station and a wonderful evening chatting to the duty police team and eating pizza and chocolate cake.



**Harald and Alex**

Harald welcomed me in to his home for the night and we shared a fabulous breakfast with his wife in the morning. Fortified with some delicious home-made pastries and a huge chocolate bar I was once more cycling north feeling fresh and recharged.

In less than a week I arrived with my two new German cycling companions at Nordkapp where we witnessed the mid-night sun on the most glorious of summer nights. A breath-taking moment in my life. Twenty-four hours later I was floating my way back to Tromso on the Hurtigrutn ferry, experiencing the fjords in a totally new and exotic way.

Once again IPA Norway welcomed me, this time Lars Meland's assistance of a night's accommodation in Tromso allowing me the opportunity for a good night's sleep as well as doing some laundry and preparing my equipment and bicycle for the journey south.



**Alex, Swoop, Pelle and Thornben**

The following days I experienced the most beautiful cycling ever. With the unusually delightful warm weather I cycled through the days and nights, stunning views and unforgettable scenery.

But two weeks into my journey I encountered real Norwegian weather in the Lofoton Islands. Strong winds, heavy persistent rain and cold air blasted me for the next 150km.

I was so glad to meet IPA member Thorben, a patrol officer from Bodo who gave me an opportunity for a hot shower at the police station and a chance to dry off and warm up.

### IPA UK INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY 2023

IPA UK's Motorcycle Special Interest Group invites you to take part in their second International Motorcycle Rally, which will take place between **29 June - 2 July 2023**.

A number of led rides will be available on the Friday and Saturday to various locations, which will vary from shorter rides to local attractions, or longer rides through the Welsh countryside.

Those who would like to participate are directed to contact the hotel directly to book their place - [info@hand-hotel-llangollen.com](mailto:info@hand-hotel-llangollen.com)

You can also find further information on our international IPA website:

<https://www.ipa-international.org/Events/international-motorcycle-rally/178904>

## 'GATEWAY TO NORWAY'- CONTINUED...

I thoroughly enjoyed Thorben's company and hospitality. I was introduced to Pelle the famous police car and we enjoyed a beer and a tasty sushi buffet in the evening. IPA Norway kindly arranged a place for me to stay the night instead of my cold wet tent, I was very grateful. Despite Thorben being incredibly busy at work and at home, he kindly brought me a 'mobile' breakfast in the morning and drove me a few kilometres south to get me started again on my journey to Trondheim and Bergen. Thank you.



**Alex & Marta**

Kristiansund thanks to Sigvart encouraging me to experience the famous 'Atlantic road' (which I had never heard of)! Sage advice about the dangerous undersea tunnels for bicycles left me with a dilemma which Sigvart quickly solved involving a bike rack on his car. At the pre-arranged location Sigvart kindly collected me (and unexpectedly another stranded lady French cyclist), escorting us safely through the dangerous tunnels. Once again an IPA Norwegian home was opened-up for me, Sigvart generously treating me to a delicious traditional dinner at a local restaurant. In the morning Sigvart once again took me through the undersea tunnels to my starting place which was the Atlantic Road.

Throughout the last decade I have been very fortunate to cycle a great many European countries and the southern States of America. My preference is to travel alone, carrying my tent, clothing and all my food and equipment needed to be self-sufficient. Exploring the world by bicycle I highly recommend to anyone in whatever way suits you. The extraordinary people one meets, the cultures and experiences one learns about are quite unforgettable. Norway was not disappointing me one bit!

And so arriving in to Trondheim I was glad to meet Marta, a police prosecutor. We instantly connected and we enjoyed a wonderful few hours chatting and learning about each others police work in addition to the fun of Marta learning to ride her motorbike. I was treated to a sushi buffet which was perfect for recharging my batteries after some 1,800km.

With another 800-900km to Bergen, I made a diversion further west to



**Sigvart and Alex Williams**

Like any British person appreciates, the weather is always a talking point and so the changeable Norwegian weather conditions in Norway made for some tough cycling over the coming days. The wind blasted into my face constantly, my lips blue from the cold and my hair dancing in the wind. Luckily I'd brought some winter clothing and so donned up in my winter cycling outfit I pedalled hard to keep warm. It was exhausting. The chilly nights in the tent were bearable with layers of clothing, a warm feathered sleeping bag and a woolly hat. The adventure in the great outdoors was fantastic. My camping was always in the wilderness and never a campsite, away from roads, buildings and tourists. Just me alone in the Norwegian forests and fjords.



**Alex Williams & Oystein**

As with every journey there is an end. And so with great delight I sloshed into Bergen with the rain falling heavily. For the first time in Norway I treated myself to a hotel room for my last two nights. A final IPA contact Oystein Roksvag met me for coffee and cake. What a fantastic way to end my holiday and what a terrific adventure Norway was.

For me, the American travel writer Tim Cahill summed up my 30 day odyssey in Norway –

*'A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles'.*

Thank you IPA Norway. Thank you friends. I hope to welcome you all to London UK very soon.

**Alex Williams**

*(Secretary IPA London North Branch, IPA London Reception Officer)*

# IPA KENYA SHOOTING COMPETITION



The IPA Kenya Section on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 organised a successful shooting competition at the Ruiru shooting range. The exercise was organised in partnership with the Association of Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Kenya. The event was targeting women in the security industry to ignite a passion in shooting and encourage more women to participate in shooting competitions, either professionally or as a hobby.

The event was spearheaded by Ms. Lilian Okembo, Commissioner of Police and the Chairperson of IPA Kenya Shooting Club, in conjunction with IPA Kenya 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ms. Poline Munyi. The event was graced by the WISE Secretary General, Vice Chairlady and Assistant Treasurer. The coaches were: Head Coach Peter Muli and Ms. Pauline Munyi. Assistant coaches were: Mohamed Adan, Belinda Akoth, and Haider Ali. In attendance from the IPA Kenya National Executive Board were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president Mukhtar Omar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Enock Makanga, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Salesioh Njiru, Treasurer, Franklin Mugendi and Assistant Treasurer, Arcade Kisingo.



Ms. Poline Munyi during the presentation of trophies



Shooting in progress

The event kicked off with the first shot from IPA Kenya 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Mr Mukhtar Omar. Thereafter, competitions commenced with experts shooting and demonstrating to other participants what is expected during the shoot.

The competitions were in four major categories: Experts, Standard, Novice and steel Challenge.

Overall Expert trophies were awarded to:

**MALE** - Aden Mohamed **FEMALE**- Belind Akoth

Trophies were also awarded to 6-7 winners of each category.

The WISE SG, Ms. Monicah Kimani, appreciated the invitation by IPA Kenya Section and said her organisation was looking forward to participating in our future activities and strengthening our partnership in the spirit of friendship.



By Jared Ojuok, HSC  
SG IPA Kenya Section

# THE ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

## By Region Osaka-IPA Japan

Even though the influence of Covid 19 still exists, it seems that visitors are coming back to town. In the year of 2022, Region Osaka of IPA Japan welcomed IPA friends overseas and assisted with their requests four times, starting March for a Sri Lankan family, and continued with a Spanish family in July, November for a friend from Hong Kong and December for a German friend who has been in Osaka to study Japanese language.



Find out more about these activities below:

### **Sri Lankan family**

A Sri Lankan member and his wife visited Osaka in March and we took them to Nara, an ancient city close to Osaka. On the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> we toured around some temples and gardens. In the afternoon, we visited Osaka Prefectural Police Headquarters and Osaka Castle Park where cherry blossoms were booming beautifully. At the evening reception, they expressed their appreciation for our hospitality, noting that they were very impressed with the serene temples and the

elegance of the cherry blossoms.

### **Spanish family**

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, we took the family to Higashi-Sumiyoshi Police Station, one of 65 stations in Osaka. After meeting with the chief, the deputy chief took us to the backyard and there two officers had been waiting for us. They showed us tools and equipment of their patrolling vehicle and demonstrated using “Sasumata”, an equipment to pin down a suspect, such as a person with a knife. The Spanish member was taught how to use it. In the evening, approximately 10 members of Region Osaka gathered to welcome the family and we had a wonderful time. Later,



the Spanish member sent us a commemorative plaque stating “ARIGATOU GOZAIMASU”. This means “Thank you very much” in Japanese.



### **Hong Kong friend**

A Hong Kong member came to Osaka with his family in November and at his request to visit a police station, we took him to Konohana Police Station on 24<sup>th</sup>. After meeting the chief, he took us around the station and explained in English about the various problems and the criminal situation that

occur in his jurisdiction. He also took us to “dojo”, a training hall for martial arts, to show us their training demonstration of Kendo. The Hong Kong member expressed he was so impressed with the hospitality of the chief and us. Later that evening, we had a great dinner together with his wife and his friends from NYPD.

# THE ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

## By Region Osaka-IPA Japan

### German friend

A German member arrived in Osaka in September to study Japanese language for one year. We held a welcome reception for her in November and arranged a tour of Osaka Prefectural Police Academy on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Our female member and I took her to the academy and met the principal. After the short briefing at his office, the deputy principal showed us around the campus. First, he took us to a classroom where the students who had been there for 3 months were learning the techniques of fingerprinting. Then, we visited Judo and Kendo classes to observe their drills. The tour included a visit to the dormitory and a glimpse of the daily life of students. Since she would be staying in our area for a year, we decided that we treat her like a member of Region Osaka. A couple of female members had already taken her to town to enjoy shopping.



Osaka is the second biggest province next to Tokyo. It has quite a few nice places to visit and is also located close to Kyoto and Nara that are historical sightseeing areas. In addition, Osaka will have an Expo in 2025 and are expecting a lot of visitors in town. We, Region Osaka, are ready to welcome our IPA friends from all over the world and are looking forward to having wonderful time with them.

**Toshikazu Sakamoto**  
**Secretary General**  
**Region Osaka, IPA Japan**

## WALTER HERRMANN—OBITUARY



### Honorary Member of the German IPA Section 1931-2023

It is with great sadness that we have the duty to inform you that our Honorary Member of the German IPA Section, Walter Herrmann, passed away on 5 January 2023.

With Walter Herrmann, we lose an IPA visionary, a gentleman, and an IPA friend, who was always keen to introduce young police employees to the IPA and to establish and maintain national and international friendships.

The saying "Whoever wears this sign is one of us!" prompted Herrmann to take an interest in the IPA at the age of 26 and to join the IPA in 1957. Two years later he was an assessor on the executive committee of the Bavarian branch, then head of the IPA branch Munich, head of the IPA region Bavaria, secretary general, vice-president and from 1996 to 1999 president of the German IPA section. He was also active at international level as 3rd International Vice-President from 1987 to 1990 and very much appreciated.

We would like to thank Walter Herrmann for his many years of service to the IPA and bow to a true gentleman and IPA diplomat.

**Oliver Hoffmann—President IPA Germany**

# VOYAGE IPA LIÈGE (BELGIUM) EN JORDANIE ET ISRAËL AU BERCEAU DE NOTRE CIVILISATION JUDÉO-CHRÉTIENNE



## Quel périple ! Que de découvertes ! Un voyage merveilleux, époustouflant de la section provinciale IPA Liège (Belgium) au Proche - Orient du 29.10 au 08.11.2022

Le 29 octobre 2022, un groupe de 21 membres de l'IPA Liège (Belgium) s'envolait pour le Proche-Orient, destination Amman, capitale de la Jordanie, dans un premier temps, puis Israël, cinq jours plus tard, en autocar, via le check-point d'Allenby Bridge. Une expérience inoubliable, des découvertes à vous couper le souffle, une amitié dans le groupe, à chaque jour renouvelée!

La Jordanie n'étant pas membre de l'I.P.A., je ne m'étendrais pas outre mesure sur ce pays mais signalerai cependant quelques sites historiques que nous avons découverts.

Ensevelies pendant plusieurs siècles sous un manteau de sable, les ruines de la cité romaine de Jerash furent redécouvertes en 1806 par l'explorateur allemand Ulrich Seltzen. Les vestiges retrouvés retracent l'histoire de la région. Site archéologique d'exception, Jerash attire des voyageurs pour l'incroyable état de préservation de ses vestiges. L'émerveillement est total.



Retenons en particulier la porte d'entrée de la cité, l'arc de triomphe d'Hadrien qui donne le ton de la visite - ici le temps s'est arrêté en pleine Antiquité - ; l'hippodrome; le temple de Zeus ; le théâtre antique et le forum. Une superbe rue ornée de 200 colonnes s'étend sur 800 mètres: le Cardo maximus.



de vérifier les dires ! En effet, on y flotte sans faire de mouvements pour rester à la surface!

En route vers Petra, nous nous sommes arrêtés au Mont Nebo, l'un des principaux lieux bibliques de la Jordanie. Croyants ou non, les visiteurs montent jusqu'au sommet de la montagne pour observer les terres arides de l'actuel royaume hachémite. Une table d'orientation permet de comprendre ce qu'aurait vu Moïse avant de partir pour la terre promise. Le site abrite une basilique, un musée et de nombreuses fresques de mosaïques. Le paysage est impressionnant : la vallée du Jourdain, la mer Morte et Israël dans le lointain...

Le quatrième jour est réservé à la visite de Petra souvent décrite comme la 8<sup>ème</sup> merveille du monde. Au milieu des falaises rouges, des tombeaux et temples taillés dans le grès, un ingénieux système de canaux et d'irrigation, de citernes et réservoirs sont les témoignages d'une civilisation disparue, avancée et ingénieuse. Petra est le site touristique le plus fréquenté de la Jordanie, et pour cause, cette merveille fondée vers le 6<sup>ème</sup> siècle avant Jésus-Christ par les Édomites puis occupée par les Nabatéens, est l'un des sites archéologiques les plus célèbres au monde.



Nous quittons Petra - la - Belle, pour rejoindre notre campement des mille et une nuits dans le désert de Wadi Rum, paysages désertiques comportant des canyons, des arches naturelles, des falaises et des grottes, situé au sud de l'Arabie en Jordanie. Il a été inscrit au Patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco, en 2011, en tant que bien mixte naturel et culturel. On y découvre des vues spectaculaires et des couchers de soleil mémorables sur le désert. Notre campement sous tentes (climatisées) est situé au cœur de la zone protégée du [Wadi Rum](#). Pendant la nuit, c'est un lieu de quiétude absolue, sous le ciel rempli de milliers d'étoiles.



A l'aube du cinquième jour, nous effectuons un safari de 2 heures en jeep 4x4 à travers ce désert de Wadi Rum, lieu magique unique, hors de tout sentier touristique, avec, au passage, un arrêt dans l'un des repaires de Laurence d'Arabie où une immense stèle a été érigée en sa mémoire.



En route maintenant pour rejoindre la frontière israélo-jordanienne, passage par le check-point d'Allenby Bridge vers Israël.

L'entrée en Israël s'est relativement bien passée. Les agents des douanes et de la sécurité procèdent aux contrôles avec beaucoup de sérieux mais sont très polis et semblent très « cool ».

Nous faisons connaissance de notre guide israélien, Yoav. C'est comme si l'on se connaissait depuis toujours, accolades, embrassades... C'est un pied-noir, français d'origine qui a rejoint Israël avec sa famille alors qu'il avait 14 ans. Il a participé à 4 guerres depuis la guerre des 6 jours. Il nous raconte son parcours qui aura des incidences sur les explications qu'il nous donnera par la suite. Excellent guide, excellent historien et narrateur, nous l'avons écouté avec beaucoup d'intérêt. C'est sans doute le meilleur guide que nous ayons eu depuis que nous voyageons dans le monde.



A Jérusalem, nous passerons 3 nuits au « Lady Stern », un magnifique hôtel haut de gamme au cœur de la ville.

Jérusalem: Visite incontournable, lieu chargé d'histoire. La bible y consacre plusieurs passages. Depuis le Mont des Oliviers, la vue est impressionnante sur la ville, sur les cimetières où se trouve la tombe des prophètes, le cimetière juif, la vue sur la vieille ville et l'esplanade des Mosquées et plus généralement sur Jérusalem. C'est la ville du Proche-Orient, qui tient une place centrale dans les religions juive, chrétienne et musulmane..

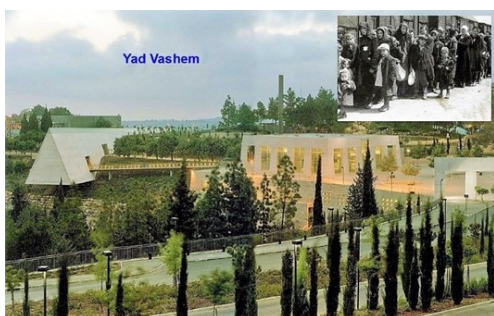


Viste de la vieille ville en passant par le mur des lamentations. Puis, à travers le quartier palestinien, nous accédons à la « Via Dolorosa » tristement célèbre puisque c'est le « Chemin de croix du Christ ». Nous terminons cette ascension par la visite de l'église du Saint-Sépulcre qui a



été édiflée, restaurée et agrandie par les croisés au XIIème siècle sur le Mont du Golgotha, lieu de crucifixion de Jésus et de la grotte où son corps fut déposé.

L'après-midi fut consacrée à la visite de Yad Vashem, le mémorial construit à la mémoire des victimes juives de la Shoah, extermination perpétrée par les nazis pendant la seconde guerre mondiale.



Nous sommes déjà au septième jour. Viste de Massada. Cette impressionnante forteresse comprend plusieurs palais et des fortifications antiques perchés sur un socle de calcaire, au sommet d'une montagne isolée du désert de Judée. Le site, classé au patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO, monte la garde sur une étendue aride du désert, bordé par le bleu de la mer Morte scintillant au loin.

Le complexe des palais de Massada a été construit sous le roi Hérode 1<sup>er</sup> le Grand, qui a régné de 37 à 29 av. J.-C. Véritable exemple classique de l'architecture du début de l'Empire romain. Massada a été le site d'un dernier combat désespéré opposant des Juifs assiégés par l'armée romaine qui aurait abouti à un suicide de masse, hommes, femmes et enfants, préférant la mort à la capitulation.

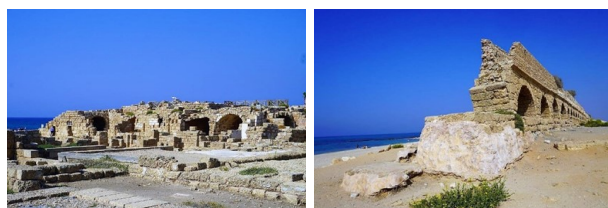
Nous sommes déjà au 8<sup>ème</sup> jour de notre beau voyage. Au programme, Bethléem avec la visite de l'église de la Nativité, croisière sur le Lac de Tibériade, le Mont des Béatitudes en Galilée.

A Tabgha, au nord-ouest de la mer de Galilée, la tradition biblique y localise le miracle de la multiplication des pains et l'apparition du Christ ressuscité à Pierre et à six autres disciples



Passage par Capharnaüm où la basilique Saint-Pierre est un édifice contemporain du 20<sup>ème</sup> siècle, construit sur une église byzantine du 5<sup>ème</sup> siècle, elle-même érigée sur les restes archéologiques présumés de la «Maison de saint Pierre ».

Nous nous dirigeons maintenant vers Tel Aviv, ultime étape de notre voyage en passant par Césarée sur les rives de la Méditerranée où nous découvrons les ruines romaines les plus impressionnantes et les mieux conservées en Israël.



Nous arrivons à Tel-Aviv, terme de notre magnifique périple.

Construite sur les rives de la Méditerranée, Tel Aviv est le poumon économique d'Israël avec ses immenses buildings et ses larges artères où la circulation est partagée entre les tous les usagers laissant une part belle aux usagers les plus faibles (piétons, cyclistes...).

Un petit détour par le vieux port de Jaffa et les souks de la vieille ville, pour nous retrouver dans le quartier des artistes peintres et sculpteurs avant de visiter l'église dédiée à saint Pierre. En effet, Jaffa serait le lieu où le premier pape aurait guérit Tabitha, la veuve d'un disciple de Jésus !

Et pour clôturer notre voyage en beauté, nous avons été reçus par l'IPA d'Israël . Une très belle rencontre.

Nous étions attendu le 07.11.2022 à la section IPA Israël, à Jaffa. Belle et chaleureuse réception où chaque membre de notre section a reçu quelques souvenirs. Le Dr Eran ISRAEL, Secrétaire général, nous a présenté l'IPA Israël et la police à l'appui d'un film remarquable, primé par les media israéliens.

La section israélienne compte 25.000 membres avec 120 points d'appui au sein des services de police. On peut rêver !

Je ne puis terminer ce récit sans remercier très chaleureusement notre guide et ami, Yoav. Merci de nous avoir fait découvrir une partie de ce beau pays, Israël, qui est le sien. De Jérusalem à Tel Aviv, il nous a emmenés sur les chemins bibliques de notre histoire et donné envie de (re)lire l'Ancien Testament et la Torah.



En véritable historien et superbe narrateur, il nous a conté de belles histoires qui nous ont vraiment captivés. Quel comédien il est tant dans l'expression verbale que non verbale ! Et poète « à la Brassens », par-dessus le marché. Quelle belle composition musicale avec les mots justes il nous a faite et chantée ! Que de souvenirs pour nous, bien gravés au creux de notre cœur et dans notre mémoire.

Au cours de cette réunion amicale, Gal SHARON, la nouvelle Présidente de l'IPA Israël, nous a fait l'honneur et le plaisir de venir nous saluer.

Et voici la fin de nos aventures en Jordanie et Israël, riches en culture et un régal pour nos yeux et nos papilles gustatives...

Nous avons visité de deux magnifiques pays que nous recommandons. De plus, nous n'avons jamais ressenti un sentiment d'insécurité au cours de notre séjour.



« Servo per Amikeco »

**André NICOLAS, Président  
IPA Liège (Belgium)**

Très bon contact au bénéfice de nos membres qui souhaiteraient visiter ce beau pays!

## MARKETING



**Winter Policing Image - Police car with Northern Lights Courtesy of IPA Iceland**

**The marketing and the promotion of IPA is an important function, and as part of our marketing strategy we need your help with our social media content.**

Social media has become the most influential and important virtual space where social media platforms are not only used for social networking but are also a great way to promote the IPA brand and generate brand awareness.

You may have seen some images of police dogs submitted from some of our sections throughout January.

For the month of February we will be focusing on Winter Policing. We need content from each IPA Section covering the monthly topic. Ideally one or two photos (or videos) per month from each section would provide us with a wide range of interesting social media posts. Please send these to [iac@ieb-ipa.org](mailto:iac@ieb-ipa.org)

## LAST WORD

The February edition of the IPA Newsletter beautifully highlights the international aspect of the IPA: We have news articles from four continents. All the way over in South America from our friends in Brazil, to Asia with articles from IPA Japan and IPA Israel, Kenya in Africa and back to Europe including Spain, Belgium, and United Kingdom. It covers anniversary celebrations of our sections, friendship events and festivities over the Christmas period. It amazes me just how the IPA can bring people together and make travelling the world more easily accessible and enjoyable. I thoroughly enjoy putting this newsletter together and hearing all of your stories and seeing the different cultures of the world.

I'm doing some travelling with the IPA myself this month and visiting Vienna with the IEB. The itinerary that IPA Austria have put together is amazing, and I can't wait to spend some time with IPA friends from different sections. Whilst it's great to communicate with you all via email, I look forward to meeting some of you in person in the near future.

Finally, it's great to have the new IPA logo implemented and slowly see our sections making the changes across channels. Whilst it will take some time to change everything in its entirety it's nice to see the refreshed artwork circulating.

Until next month,

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