



## IPA Newsletter

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### An IPA night to remember!



Experiencing the Northern Lights courtesy of IPA Iceland

## WORD OF INTRODUCTION

### **May the 'Olympic flame' enlighten us all!**

As you may notice every month by reading our Newsletter and especially the 'Calendar of Events', IPA life is rich and thriving across the world. Getting together in a social, cultural or professional event, and sharing friendly moments is what the IPA is about, in the true spirit of our motto 'Service through Friendship', spreading our goals and contributing at our modest level to the defence of human rights, democratic values and peace in the world.

Because, my dear friends, what is the world currently showing us? Worrying turbulences and events which present us with questions but do not provide us with answers. We are faced with an infuriating impotence vis-a-vis the unforeseeable, be it violence, distress or iniquity.

The recent events in Turkey, Belgium and Pakistan have extended the long list of terror acts across the world. I would like to seize this chance to present our deepest sympathy to all our friends affected by these events.

Terrorism - Radicalisation: evils without borders which can strike at any moment and weaken ideals built by our ancestors. Is it the absence of answers or reference points which leads sons and daughters of our countries to enlist in brigades of death and make the ideologies of terror their own? That they die in regions where the crusades of shame still write the history is undoubtedly not our worst fear, but the fact that they return, with hatred in their hearts, in order to kill so many innocent people at random, plunges us into fear, into a state of siege which weakens our democratic values.

Among the many IPA events taking place in April, I would like to highlight the 1st IPA World Symposium organised by Section Greece in Ancient Olympia from 18-22 April, held during the lighting of the Olympic Flame. The purpose of this event is to create an IPA Olympic Movement, the acquaintance with the cradle of the ancient Hellenic civilisation and sports at the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

As Pierre de Coubertin said : 'May joy and good fellowship reign, and in this manner may the Olympic torch pursue its way through ages, increasing friendly understanding among nations, for the good of a humanity always more enthusiastic, more courageous and more pure'.

So may the Olympic flame enlighten us all!

Thank you to section Greece for putting together such a meaningful event and thank you also to all sections, regions and branches for any event you organise: a true sign of our international friendship.

***Pierre-Martin Moulin, IPA President***

# AROUND THE WORLD

## IPA Israel develop a new website and app

The goal of building a new website for IPA Israel was to create a communication tool enabling IPA Israel to get in touch with all 22,650 members of the section.

Not just to get in touch, but also to be able to send all news, projects, events and a lot more, *in real time* to all members.

Since not all members are connected online to their computers, the solution to achieve this goal was to adjust the website to the smartphone.



This adjustment will make the website 'smartphone-friendly', and allows us to develop an application that can be downloaded onto every smartphone screen.

That way we can 'push' news and announcements to our members, on-line, and members will see it on their smartphones.

We took it one step further: announcements can be sent nationally by our main office, or by the head of a local branch to their members.

The new website was presented to our NEC and heads of the branches in March 2016 and is now online and operational. We will start sending emails and messages to members to enable them to download the application onto their smartphones.

Our website has five languages (including Russian). It contains all the international IPA Newsletters, the IPA international heritage as well as the Israeli one. Members can access all services available from the Israeli section. We also provide links to all national sections and IPA houses, and we upload all international events, including sports competitions.

You will have access to all information, are able to contact the section, and can join the IPA.

All forms are available online electronically.

We invite all IPA members to visit our new website. You will not understand everything, unless you know Hebrew... but we will be happy to receive your comments!

The website address is <http://ipa-israel.org.il>

**Eran Israel, Secretary General IPA Israel**

## Guinness on Ice ...



On 4 March 2016 a group of 26 members from IPA Ireland travelled to Iceland to partake in an IPA Guinness Forum meeting which was hosted by IPA Iceland. The event began with the Irish contingent attending Iceland's National Congress which conveniently concluded with a 'meet and greet' over a few beers, great food and a Guinness Birthday Cake for the IPAGF President. The meeting then adjourned to a few of the downtown Reykjavik bars, where a late night and lots of fun was had.

Day 2 - In true IPA hospitable style, the President and Secretary General of IPA Iceland took their Irish guests on the Golden Circle tour of Iceland. We visited Gullfoss Waterfall, the Icelandic Geysers and Þingvellir National Park, just to name a few. The second night unsurprisingly ended back downtown in the Lebowski Bar where the IPA Guinness Forum coin challenges proved popular.

Day 3 commenced with a city tour of Reykjavik and all the wonderful sights that it offers. Later in the day the Irish group travelled to the Blue Lagoon hot springs for an afternoon of relaxation and rejuvenation following a few late nights. Even while lounging about in the lagoon, a coin challenge was called, thus leaving many members running for their coins, especially considering the price of the drinks!



The highlight of the trip was a tour of the Northern Lights. This amazing phenomenon surpassed everyone's expectations and just cannot be described by words, so let's hope the photos you can see do it justice.

IPA Ireland want to sincerely thank IPA Iceland, and in particular Einar Guðberg Jónsson and Baldur Ólafson, for their kind hospitality and great friendship.

***Michael Walsh, President IPA Guinness Forum***

## IPA UK hold IPA House Managers' Meeting in Scotland



*Paul Crozier and Mark Kernohan at work during the HMM*

St Andrews in Scotland was the recent venue for the IPA international House Managers' Meeting (HMM), when delegates from Holland, Germany, Romania, Denmark, Sweden, Greece and the U.K. met to discuss issues and strategies in relation to the management of IPA houses across the world.

The house managers all took the opportunity to highlight both successes and challenging situations in managing IPA houses, and it was suggested that we ask the IEB through the socio-cultural commission to try and develop as a work stream an international strategy for the promotion of IPA houses in an ever-changing world of members' travelling accommodation needs.

The weekend brought together 31 delegates and partners who also enjoyed the social side of the IPA with a Scottish Piper and dancing which was matched by a lesson in Greek national dancing and Danish singing! The group also enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Edinburgh, which enabled the Romanian delegates to purchase tartan bonnets and ginger wigs.

One sad note on the weekend was the announcement that the last remaining IPA house in Section UK at St Andrews in Scotland closed on 1 March 2016. This was due to it no longer being financially viable. We give thanks for the loyal service of Pauline and Tom Crozier as house managers, and it is good to know that any bookings made for this year will be honoured but no further ones will be taken.

**Mark Kernohan, Vice President IPA UK**

## Members of IPA Ireland explore South Carolina's maritime treasures

On 15 March 2016, members of IPA Ireland visited the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum on Charleston Harbor, South Carolina.



Our staff treated them to a guided tour of all three of our warships: the USS YORKTOWN (Aircraft Carrier), USS LAFFEY (destroyer) and USS CLAMAGORE (submarine).

Pictured are two photos of the group, enjoying their adventure to Charleston.

Below is a link to our website in case you would like to obtain more information about our museum, or come and visit us ourselves!

<http://www.patriotspoint.org/>

**Christopher Hauff, Public Information Officer,  
Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum**

## IPA UK showing Highland hospitality at its best

43 IPA Members, families and friends descended on the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, for Tayside Branch's Ceilidh Weekend in the Highlands of Scotland.

The Ghillies Bar was the focal point for meeting old and new friends. Our great friend Owe Nordin from Virsbo, Sweden travelled the furthest: He left home at 3:30 a.m. and took a bus, 2 flights and a car journey to reach us just in time for dinner!

After a full Scottish Breakfast, Saturday started with a trip to Tomatin Distillery. Some shed a few tears when they sniffed the vapours from the mash tank!

Everyone returned to the Hotel for Whisky & Wine Tasting.

Those who enjoy "Uisge beatha" smiled when the "Whisky Man" produced 1 bottle of blended Whisky and 7 malts from various areas of Scotland. That's what you call Highland Hospitality!



*Sara Luke:  
the lucky winner of the  
Arthur Troop Whisky*

Guests assembled in reception before being 'piped' into the dining room.

The excellent Ceilidh Band soon had our feet tapping and before long the floor was adorned with swinging kilts and tartan dresses. A word of caution to those who have not previously worn a kilt: Make sure that your straps are tight. If you underestimate the weight of a kilt while 'Stripping the Willow', disaster may strike... We almost found out if one of our Irish friends was a true Celt!

Sunday saw part of the group head home while others did a bit of exploring. Some went for a walk in the countryside, others researched their family tree, while 9 headed up to the summit of Cairngorm.

It's all happening again next year, Friday, 3 February. Contact [1Region@ipa-uk.org](mailto:1Region@ipa-uk.org) if you are interested in taking part.

*Haste Ye Back We Love You Dearly!*

## Charity Donation

Our Ceilidh Weekend raised funds for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA), which is based in the village of Scone near Perth.



*The Scottish Air Ambulance helicopter at its base in Scone*

No 1 Region kindly donated a bottle of the IPA Arthur Troop Centenary, 25 year old Malt Whisky which was the subject of a Prize Draw and raised £300.

Tomatin Distillery waived the charge for our tour, provided the participants donated to our designated charity. This raised £95.

The Duke of Gordon Hotel and those

attending donated prizes and these were raffled, which raised £367. **The grand total being £762.**

The SCAA also received a further £300 from the raffle of Bottle number 1 of the IPA Arthur Troop Centenary 25 year old Malt Whisky, drawn at Central Scotland's Friendship week in August.

**Yvonne McGregor, IPA UK**

## IPA HOUSES – YOURS TO DISCOVER!

### IPA House Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

***The Gold Coast IPA House is a self-catering unit located within the Grande Florida Resort, Redondo Drive, Miami, Queensland – 1.5 hours' drive from Brisbane. The Resort has some 300 units and is located on the beachfront at Miami. The location is basically at the centre of the Gold Coast, only six kilometres south of Surfers Paradise.***

The Resort itself has many features, the main ones being the two large swimming pools (one of which is directly outside the IPA Unit). One of these is heated and is child-friendly, having a covered area at the shallow area in which kids of all ages can splash around in safety. Secure car parking, barbecue facilities, a games room for the children, a sauna and the location are just some of the highlights.

The IPA Unit itself has two bedrooms, the main bedroom having a private ensuite. The lounge/dining area is quite open and cool and leads out onto a private



balcony overlooking the pools. Air conditioning is provided, with ceiling fans throughout. TV and DVD players are located in the lounge and the main bedroom. The lounge also has a sofa bed which allows the unit to accommodate six people at any time. For larger families extra bedding can be obtained from the Resort Office. There is also a safe in the unit for members to secure valuables.

If you are not renting a vehicle, there are various transport options available from either Brisbane or Gold Coast International Airport by either utilising taxis, busses (with a bus stop two minutes' walk away from the IPA Unit), or trains.

The Gold Coast is the main tourist destination for visitors to Australia. A great climate, wonderful beaches, some of the best surfing in the world, multiple theme parks for the families, nearby rainforest areas in the hills behind the Coast, great restaurants and many opportunities to indulge in retail therapy.

The Gold Coast was initially founded by traders and merchants travelling north from Sydney to Brisbane. The availability of fresh water, excellent forests providing quality timber for building and rich soils for farming saw settlers initially decide on the Nerang area as a base for their endeavours. The town gradually grew along the banks of the river and to the coastline. The Miami area is geographically in the middle of the Gold Coast. It is adjacent to Mermaid Beach to the North and Burleigh Heads to the south.

One interesting item of the area is just south of the IPA house site: adjacent to the Gold Coast Highway opposite the intersection with Christine Avenue is a heritage site. The small park contains what is known as a 'bora ring'. This was a meeting site of the then Aboriginal population who lived in, and travelled through, the area. It is here where ceremonies were held and the ground is now preserved for all to visit.

Also nearby to the Unit is the David Fleay Nature Reserve. This wildlife park has been at Burleigh Heads for over 50 years and has many varieties of Australian wildlife. Not much further down the Gold Coast Highway is the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, and this larger park allows visitors to hand-feed the birdlife, interact with the kangaroos and emus, watch the crocodiles being hand-fed and allows the tourists to have the all-important cuddle with the koala bears.



A local IPA member, Geoff Palmer, has been the House Manager since the Unit was purchased. It is also often the case that Geoff organises social gatherings and dinners for members who are holidaying on the Gold Coast. He also takes members on tours of the area, having grown up on the Gold Coast and having a broad knowledge of the community.

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- Website : <http://ipa-australiapolice.com.au>
- Enquiries : Enquiries and bookings can be made electronically on the website
- Tariffs: Currently the weekly (7-day) tariffs for IPA members are \$600 for the low season (1 Mar to 30 Nov) and \$780 for the high season (1 Dec to 28 Feb). The minimum booking accepted is for 3 nights and this tariff is \$100 per night. These rates are correct up to 30 June 2016 (including all bookings made by that date).

### **WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

*The Australian dollar is down and travel is cheap!*

*So why not make Australia your next destination and utilise the IPA Houses?*

**Andrew Smith, Secretary General IPA Australia**

## **LAST WORD**

Time flies... it does not seem all that long ago that Kerry announced slightly nervously to all of us in the office that she would have a baby.

The time has now come for her to soon meet her new family member and enjoy life as a family of 4 during her maternity leave, which she will start during the first half of April.

All of us at the IAC wish her all the best, and I will of course keep you posted!

Life – and work – at the IAC does not, however, stand still ... and so I have the pleasure this month to introduce you to Wendy Roe (yes, you have read this right, we have found you another Wendy ☺ ), who will join us as Kerry's maternity cover, and who will help us reply to your enquiries, circulate your events, prepare the documentation for the next IPA World Congress and anything else that comes along in our busy office hours.

I wish Wendy a good start at the IAC and hope she will enjoy her time with us!

*Elke*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below a list of IPA events for the next 12 months:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Macau	5-6 Apr 2016	IEB Meeting, Macau
Macau	6-15 Apr 2016	IPA China Macau Conference 2016 IPA China Macau Friendship Week
Slovenia	8-10 Apr 2016	25th Annivers. Celebrations, Rimske Toplice
Greece	18-22 Apr 2016	1st IPA World Symposium, Ancient Olympia
Sweden	22-24 Apr 2016	Northern European Forum, Uppsala
Croatia	30 Apr -14 May 2016	IPA Croatia Tour
France	13-15 May 2016	Int'l Motorcycle Rallye, Mid-Pyrenees
Croatia	14 May 2016	3rd One-day shooting tourn., Split-Stobreč
Italy	18-22 May 2016	17th Adriatic Trophy, Giulianova (Teramo)
Montenegro	18-25 May 2016	IPA Montenegro Friendship Week
Finland	19-22 May 2016	XVII Conf. of Eastern and Central European Countries, Joensuu
Canada	20-31 May 2016	Friendship Week, Montérégie region
Italy	23-29 May 2016	40th Anniversary IPA Tuscany
Poland	26-28 May 2016	5 <sup>th</sup> Int. Football Tournament, Gdynia
Andorra	28 May 2016	10th Meet. of Police Collectors, Escaldes-E.
Spain	29 May - 4 Jun 2016	Barcelona Friendship Week
Germany	3-6 Jun 2016	40th Anniversary IPA Lindau
Russia	30 May-5 Jun	IEB Meeting, Moscow
Russia	1-5 June 2016	2nd IPA Seminar 'Women in Police', Moscow
Russia	1-5 Jun 2016	Mediterranean Sections' Meeting
Russia	5-9 Jun 2016	St Petersburg Friendship Week
USA	6-12 Jun 2016	IPA Training Conference, Wisconsin
Austria	9-12 Jun 2016	IPA Austria Event: 40th Anniversary IPA Wörgl-Kufstein Kitzbühel
Italy	9-12 Jun 2016	6th Int. Motorcycle Rallye, Predazzo, Trento
Spain	11-16 Jun 2016	European Police and Fire Games, Huelva
Italy	17-19 Jun 2016	8th Int. Motorcycle Rally, L'Aquila
Denmark	17-19 Jun 2016	Nordic Sections' Meeting, Northern Zealand
France	27 Jun-2 Jul 2016	'Loire à vélo' Cycle tour
France	29-30 Jun 2016	2nd Int'l Open Golf Tournament, Dijon
Spain	4-17 Jul 2016	IPA Madrid Summer Camp 2016
Estonia	15-17 Jul 2016	Estonian Summer Days
USA	16-30 Jul 2016	International Youth Gathering, Los Angeles
Germany	22-31 Jul 2016	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPA Bork branch
Germany	19-21 Aug 2016	17th Motorbike Meeting, Speyer
Bosnia & H.	21-28 Aug 2016	WISPA Sarajevo 2016
Spain	1-4 Sep 2016	7-a-side int'l football tournament, Salou
Poland	4 Sep 2016	Int. Open Police Cup Half Marathon, Piła
Hungary	5-10 Sep 2016	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship event, Budapest

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France	5-11 Sep 2016	Discovery of the Matheysin Plateau
Italy	8-11 Sep 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trophy Riviera delle Palme, Grottamare
Italy	22-25 Sep 2016	IPA Centenary Motorcycle Rally, Lignano S.
USA	29 Sep-8 Oct 2016	See America rail trip New England
Austria	30 Sep-2 Oct 2016	35th Anniv. of IPA Zillertal and Hüttenabend
Netherlands	10-14 Oct 2016	34 WPIST Eibergen, Groenlo, Lichtenvoorde
Italy	19-24 Oct 2016	54th Anniv. Sardinia + 18th Nat. Congress, Alghero
Cyprus	23-30 Oct 2016	International Friendship Week
Spain	26 Nov 2016	XVI Int. Trader Show, Barcelona
Germany	30 Nov-3 Dec 2016	IEB Meeting, Gimborn

## FORTHCOMING GIMBORN SEMINARS

Please see below a 4-month summary of seminars with vacancies, offered by our international education centre IBZ Gimborn in Germany.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these seminars, please follow the link:

[www.ibz-gimborn.de](http://www.ibz-gimborn.de)



04-08 Apr 2016	Organisierte Kriminalität – Mafiöse Strukturen	G
06-08 Apr 2016	Terrorismus im 21. Jahrhundert	G
11-15 Apr 2016	Le terrorisme jihadiste – une menace actuelle	F
18-22 Apr 2016	Kriminalität auf Achse / Criminal Mobility	E and G
25-29 Apr 2016	Aktiv in den Ruhestand	G
02-04 May 2016	Gen Westen – Flüchtlinge in Deutschland	G
18-20 May 2016	Police on Display – Die Macht der Bilder oder Bilder an die Macht	G
06-10 Jun 2016	Gesichter häuslicher Gewalt Oblicza przemocy domowej	G and Pol
13-17 Jun 2016	Von Engeln, Banditen und Vogelfreien – Rockerbanden und organisierte Kriminalität	G
20-24 Jun 2016	Migration, illegale Einwanderung und Kriminalität Migrazione, immigrazione clandestina e criminalità	G and It
27 Jun-01 Jul 2016	Cybercrime verstehen ‘JuPo’ Understanding Cybercrime – ‘YouPo’ Seminar	G and E
04-06 Jul 2016	Führung in Aussicht oder den Rollenwechsel meistern	G
04-06 Jul 2016	Sicherheit ohne Grenzen? Int. Grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit der Polizeikräfte in Europa	G
04-08 Jul 2016	Rechtsextremismus auf dem Vormarsch?	G