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IPA Assistance Worldwide



A collage highlighting some of the many initiatives IPA sections have started to help those affected by Covid-19

WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Dear friends,

Our 70th anniversary year hasn't quite run to plan, but resilience has always been an important asset for police officers in the face of adversity and indeed disaster. In these recent months, it has been especially in evidence, as members have dealt with the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic, both on a professional level, enforcing various government restrictions, whilst continuing to fulfil their normal duties, and indeed on a private domestic level. The loss of relatives and colleagues to the virus has been especially painful. In addition, we have seen extremes of weather, with drought, forest fires, floods and hurricanes putting all the emergency services under pressure.



The attention given to events by each country's media varies, according to the location in the world. Events in larger and richer nations are given in-depth coverage, whilst for example, the ISIS takeover of the city of Mocímboa da Praia in Mozambique, which may impact on IPA members, has received almost no coverage in the western press. Likewise, the oil spillage in Mauritius has not received the attention a similar event in Europe or the USA could expect.

Long-prepared and anticipated IPA events in every section have had to be cancelled, postponed, or transformed into a remote access format, including the major annual item in our calendar, the IPA World Congress. Whilst clearly disappointed, our organising committee members have accepted the situation and adapted to these ever-changing circumstances. Of course, we shall appreciate and enjoy these events even more, once it is safe again to come together in friendship.

The anticipated IEB meeting planned this summer for Armenia had to be taken off our calendar, but hopefully will proceed in 2021, when we shall have the opportunity to meet the National Board and other local IPA members and show our support. In addition, the IEB members meet remotely by videoconferencing on a frequent basis, and it is interesting how it has so easily become the norm and helps us to keep focused on our tasks and projects. It has also allowed the board to bond faster, and the average time limit of around two hours keeps discussions tight and on track.

Due to external IT problems beyond our control, there was no internet at the Arthur Troop House for around 6 weeks, affecting both our staff at the IAC and our colleagues of IPA UK HQ. As our staff members were already working from home, due to government restrictions imposed by the pandemic, it was perhaps not as bad as if they had been working in the office. However, they still had to come to the building, to access important files, since the outage occurred in the build-up to distributing the documents for the IPA IEC 2020. An unwelcome extra stress, but I am mightily impressed by the resilience and adaptability shown by Elke, Kerry and Daniel.

Thank you and well done to you all!

Stephen Crockard, Head of Administration

AROUND THE WORLD

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

IPA GREECE



The 36th National Congress of IPA Greece took place from 10-12 July 2020 in Leptokaria-Pieria. Delegates from the 54 regions of our section participated, having taken all necessary measures for the security of the participants, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The congress took place in a friendly and fraternal atmosphere, in accordance with the rules and principles of our association. All agenda topics were thoroughly discussed and, consequently, useful conclusions were drawn and important decisions made regarding our association. In addition, elections for the national board were held.

The newly elected members of the board - upon invitation of the new president Vlasios Valatsos, who had received the majority of the votes, were officially formed into a body on 17 July 2020.



The new board wishes to continue the good cooperation with the IEB and all national IPA sections.

Our goal is to continue the hard work of the previous national board members. A great challenge and priority for us will be to organise the IPA World Congress, which will be held in Greece in 2022.

We reassure you that we will do our best to organise an impeccable event so that, in addition to the decisions that are going to be made regarding the future of our

great association, the IPA World Congress will prove to be a unique gathering that all participants will remember forever. Our friends from abroad will have the opportunity to get to know the Greek culture, to see the beautiful sights of our country, and of course to taste the marvellous Greek cuisine.

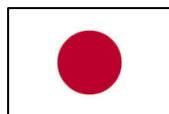
We look forward to meeting you in Greece in 2022!

But first ...see you in Spain in 2021!

Vlasios Valatsos, President IPA Greece

NEW NATIONAL BOARD

IPA Japan



The National Congress of IPA Japan in 2020 was originally scheduled for 18 April 2020, in Chiba Prefecture.

However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the congress was postponed to 18 July 2020. Throughout the pandemic, the members of the Chiba Branch, led by Chief Tabe and Secretary Fujise, prepared hard for this big event.

At one time, the coronavirus infection in Japan seemed to cool down to a certain extent, but from the beginning of July, the number of people infected sharply increased once more, especially in Tokyo, which is next to Chiba Prefecture. Therefore, it suddenly became a difficult decision whether to hold the National Congress as planned, or to suspend it again.

The Executive Board discussed this issue online on many occasions, and in the end, President Kanetaka decided to hold the Congress on schedule, while adapting all the prevention measures suggested by the government to stem the spread of the coronavirus, which include social distancing, measuring the temperature of the participants, wearing facial masks, hand disinfection, full ventilation of the room, etc. Furthermore, we reduced the number of congress participants, especially those who would have needed to travel long-distance by plane or by bullet train, to avoid time spent in crowded spaces or close contact among people.



President Mr Kanetaka chairing the Congress



Measures taken included checking temperature and the installation of acrylic shields

The National Congress was chaired by President Kanetaka. Firstly, the reports of the National Executive Board and of the branch chairpersons were on the agenda, following this, the accounts 2019, the budget 2020, including the International Friendship Week in Japan in March 2021 were approved. Afterwards, we approved a motion containing amendments to the National Statutes and Rules, proposed by the President, which increases the national board by 3 members: Vice President, as well

as Secretaries for Public Relations, and for Women and Young Members' Affairs. These amendments aim to strengthen the cooperation with the public, and to accelerate the participation and activities of women and the young in our section.



Lastly, the election of the Executive Board members took place, and all 7 members were elected unanimously for the next 3-year term. With regard to the result of the election, we would like to highlight that Mr Takiguchi became the first acting officer in the Board of Section Japan, and Ms Takenaka is the first female office holder of our section. We, the members of the Executive Board, will work together and make every effort to develop the section, and to enhance international cooperation with all the IPA sections around the world.

The new National Board of IPA Japan:

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| President: | Mr Masahito Kanetaka |
| Vice President: | Mr Kunio Igarashi |
| Secretary General: | Mr Toru Warigaya |
| Treasurer: | Mr Kunio Inagaki |
| Travel Secretary: | Mr Ryoji Suzuki |
| Project and Operation Secretary: | Mr Katsuhiko Nishino |
| Public Relations Secretary: | Mr Hidehito Takiguchi |
| Secretary for Women and Young Members' Affairs | Ms Mitsuko Takenaka |

After the congress, Mr Yuki Kurita, a young member of the Chiba Branch, who had attended the Canada IPA 2019 Training Conference, gave us a presentation on the useful professional study and the pleasant experience in Vancouver. We would like to thank IPA Canada warmly once more for this event!



Scenes from the National Congress

In the evening we had organised a small party to commemorate the National Congress in Chiba. Even though it was only a short congress, held under the restrictions to avoid the risk of coronavirus, we thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with our IPA colleagues and friends. During the party, President Kanetaka shared a congratulatory message from the Vice Commissioner General of the National Police Agency of Japan, in which he expressed the sincere solidarity of the NPA with IPA Japan.



Presentation by Mr Yuki Kurita & the delicious food enjoyed during the evening party

Next year, the Kyoto Branch will be in charge of hosting the National Congress, and we are all looking forward to getting together again in the ancient capital of Japan in 2021.

Toru Warigaya, Secretary General IPA Japan

IPA Sri Lanka Support during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Donation of Gloves to the Sri Lankan Police Force



During the lockdown period, the Sri Lankan Police was actively engaged in supporting the health sectors and other authorities with a view to preventing the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to the contribution of the Sri Lankan Police, other concerned authorities and the timely action initiated and monitored by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka, the spread of the virus was well prevented and kept under control, which enabled controlling the situation and

saving the lives of Sri Lankan citizens, limiting the death toll to 11 and affected numbers to 2042.

The Sri Lankan Police actively participated and supported the sanitarian work to reduce and minimise the spread of the pandemic through a public awareness programme, an enforcement mechanism, and ensuring public order and sterilisation programmes countrywide. With the aim of supporting their services and protecting lives, IPA Sri Lanka donated 50,000 protective gloves at a value of Rs. 2.2 million, with the support of Lalan Rubber (Pvt) Ltd., for protection and use while on duty.



The donation was received by the Mr. C.D. Wickramaratne, Acting Inspector General of Police on 20.04.2020 at the Police Headquarters, Colombo 01, and was attended by the NSG and the ANSG, Travel Secretary and IPA working staff.

Asoka Wijetilleka, Secretary General and Acting President IPA Sri Lanka

Update from IPA Western Australia

Social News – Hosting an IPA Whisk(e)y Forum Meeting ‘Down Under Style’

Social Coordinator John Pintabona and the Social Committee have been closely monitoring the pandemic restrictions. With some restrictions now being lifted in WA, future social functions were discussed at the July meeting in the hope that some social activities can be provided within the constraints set out by the government. Members will be advised of any further social events by email once they have been approved.

IPA Australia, together with IPA New Zealand recently enjoyed hosting an IPA Whisk(e)y Forum meeting Down Under night at 8 pm Perth Western Australia time. Many IPA members from around the World logged in via Zoom to chat.



*IPA Whisk(e)y Forum meeting down under night,
and IPA Whisk(e)y Forum members hosting an international online meeting*

The IPA Whisk(e)y Forum was established in 2014, for IPA members who enjoy a dram of Whiskey or Whisky and wish to share experiences with like-minded folk: to share, to learn, to teach, and to create a great excuse!

Professional News – WA Aboriginal Police Cadet Program

Zarelda Dickens is getting used to turning heads as she patrols the dusty backroads and sun-drenched highways of the Kimberley. The local Aboriginal people do a double-take when they see her coming in her police uniform.

Key Points:

- There are 36 Aboriginal Police Cadets in Western Australia.
- Zarelda Dickens is the first to be posted to a remote community police station.
- There are hopes that the cadet program will help overcome historical tensions.

‘When I pull local people over, I see them looking at me and they’re surprised and smiling,’ she said. ‘They always seem happy there’s an Aboriginal cadet and I reckon they open up to me more than a white man in a uniform.’



Zarelda Dickens and Neville Ripp

By her side is veteran Kimberley copper Neville Ripp. The bulky, tall policeman was asked earlier this year if he was willing to take on a rookie with a difference - a teenage girl from the Aboriginal community of Looma, where he is based. 'I couldn't believe my ears,' Senior Sergeant Ripp said. 'Why the hell wouldn't we? And it's been such a success. Zarelda has a beautiful nature. Mentoring her is probably one of the proudest things I've done in 40 years of policing.'

It is an unlikely pairing, and one that is raising hopes of improvement in the often tense relationship between police and Aboriginal communities in Northern Australia.

Things are getting better

The 19-year-old Walmajarri and Nyikina woman was recruited as part of an Aboriginal cadet program run by the WA Police Force. Like many children from bush communities, she headed south for boarding school during her high school years.

'I was inspired to join by my cousin who was a police officer,' Cadet Dickens said. 'When my little brother was in trouble, she was the only police that he and the other Aboriginal kids trusted,' she continued.

Unusually, Cadet Dickens chose to do her training at Looma police station, which covers the Fitzroy Valley communities she grew up in. Her father Harry Skinner was worried at first. 'I was nervous for her, because policing is a hard job,' he said. 'But I support her the whole way. I am a really proud Dad right now.'

Remote Policing is a Tough Gig



Zarelda Dickens and Neville Ripp on patrol on the outskirts of the Djugerari community in the southern Kimberley

It is a challenging role for a teenager. Cadet Dickens has to deal with friends and family constantly, as well as the residual distrust of police among some locals. Historically, police in the Kimberley were on the frontline of some of the most damaging policies and practices of colonisation, including neck chains, segregation, and the forcible removal of children.

'I have some family who have been part of the Stolen Generation, and they still look at the police like they're still going to take away the kids, or lock them up and we'll never see them again,' Cadet Dickens said.

'But things are changing, and it's getting better, and having Aboriginal cadets helps.'

She says she is aware of the Black Lives Matter protests that have sent a jolt through the United States in recent weeks and, while sympathetic to the families of those killed, is clear on the differences in context. 'I think it is pretty different to how it is in America than in Australia,' Cadet Dickens said. 'I think Australia is a bit better than America, in how the police system is up and running.'

Odd Couple in Action

There is a warm rapport between Cadet Dickens and Senior Sergeant Ripp as they trawl through incident reports, check on local elders, and patrol the dusty backtracks and sun-baked highways. Neville Ripp is a fixture of Kimberley policing, having spent more than 20 years embedded in police stations across the region.

'My family was real excited when they found out I was going to be working with 'Rippy' because they all know him,' Cadet Dickens said. 'He always makes me laugh, and it's awesome working with him because he's been in the Kimberley so long.'

There is a constant exchange of knowledge between the pair. Senior Sergeant Ripp knows about police procedure and the law, while Cadet Dickens understands Aboriginal cultural concepts of justice, punishment, and family in a way that even decades of contact cannot teach.



Beryl Dickens says Zarelda is a role model for local children like her little brother Mathayus Moora

'Zarelda has brought a new life into my job as an officer in charge,' Senior Sergeant Ripp said 'She has a beautiful nature, and has a calming influence, not only on us at the station, but also the people and families who we are dealing with.'

Tearful Reunion



Zarelda's family was able to see her in police cadet uniform for the first time

The easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions meant Cadet Dickens was able to drive to the desert community of Djugerari in mid-June, so her mother and granny could see her in uniform for the first time. It was an emotional scene. Grandmother Elsie Dickens held her close and shed tears of both pride and grief for a family member recently passed.

'I didn't think she would become a police officer, but I'm very happy for her,' mum Beryl said. 'Some people in town don't think much of the police, but she will be a role model for my family and for the other

kids and help change that. For Zarelda it's going to be a long journey. I'm very proud of my daughter, and I love her.'

Jason Brewer, Vice President IPA Australia

Article on Zarelda Dickens courtesy of Erin Parke, ABC Perth

IPA Lesotho helps IPA Members keep safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic

On 21st July 2020 the IPA Lesotho Section, through the office of the section's President, officially handed over hand sanitisers to all IPA members as a response to a national (Ministry of Health) and international (WHO) call to prevent and fight the Covid-19 pandemic.



*Opening prayer
in the Commissioner's boardroom*



*The President handing over hand sanitisers to
the 2nd Vice President of IPA Lesotho*

The four IPA Lesotho regions were represented by their regional chairpersons who collected the hand sanitisers to distribute them amongst their regional members.



Members of the NEC and regional chairpersons

Those who attended this important occasion were; the IPA National Executive Committee, several members of the Commissioner's Advisory Board, the regional chairpersons and two police press officers. The event was conducted in line with WHO guidelines to avoid overcrowding and maintain social distancing.

Thato Mokoteli, Secretary General IPA Lesotho

IPA Germany member Deborah Thomas enjoys an Internship with the City of Miami Police Department

Three and a half weeks of my internship in the USA came to an end in February 2020, and I hope I can give a little insight so that you can imagine what the City of Miami Police Department is like.

I don't regret taking this opportunity. Every day something different and outstanding happened, but the time, no matter who I spent it with, or where I was, was very special. I always had nice people around me who helped me the best they could, and who always offered to help me if I needed anything.

Many officers offered to show me the city, told me where to go, and told me everything I wanted to know. Also, for the future I was offered the possibility to visit them again at any time, or to contact them if I had any questions concerning a case, a certain procedure or other things. I can confirm that the relationship with the Miami Police Department is a good one, I was not the first German police officer who visited them, and I hope that my internship helped to strengthen this relationship.

Compared to our police there are many differences. In my personal opinion, there are many procedures and resources over there that could be used as a guide and that could be considered for our police force. But despite this, some of the police officers asked me if there was something in our police force that they might not know, but that would be a benefit to them.



So, I can say that the Americans are very friendly and open-minded people, the police officers are loyal and proud. They are fully committed to their vocation and radiate a spirit that is infectious. Definitely a friendship that should be preserved and which inspires a lot.

Along these lines, I would like to thank once again all the people who crossed my path on this spectacular journey and helped to make it easier for me. They cleared and paved the way for me. Without them I would never have been able to have this experience.

First of all, I would like to thank Rachel Hendrickson, the first person I contacted, and Major Ramos of MPD. One year before the internship was supposed to start, I wrote to Rachel Hendrickson, and from beginning to the end, I could always count on

receiving an answer and on information from her to the best of her knowledge. She always kept me up to date, did her best to speed up the process, and exhausted all resources.

Through Rachel, I got in touch with Jerry Rudoff from Miami, President of the Southern Florida Region of the International Police Association.

I also thank him with all my heart. He contacted me and helped me to reach my goal. Through him, I got into contact with IPA Germany, and Jerry also assisted with getting the required documents to MPD and with making arrangements for a place to stay and meeting others while in Miami.

Finally, I also thank everyone from IPA Germany, who I contacted to make my dream come true. Every single member showed me that there are still people who can give full commitment without anything in return.

None of them would have had to support me so much, but I am incredibly grateful that they did: Andreas Pöschel, Head of the Liaison Office Magdeburg; Dietmar Bloch, Magdeburg Office; Horst Bichl, President of IPA Germany; Peter Herwig, Secretary General IPA Germany; Annette Große, Saxony-Anhalt Regional Group; Rosemarie Müller, IPA Germany Office.

Thank you all so much!

Deborah Thomas, member IPA Germany (Saxony-Anhalt)

Submitted by Gerald A. Rudoff, President IPA USA Region 43 (Southern Florida)



International Webinar by Javier G. Kinosita from IPA Peru: The Global Covid-19 Pandemic and Security Challenges

On 14 July 2020, an international webinar entitled 'The Global Covid-19 Pandemic and Security Challenges' was held, organised by the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Peru. The speaker was the Peruvian lawyer and criminologist Javier Gamero Kinosita, IPA member from Peru, resident in Switzerland. The welcoming words were given by the General Director of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Peru, Corinne Schirmer, and the debate was led by the Marketing and Communication Manager of this business association, Mr. Franco Figari. At the end of the presentation, General PNP (r) Sergio Monar Moyoli, current President of the Peru section of the International Police Association (IPA) and Cyber Security Advisor to the Vice Ministry of Public Security, participated in the discussion to deepen the issue of cybercrime.

Discourse by Javier Gamero Kinosita

According to the Israeli historian Yuval Harari 'there are decades where nothing happens and weeks where decades go by'. The current crisis of the coronavirus is an undeniable testimony to this, as it is now seen as an accelerator of history, leading in a very short time to a vast use of new technologies by states in the name of security, arguably at times to the detriment of freedom. The coronavirus pandemic has affected

millions of people on the planet and has triggered a profound change in the world, highlighting the fragility of human security, and calling into question current prevention measures.

Pandemics: a global challenge of the 21st century

Within imminent 'wars' of the future, 'health wars' due to pandemics can be called the curse of knowledge. They might give rise to bacteriological terrorism and nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological (NBC) threats. Today's global challenges are weapons of mass destruction, organised crime, international terrorism, armed conflict, cyber threats, climate change, energy dependency, migration flows and pandemics.

Weakening the rule of law



As a result of the outbreak of the coronavirus, some states have at times made excessive use of new technologies in their efforts to combat the virus, for individual surveillance of people suffering from the symptoms of the infection. This has led to an increase in the possibilities for state intervention, with a direct impact on personal freedom (state of emergency, curfew under strict military/police controls).

Geolocation and GPS data can be used to track individuals and destinations with Covid-19, and immediately inform network users of the locations of infection. Thermographic security cameras are installed, infrared technologies are used for border surveillance to control immigration, lie detector systems are supported by digital intelligence, facial recognition systems and even systems of

identification of persons based on their heartbeat.

Hybrid threats and Covid-19

Today we are talking about 'hybrid wars', 'hybrid threats', 'hybrid attacks' and 'hybrid strategies'. In this new hybrid context or hybrid environment there are no more certainties; the new world order is permeated by complexity and uncertainty. The rules of the game are constantly changing. It is complex to define cause and effect, and there is a mutual dependence of different international actors.

An aggressor agent can use instruments of military, political, economic, social, civil and information power against the weaknesses of the attacked state. They are usually committed in cyberspace, where new risks exist that threaten the ICT security ecosystem.

State weakness revived by coronavirus

Among the weaknesses caused by the crisis of the global Covid-19 pandemic, certain political, military, economic, social, information and infrastructure weaknesses have been identified in states.

Among the political vulnerabilities, we have noted a lack of leadership, the resurgence of North-South tensions, the closure of unilateral borders; among the military vulnerabilities, the paralysis of peacekeeping missions, the absence of operations (due to contagion), the postponement of manoeuvres and the neglect of other threats; noted among the economic vulnerabilities are unemployment, debt levels, the reorientation of public spending (in the health and socio-economic sectors to the detriment of foreign actions); noted within the social vulnerabilities are the polarisation of the population, the destabilising psychological effects of the population, the lack of trust in public institutions and the growth of nationalism; within the vulnerabilities of information are the lack of anticipation of misinformation, the distrust of official information, and the loss of respect for legality; and finally the vulnerabilities of infrastructure show lack of strategic autonomy (health and pharmaceuticals etc.), dependence on third countries, the breakdown of supply chains and the control of critical services by third parties.



Final considerations

De-globalising ideas have emerged that argue that the new post-Covid-19 world order will be the end of the heyday of globalisation and that, as a result of the pandemic, globalisation is a 'loser', and the nation state a 'winner'. Meanwhile, others claim that global problems require global solutions, and are counting on a global order.

Today, the big question about the perspective of this post-pandemic is whether this state of the end of normality is temporary and an exception. Covid-19 has made the vulnerability of Western democracies more visible.



There are a lot of platforms that imply a change in the management of cyberspace, a parallel world of networks, a supervised population where fundamental rights are systematically violated because nothing is secure in the computer world. The intelligence services must carry out analyses and foresight.

In my opinion, this is a systemic crisis which requires systemic thinking. Biopolitical control through controlled exit

barriers and social distancing has affected people's psyche and compromised their subjective security. The global Covid-19 pandemic is a crisis within a crisis, as it occurs in an unstable, ambiguous, and chaotic world that reacts to asymmetric global trends and endangers security.

Text: Javier Gamero Kinosita, member IPA Peru

Photos: Directorate of Communication & Press of the Peruvian National Police

Why the IPA is amazing!

A 'good news' story by Michael Barber from IPA Tasmania

The power of the IPA network never ceases to amaze. A member of Tasmania Police needed help for her 17-year-old daughter who was trying to make her way home from Norway. This story is a reminder that the value of our worldwide network can never be underestimated.



On Sunday the 29th March 2020, I received a call from Colin Riley, IPA member and the President of the Police Association of Tasmania seeking urgent assistance from the International Police Association.

Sharon Deane is a member of Tasmania Police. Her daughter Jorjah was fortunate to receive a Rotary Exchange Scholarship and was living with a family in Norway. Jorjah had travelled to Europe as part of an escorted group to commence her year in Norway. When the Covid-19 pandemic took hold, Rotary made the decision to cancel the exchange and Jorjah had to return to Australia alone. The world was changing rapidly and arrangements had to be made quickly with few options for airlines and routes from Oslo to Melbourne. Colin's message read:

"As you can imagine, Sharon is very nervous. Her current host family will take her to Oslo Airport, so no worries there. Her first flight is Qatar Airlines QR 176 arriving in Doha at 2340 on 29 March. Her flight out of there to Melbourne is at 0945 30 March. (9 hours 45 minutes layover in Doha airport). If there is any way of getting some support at Doha it would be greatly appreciated but totally understandable if we can't."

I immediately reached out to May-Britt Ronnebro, the International Secretary General of the IPA. May-Britt checked her records and found that a Foreign Associate Member was recorded as having moved from South Africa to Doha. May-Britt provided me with contact details for Hendrik "Vossie" Vos of IPA South Africa. Even with our time differences, Vossie responded quickly with an email address for an IPA member and former South Africa Police Officer, Andreas Marampos, who responded to my email:

"Hi Michael

Appreciate you reaching out to me but I am no longer living in Doha. I now work in Riyadh but was out of the country at home in Athens when the lockdown happened. I am currently in Athens but have friends in Doha who may be able to help. I have a friend by the name of Lance James who works at the Duty Free at Doha airport. I will contact him. Suggest we set up a WhatsApp group. We could add Lance James who is my friend to the group and see how we can help.

Best

SA Marambos (Andreas/Andrew)"

Andreas contacted his friend at Doha Airport, and we continued to communicate via WhatsApp. Jorjah's almost ten-hour flight was more than halfway to Doha. I kept Sharon updated as she was, understandably, concerned about her daughter who was travelling alone in such uncertain times. His reassuring messages made all the difference to Sharon:

"I know the Doha airport well, it is very safe and transit passengers will not be allowed to leave the transit area.

Tell mum that all will be fine. I have a contact who is an officer that I can contact in an emergency. He is high up in the royal family but will only ask for a favour if there is an emergency.

It will be a long wait in transit. Tell Jorjah to be patient and try and keep her distance. Be assured that if there is a problem, we have the resources to address it"

And a short time later...

"My friend who works at the airport made contact, she is just fine."

It was not long before I sent Lance a WhatsApp message:

"Hi Lance, Andreas has given me your contact. Thank you for finding Jorjah at the airport. It is very reassuring for her mother. 😊👍"

"Hi Michael it is an absolute pleasure. I have a 16-year-old daughter myself. I am happy to help and pleased to be able to."



"A real pleasure to meet your Jorjah, she is a really super human being and you must be so proud.

She is on good form, just tired, and will hopefully have a good sleep on the flight.

Take care now on your flight and know that life is 'the rough and smooth', and the smooth will come back.

*Keep in touch. Best wishes,
Lance"*

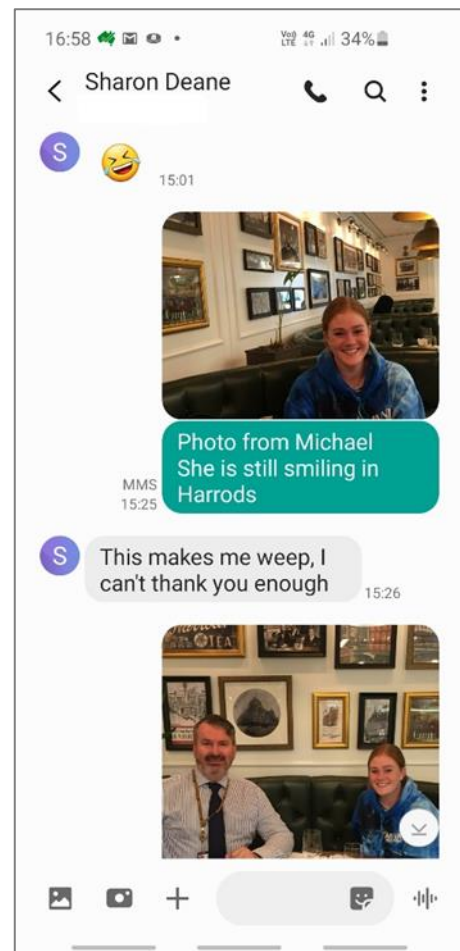
“Michael,

could you please pass on my sincere thanks to Lance for the kindness he has shown Jorj.

She said he was really lovely, and it really lifted her spirits.

I am forever grateful for everything that has been done by yourself and your network to ensure that she is safe.

Sharon”



Jorjah arrived safely in Melbourne and after a couple of quarantine checks was able to travel to Tasmania to be reunited with her family 24 hours later. Jorjah was very happy to have had a friendly face in a foreign land travelling in difficult circumstances.

This is a wonderful example of the power of the IPA. We were able to achieve a tremendous amount in a short space of time. From the first request in Tasmania, I made contact with our members in Sweden, South Africa and Athens to arrange for Jorjah to be looked after in Doha. If there were any problems, I was confident that Jorjah would be safe and well looked after.

I will always be grateful to May-Britt Ronnebro from Sweden, Hendrik “Vossie” Vos from South Africa, Andreas Marampos from Egypt/Greece and Lance James from Doha for their help and support.

Michael Barber, member IPA Australia

News from the IPA Serbia Motorcycle Section



On 4 July 2020, a working meeting was held in Kragujevac, where new members were admitted to the National Motorcycle Section (NMS) of the International Police Association of Serbia.

The NMS is a professional association of active and retired members of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia. It came into existence after keen motorbike riders in Serbia had seen the success of similar associations in other IPA sections.

Getting together for rides and gatherings, NMS IPA Serbia endeavours to travel around the world, depending on opportunities and the wishes of its members, while at the same time these activities mean that our country will be able to host motorcyclists from around the whole world.



In addition, NMS IPA Serbia is working intensively on projects and actions related to traffic safety, as well as the safety of motorcyclists on the roads.

Zdravko ĐURIĆ, IEC Delegate IPA Serbia

ON THE TABLE OF THE IEB

IPA Sponsor Section Appointment for Trinidad and Tobago

On behalf of the International Executive Board (IEB), I am pleased to announce that Section USA has now been officially appointed to act as Sponsor Section for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), with the aim of assisting in the establishment of a new IPA section in the country. This step will provide T&T with a detailed path of progression towards affiliation as an independent IPA section.

IPA USA President Joe Johnson wrote the following when he received the notification of appointment: *“The US Section is honored to be selected as the sponsor for Trinidad and Tobago as they begin the process of becoming their own section within the IPA. It is great to see new sections forming in new areas of the globe and to offer more opportunities to our membership globally. I’m excited to work with them, and with the great support the Trinidad and Tobago group has given to projects like the US Section training program I know they will do well as new section.”*

For the past few years, IPA USA has had 50 – 100 Foreign Associate Members (FAMs) in T&T, enrolled in Region 101. These members arranged IPA events for the region and were also invited to police colleges on the islands. IPA USA approached me in my capacity as Secretary General, in charge of the development of new sections in the IPA, on how to go forward with the development of a new section.



Local Executive with Government Officials

A review was initiated by the SG on the national progress of IPA USA and their willingness to assist T&T, as well as a background check of the T&T police service and the country’s history with regard to human rights and the UN.

A little bit of background information: The Ministry of National Security governs the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), and their motto is “To Protect and Serve with P.R.I.D.E.”: Professionalism - Respect - Integrity - Dignity – Excellence. The TTPS is both a civil and paramilitary body which functions in accordance with the Police Service Act. Over 6,500 police officers, as well as the Special Reserve Police are organised in 9 divisions which cover Trinidad & Tobago in 18 branches, squads and units. During the term of office of the former National Police Commissioner, numerous police officers were sent to Cambridge University in England to further their academic education in evidence-based policing. The present National Police Commissioner, Gary Griffith, is also a scholar with academic qualifications obtained in the UK. The Foreign Associates’ contact with the Police Authorities is promising, and steps have been taken to present supporting documents for the future IPA T&T.

T&T, officially the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, is a state with two main islands and 21 smaller islands in the West Indies. When Christopher Columbus reached the islands in 1498, they were inhabited by Amerindians. From the 16th century, Trinidad

was a Spanish colony. During the French revolution, many French citizens came to Trinidad as well as from the French colonies Martinique and Guadeloupe. The French plantation owners brought their African slaves and started to grow sugar cane, coffee and cocoa. Slavery was banned in the mid-19th century, which was followed by a lack of cheap labour and led to a labour migration of Indians, Chinese and Portuguese. At the beginning of the 20th century, immigrants also came from Syria and Lebanon.



Friendship event in 2019

The island Trinidad was taken by the British in 1797 and became a British colony in 1802. In 1899, the British joined the administration between the two islands, Trinidad and Tobago into one – beforehand, Tobago had been a colony of Spain, the Netherlands, Latvia and France. In 1962, Trinidad and Tobago obtained independence and became a republic in 1976.

Today, T&T export petroleum products and cocoa, among many other products to neighbouring countries.

Culturally T &T has produced two Nobel Prize winners: V.S. Naipaul (2001) and Sir Derek Walcott (1992). Many of us know of the T&T carnival, which is recognised as the largest in the world and is characterised by limbo, calypso and steelpans plus a masquerade train. In sports, the people of T&T enjoy cricket, football and golf.

To encourage the FAMS in T&T, IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin wrote to their representative Mr. Curtis S. Belford: *“We are looking forward to the seeing the progress the IPA can make in your country and wish you all the best.”*

Following the letter announcing the IPA USA appointment, Curtis S. Belford wrote: *“This is certainly exciting news. We are especially pleased that the United States Section, with whom we have shared a cordial and meaningful partnership over the years, has agreed to be our sponsor. We look forward to expert guidance from the President of IPA USA, Joe Johnson, and IPA Secretary General, May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, as we move closer to section status.”*



Members at our annual summer event

I am pleased to have good and promising contact with the representatives of IPA USA and the FAMS in T&T, and welcome this first and important step for them to become part of the IPA family.

May-Britt V.R. Ronnebro, Secretary General

LAST WORD

The summer seems to have passed quickly, and we are in September already. Here in the UK, as in many other countries, this usually means a return to the normality of daily life, the end of holidays, and the start of school or university. This year, of course, has been far from normal, and schools and university courses stopped abruptly in March.

Recently, I have seen a lot of bad press towards especially the younger generations, with many people worrying that the coronavirus will resurge strongly, believing this would be due to a large extent to younger people not adhering to restrictions anymore, and ignoring social distancing.

Having three teenagers and twens in my own household, I believe, however, that it is exactly the young people around us who have had to bear a heavy burden in the face of the coronavirus.



Whereas for many adults life continued in a new normality of working from home or with added safety measures, and social life could be upheld at least in the close family, the entire normality for young people, such as their education, socialising with peers, meeting with their partners, to name but a few, disappeared in an instant, to be replaced by huge uncertainties about their future. Personally, from the young people I know and see around me, I admire how most of them seem to have coped, and how

patient and considerate they are and have been over the past 6 months.

I know many IPA members' kids will return to school this week, and many sons and daughters will start or go back to university over the next couple of months, including my son Ben, with whom I spent a day last week to sort out what he needs to take with him when he moves to take up his studies. I wish every IPA parent who will be worried and anxious about their children in the face of the Covid-19 uncertainties all the best for the next few weeks ... this year more than ever!

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