

# AMIKECO



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## INTRODUCTION FROM IPA SA PRESIDENT:

### VOSSIE VOS

With the Year 2026 having flown by and us already standing in the 5<sup>th</sup> month of the Year, a hearty word of IPA greetings to all our members nationally.

We have just recently, in February, attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Chapter Meeting hosted by IPA in Eswatini that was attended by the 8 active IPA Regions in Africa, as well as the International President and two other members of the International Executive Board.

During this meeting, it was once again clear that the IPA is more than just a network - it is a global family committed to friendship, support, and professional development. With a mission rooted in fostering good relations among policing officials worldwide, the IPA is a cause worth supporting. It is once again a proven reality that the IPA:

- Is vibrant, engages and inspires. Members of the IPA enjoy a wide range of activities—from cultural exchanges and sports events to educational seminars and humanitarian projects. These vibrant events not only strengthen bonds among members but also bring local communities together in positive and impactful ways.
- One crucial element of the IPA's success lies in the active creation of awareness. Sharing stories, successes, and the value of the association helps every member understand how their participation contributes to a larger purpose. Awareness fuels enthusiasm, encourages participation, and inspires members to be ambassadors of the IPA's values.

Continued growth is one critical aspect we need to recognise and acknowledge – we cannot shy away from it. Growing and expanding our reach is absolutely vested in the recruitment of new members. Fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and broader networks help ensure the association's long-term vitality. New members bring opportunities to enhance camaraderie, extend community impact, and strengthen professional ties globally. In this regard:

- Attracting new members depends on clear communication of the benefits and the sense of belonging the IPA offers.
- Showcasing our impact by sharing success stories and testimonials that highlight how membership has enriched our lives professionally and personally.
- Engage digitally by use of use social media, webinars, and online forums to reach younger officers and those interested in networking beyond borders.
- Community involvement by visibly participating in public events and support local causes to demonstrate IPA's positive influence.
- Personal invitations by encouraging current members to personally invite colleagues, emphasizing the welcoming community and unique opportunities available.
- Creation of opportunities for others to serve the IPA on various forums where they can bring along their own experiences and differing insights to this wonderful Association.

These are key aspects we as the Executive and Regional Leadership with inclusion of each member the IPA is to address.

For that reason, if you believe in these values, I am putting a challenge to all to consider inviting a colleague to join today or widen your scope to learn more about what the IPA can offer you and latch onto those opportunities.

## IPA Greetings

H (Vossie) Vos  
President – IPA South Africa

### **African Chapter Meeting, Eswatini – 12 to 15 February 2026**

As Sections Africa, the 3<sup>rd</sup> face to face meeting was held at the Simunye Country Lodge in Eswatini and attended by delegates of the 8 African Sections namely, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles and South Africa.

Section South Africa as the Chairing Section of the African Chapter since 2017, was represented by Tessa Deyzel (Secretary General – Delegate), Matys Oelofse (National Treasurer – Observer), Jacques Loots (Office Manager - Observer) and Vossie Vos (President – Delegate).

Apart from delegates and observers from the African Sections, as Africa we were honoured and privileged to have present with us Martin Hoffmann (The International President) and his wife Angela from Austria, Oliver Hoffman (International Vice President) from Germany and Kikis Pericleous (International Treasurer) from Cyprus.



*Tessa, Matys, Kikis, Oliver, Vossie, Martin and Angela*

The African Chapter as formally established in 2017, is directed at collectively as IPA Sections in Africa responsible to coordinate and promote IPA across Africa, as well as to initiative and undertake mutual cross border IPA activities.



Section South Africa met the International President and other members of International Executive Board (IEB) at the Oliver Tambo International Airport on Wednesday 11 February and then departed by road to Eswatini where we were met by Darren Vilane (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice



President of IPA Eswatini) and other members from Section Eswatini.

From the border we were then formally escorted to the Simunye Country Club by the Royal Eswatini Police – a journey that Matys and Jacques really had to work and focus hard to keep up..... the International President had a special vehicle assigned to him and Angela marked “IPA President”

On Thursday 12 February we visited the Nsubane Primary School accommodating approximately 150 children and situated in the rural part of Eswatini, where we were exposed to a project regarding the revamping of a school hall for the children. Donations comprising of stationary for the pupils and 500 EURO towards the school hall was made.

Also in attendance was Mr Manoma Vusie Masango, the National Commissioner of the Royal Eswatini Police Service.



Friday 13 February was set out for the formal meeting of the African Chapter which was officially opened by Mr Mduduzi Matsebula, the Minister of Health who represented the Prime Minister as he could due to other commitments not be present.

The discussions were highly positive with all present being committed to enhancing coordination amongst all Sections in Africa



On Saturday 14 February we all visited the Hlane National Park with formal program being closed out with an exceptional well organised Gala Evening.

Section South Africa during the Gala Evening also handed over an IPA Eswatini flag to the hosting Section that was very well received



On Sunday 15 February we with the International Delegation returned back to South Africa where we on Sunday spent the rest of the afternoon and evening at the Pumbaa Wild Life Park in Mbombela.

Here we were joined by Nico Gerber (Our Vice President) and his wife Verna for dinner. It was once again an exceptional experience with amazing hospitality.

On Monday 16 February we were hosted by the Jacaranda Region and Johann Rissik Guest House and joined by members of the Johannesburg, West Rand and Northwest Regions

Oli and Tessa departed on Tuesday morning. Matys, Jacques and myself accompanied Martin, Angela and Kikis for a brief site seeing tour through Johannesburg and Soweto.



Although short, the experience was overwhelming for all. The evening with Kikis having departed back to Cyprus we were hosted by the Nongqai Club at the Amikeco Centre



All in all, we had a wonderful time in Eswatini and thank Section Eswatini for their wonderful hospitality and for having hosted the African Chapter Meeting there. We could once again foster and enhance the friendship amongst us all on the Continent of Africa – the bonds of friendship between us as Sections Africa is just amazing and second to none.

The next meeting of the African Chapter is to be hosted by Section Mauritius in 2028 – calling on all to start saving to join us in full force in Mauritius.

In closing, I wish to thank the International President and the IEB for their continuous interest in and support to Africa. It is truly sincere with them keeping Africa close to their hearts and high on their agenda.

“Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship”

H (Vossie) Vos  
President  
IPA South Africa



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**SOCIAL & CULTURAL EVENTS**  
**NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON: JAKKIE VAN**  
**LITSENBORGH**

So far, the year 2026 marked a period of renewed energy and commitment within the International Police Association, with a strong emphasis on strengthening social cohesion, promoting cultural exchange, and enhancing the professional image of our members across South Africa.

Throughout the year, various social events were successfully hosted at regional level, fostering camaraderie and unity among members and their families. These included:

- Social events, which created a relaxed environment for members to build relationships beyond the workplace.
- Sports events such as bowls, rugby, and golf days, promoting wellness, teamwork, and healthy competition.

These initiatives contributed significantly to improved morale and strengthened the IPA network.

IPA members actively participated in community upliftment initiatives, further strengthening the organisation’s public image:

- Outreach programmes supporting vulnerable groups, including youth, the elderly, and victims of crime.
- Partnerships with local stakeholders to support rural and under-resourced communities.

Some of our regions made a deliberate effort to elevate the professional image of IPA members they:

- Increased visibility through branded attire and participation in official events reinforced a unified and professional identity.
- Training and development opportunities were promoted to ensure continuous professional growth and excellence.
- Partnered in the neatest police station competition to improve the working environment of police officials and uplifting their morale.

These efforts contributed to building public trust in the law enforcement environment and reinforcing the credibility of the IPA.

We must remain committed to:

- Expanding social and cultural programmes to reach more members.
- Strengthening international collaboration and exchange opportunities.
- Continuing to enhance the professional image of the IPA, demonstrating the importance of balanced professional excellence with social connection and cultural appreciation.

Regards:

Jakkie Van Litsenborgh

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### WEST COAST REGION

Erwin Berens and his orchestra of which some members are IPA members from Germany first visited South Africa in 2002 and decided that would like to support the less fortunate orchestras in South Africa when the return to South Africa. This event was the fifth time they visited our region and IPA West Coast, with the help of Ulli Ghering, build a bond of friendship with the group ever since there first visit. We identified the West Coast Youth orchestra as the beneficiary, and they received musical instrument from “Orchester der Verbadsgemeinde Saarburg-Kell “over the past years’ worth thousands of rands.

Today, the *West Coast Youth Orchestra* (WCYO) has grown to include –

- A Senior Orchestra
- A Junior Orchestra
- A Junior / Senior String Orchestra
- A Junior / Senior Wind Band
- School Orchestras / Jazz & Other Bands
- Various combinations of Ensembles



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### WEST RAND REGION

On Saturday, the **14<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**, after a full day spent doing what we love the most, bringing joy into the lives of others (visits to Moth Cottages) and spreading the word of the IPA Organisation

(marketing & recruitment at Westonaria SAPS), IPA West Rand had their annual Valentine's Dinner at the Sterkfontein Heritage Lodge in Krugersdorp.

Although not many attended the dinner, we had enough members and spouses present to enjoy an evening of delicious food and amazing company, as we are all IPA West Rand family, spending this amazing night together.



### WEST RAND REGION



During the Strategic Event Year planning in 2025, it was suggested that we have themed lunches to celebrate our country's unique cultures.

It was decided that we would come together, every **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of every month, at a restaurant serving a specific cultural experience. During 2025 we had several very successful of these themed Sunday lunches, but we still hope that more of our members, their families, and even friends, will attend the upcoming Themed Sunday Lunches with us in 2026.

We started with our first Sunday Themed Sunday Lunch for 2026 at the beautiful Rock Cod Restaurant in Ruimsig.



On Sunday, the **15<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**, IPA West Rand came together at the Rock Cod Country Restaurant in Ruimsig to celebrate our friendship and gather socially. It was also one of our Sunday Themed Lunch events that we have every month to celebrate and enjoy cuisines from other cultures.



We were also fortunate to celebrate the birthdays of our Vice-Chairman, Jan Judeel, as well as the wife of our Chairman, Susan du Bruin.

The food was delicious, and we all enjoyed a lovely day in the peaceful surroundings of the restaurant.

Yet another successful day for IPA West Rand!!



On Sunday, the **29<sup>th</sup> of March 2026** IPA West Rand members and their families came together for a social Sunday Themed Lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant in Muldersdrift. The themed lunch was originally scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2026, but because it is the Easter long weekend, and our Mogale City Council gave notice that the entire Krugersdorp will be out of power from 06:00 to 18:00, we decided to change the lunch to the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

On arrival, everyone is welcomed with their signature welcome drink, their “muti” called Dawa, a very delicious, but potent sip of magic!

For the meat-eater, this restaurant is a feast!! There are meat and more meat dishes to choose from, and then some more! If you have your SA flag standing straight on the table, they bring food, delicious and plentiful skewers full of meat dishes! There were some potatoes and pap in between, a salad or two, but the main dishes are meat, meat, and more meat! The food was delicious, and we all enjoyed a lovely day.



As this restaurant is a very well-known tourist attraction in the Cradle of Humankind, we enjoyed the way foreign visitors reacted and enjoyed this cultural experience (ex. eating crocodile), and we yet again realized how privileged we are to live in such a beautiful country!

The meal session was concluded by a session on the drums! It brought our Konka memories back!

Yet another successful day for IPA West Rand.



## WEST RAND REGION

On Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 IPA West Rand had their Annual General Meeting at the Krugersdorp “Oumanne” Club in Krugersdorp.

Annual reports were presented by the Chairman and Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, Jan Judeel gave an overview of our 2025 activities and events and what we planned for the rest of the year.



***Vice-Chairman, Jan Judeel was also presented with this 30-year membership certificate and pin.***

After the meeting, IPA members and their families had a lovely social gathering where we were treated to a braai with pap & sauce and a salad.

Another year has passed, hopefully we will again have a very successful IPA year with our families and friends!



## **MARKETING & RECRUITMENT EVENTS**

### **NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON: NICO GERBER**

### **Securing the Future of the International Police Association: South Africa Section**

Dear IPA Friends

Recruitment is the lifeblood of the International Police Association. Without a steady flow of new members, our ability to thrive, share

knowledge, and build lasting bonds across borders is at risk.

To ensure our continued existence, we must actively welcome the next generation of serving members into our association.

A particular focus should be on engaging young serving male and female members from the agencies contained in our Constitution, whose perspectives and experiences enrich our community.

Here are a few novel approaches to recruitment:

- **Mentorship Programs:** Pairing new recruits with seasoned IPA members to provide guidance and a sense of belonging.
- **Social Media Campaigns:** Highlighting stories of young members who have benefited from IPA membership, making the association visible and relatable.
- **Community Outreach Events:** Hosting open forums, workshops, and cultural exchange activities that showcase the IPA's global network and opportunities.
- **Leadership Development Initiatives:** Offering training and international exchange opportunities that appeal to ambitious young members seeking growth.
- **Peer-to-Peer Recruitment:** Encouraging current members to personally invite colleagues, emphasizing the value of friendship and solidarity.
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By embracing these strategies, we not only strengthen our numbers but also ensure that the IPA reflects the diversity and dynamism of the policing community worldwide.

Together, let's build a future where every member sees the IPA as a home for professional growth, camaraderie, and international cooperation.

Warm regards.

Nico Gerber

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## WEST RAND REGION

### MARKETING & RECRUITMENT DRIVE: WESTONARIA SAPS

On Saturday, the **14<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**, IPA West Rand Regional Executive members visited Westonaria Police Station and handed out Friendship Cups, marketing brochures, and application forms to all the members who were on duty in the Client Service Centre.

Our Vice-Chairman, Jan Judeel gave them feedback and information of the IPA organization and the initiatives we are involved in, as well as what they can get out of the IPA.

Unfortunately, we were not allowed to take pictures of the members receiving the cups as they are not allowed to have their pictures taken while on duty.

Hopefully, we will be able to recruit one or two members who are very interested in the IPA.



## JOHANNESBURG REGION

IPA Johannesburg hosted a Friends of JHB IPA potjiekos on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2026. It's a chance for us to say thanks and build relationships with our valued friends – old and new – as we look to the future of marketing and recruitment together. You're integral to JHB IPA vision!



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## BLAAUWBERG BRANCH

On 18 February 2026, Freda, Chairperson of the Blaauwberg Branch, International Police Association West Coast Region, was on vacation and travelled through the small town of Montagu. She approached the Station Commander; however, he was attending a meeting in Paarl at the time.

She then met with WO Meyer, who kindly granted permission to place an A3 colour poster on the station's notice board to promote the IPA.



A short presentation is currently being compiled and will be forwarded to the Station Commander to present during the station's next lecture to further market the IPA.

Freda also engaged with five members at the station and was surprised to learn that they were unfamiliar with the IPA. After explaining the benefits and how to get involved, the members expressed keen interest in becoming part of the association.



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## KZN REGION

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2026, KZN IPA was invited to attend the SAPS Provincial Sports Day. Members from all Districts were invited to participate in sports activities, and IPA KZN was allowed to place a set-up to recruit and market the IPA.

18 new members were recruited, and 5 members going on pension signed debit orders!! So, in total 23!!

We would like to thank the SAPS Management at Provincial Head Office for this opportunity. Even Major General Makoba, the DPC: Policing in KZN, joined the IPA family!





**SOCIAL WELFARE & WELLNESS EVENTS**  
**NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON: ELBIE GORE**

**GARDEN ROUTE REGION**

Members were asked to dress in green and white for the day to participate in the awareness of living a healthy lifestyle. “Get your sh#t together” leaflets were handed out to colleagues on station level to promote this initiative.



**HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AWARENESS DAY : 20 FEBRUARY**

**GET YOUR SH#T TOGETHER**

**S**ELF CARE is professional maintenance  
**H**APPINESS improves performance  
**I**NNER PEACE strengthens decision-making  
**T**IME MANAGEMENT prevents burnout

**Your body. Your habits. Your health. Your energy. Your choices.**

We encourage each person to look into your own habits. Identify only one bad habit. Make that one change to work towards living a healthy lifestyle. Share with us your habit that you feel needs changing



**GARDEN ROUTE REGION**

Women’s Agricultural Association in collaboration with Garden Route IPA hosted the celebration of National Milk Tart Day on 2026/02/25. IPA members were as spoiled with mouth-watering milk tarts that the ladies from the Women’s Agricultural Association supplied.



## **GARDEN ROUTE REGION**

On 2026/02/26 Hannes Nortje from Diaz IPA Club handed over ingredients with the value of R2500.00 to the Eden Mercy Care Centre. Eden Care Centre is a Social Welfare Organisation, that serves the Vulnerable and Destitute Communities. They are a non-profit organisation that relies on the support and donations of the businesses community to care for and assist vulnerable individuals.

With the donation they received from Diaz IPA club they planned to make “Vetkoeke”, which they planned to sell and raise funds to help the youth in less fortunate communities of Mosselbaai.



## **GARDEN ROUTE REGION**

IPA Garden Route, in collaboration with the George SAPS hosted Valentines Day Celebration.

Participants were requested to bring a small gift not exceeding the value of R50, as well as a plate of snacks to share.

The names of all participants were placed inside balloons, and each participant had the opportunity to pop a balloon to reveal your prize. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the day and the relaxed atmosphere.

This event was organized and managed by Garden Route IPA Secretary, Erica Van Eck.



IPA Garden Route handed over men's clothing to House of Valor Drug Rehabilitation centre. IPA Members was requested to contributed old clothing to this cause.

THANK YOU to all the IPA members... our House of Valor project was a great success!!! 🙌🌟😊  
The men are very happy and grateful for all the clothes they received!!! 😊

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House of Valor is a drug rehabilitation facility situated in the beautiful area of Freimersheim, Grootbrakrivier.

It is a majestic farm settlement where men struggling with drug addiction are given the opportunity to get clean and rebuild their lives. Here they learn to become part of a functioning and supportive community. The farm keeps livestock and grows vegetables for their own consumption, and any surplus is shared with the Freimersheim community.

Currently, 38 men of different ages and races are living there, working together, and taking the first steps toward starting their lives over.



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## WEST RAND REGION

### SOCIAL WELFARE VISITS TO MOTH COTTAGES IN WESTONARIA, KRUGERSDORP AND ROODEPOORT

On Saturday, the **14<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**, IPA West Rand Regional Executive members visited three Moth (Memorable Order of Tin Hats) cottage schemes in Westonaria, Krugersdorp, and Roodepoort (44 residents) as part of our first **#SheisIPA** initiative for this year. These cottages are mainly occupied by ex-service men (military and SAPS) who are members of the Moth (all over 60 years and major of residents only SASSA recipients).

Natasha made beautiful and delicious sweaty cups for each resident of all three cottage schemes. The residents were so appreciative of the fact that somebody was thinking of them on this day of love, as some of them do not have any family who they receive the love and support they need during these last years of their lives.

It was such an honour and privilege to hand over these cups as we could see how happy this small gesture was making in their lives. It was all smiles and happiness! After yet another successful day, the committee had a well-deserved drink together, finalizing the morning's events.





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## SPORTING & RELATING ACTIVITIES

### BLAAUWBERG BRANCH

The event was well attended by IPA members, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the experience. There was strong encouragement from participants to host more shooting events like this in the future. The day fostered trust, camaraderie, friendship, and endurance among members.

Each participant had five clay pigeons to shoot, and some members impressively demonstrated their skills, achieving high scores. While the activity was challenging, it was equally fun and engaging. Members supported one another with great enthusiasm and care throughout.

After the event, the team worked together to clean up the grounds, once again showing strong teamwork and mutual support. The day concluded with a braai, fresh salads, and some excellent home-brewed witblits, kindly provided by our host from Clanwilliam. This gave members a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy each other's company.

A few members even left with some light bruises—proof of a day well spent! Well, done to all participants.

It was also noted that, with a team of shooters like this, they would be more than ready to go to war with the Blaauwberg Branch



## BLAAUWBERG BRANCH

### 1: Day 1: Leaving Strandfontein towards the R362



Martie and Marnette had the opportunity to map out the pre-launch of the West Coast Endurance Walk in February 2026. At their own expense, they travelled to the beautiful Strandfontein and bravely completed a 60km walk over two days. They described the route as challenging but achievable.

Along the way, they encountered various obstacles, made new friends, and shared meaningful conversations with members of the local communities in Papendorp and Doringbaai. They returned filled with enthusiasm, which sparked eager planning for what promises to be a remarkable event worthy of media attention.



The goal of the West Coast Endurance Walk is to raise funds for Miles for Smiles. This will become an annual event, with international marketing planned for 2027. IPA Blaauwberg will certainly be making its mark



## GARDEN ROUTE REGION

IPA Garden Route members join in a family hike on Saturday 2026/02/14 at 09:00 at Ballots Bay.

Although the rainy weather influenced the turnout, the members who attended still had a great experience and enjoyed the hike, adding a fun and healthy touch to the Valentine's celebrations.

The event was organised and managed by IPA Garden Route Recruitment Officer, Marcellino Nel.



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## GARDEN ROUTE REGION

**SUPER SATURDAY SHOWDOWN**

**SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE RUGBY** VS **Pro Stars RFC**  
2012 EST 2016

**Garden Route Bobbies RFC VS Pro Stars RFC**

📅 Saturday, 28 February 2026  
🕒 Kick-Off: 14:00  
📍 Venue: Heatherlands "Die Bult"  
📍 City: George

★ **THE BATTLE FOR PRIDE. THE FIGHT FOR DOMINANCE.** ★

**Two teams. One field. No backing down.**  
The Bobbies defend their turf at Die Bult in what promises to be a high-intensity clash packed with big hits, fast-breaks and pure

🎟️ **ENTRY:** R20 - Adults   🪑 Bring your camp chairs.  
R10 - Vehicles   🧺 Bring the GEES

🇿🇦 **Stand united. Support the Bobbies. Defend the Bult!**

On 2026/02/28 the Garden Route Bobbies hosted a showdown rugby match where they challenged the Pro Stars from George. Defending their turf at The Bult, the Bobbies delivered a strong performance and secured a victory with a final score of 39-31.

## GARDEN ROUTE REGION

Themba lethu SAPS hosted a successful team-building event on 19 March 2026, aimed at strengthening camaraderie and wellness among members

Marcellino Nel from IPA Garden Route facilitated a fitness session and further enhanced the experience by organising boat rides at Island Lake in Wilderness for the members. The work session was attended by the Garden Route District Commissioner, Major General Cetyana, whose presence added significance to the occasion.

A total of 80 SAPS members attended the event, including 20 IPA members. The day was well supported, thoroughly enjoyed, and provided a valuable opportunity for members to relax, connect, and build stronger working relationships



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## KZN REGION

### South African Representation at the International Black Pool Event in Gibraltar

**IPA KZN Member, Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai represented South Africa in the International Black Pool Event in Gibraltar in April 2026.**

Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai from the Durban Flying Squad, a member of IPA KwaZulu-Natal, South African Section, along with two South African Police Service (SAPS) members (who are not currently IPA members), were recently awarded their Protea colours and had the honour of representing South Africa in the International Black Pool event held in Gibraltar.

During their stay in Gibraltar, Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai and the two SAPS members visited the Gibraltar IPA Club. There, they met fellow IPA members, including Benjamim Bentley, the President of the Gibraltar Section and a Firearm Instructor, as well as Jason Russel, the Vice President, who is a First Responder and an Armed Police Member of Gibraltar.



**From Left to Right:**

*The President, IPA Gibraltar Section, Benjamim Bentley and Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai (IPA KZN member) exchanging badges & shields.*

The delegation from South Africa was warmly received and treated to a buffet Sunday Lunch at the IPA Club & Restaurant in Gibraltar. They enjoyed the company of IPA members and were given the opportunity to see a response vehicle and firearms up close.

This visit marked the first time that Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai, as an IPA KZN member, experienced IPA International hospitality. He described the experience as amazing, noting that he has made lifelong friends and witnessed the value of IPA networking firsthand. During the visit, the members exchanged badges and coins, further strengthening the bond between sections.

The IPA President and Vice President of Section Gibraltar went out of their way to ensure that Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai and the two accompanying SAPS members felt welcome, embodying the true meaning of *Servo per Amikeco* (Service through Friendship).



**From Left to Right:**

*The Vice President, Jason Russel, Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai (IPA KZN member) and the President, IPA Gibraltar Section, Benjamim Bentley exchanging badges & shields.*



**From Left to Right:**

*The Vice President, Jason Russel, Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai (IPA KZN member), SAPS member, the President, IPA Gibraltar Section, Benjamim Bentley and another SAPS member.*



Warrant Officer Calvin Patchai experiencing how the Gibraltar Police members operate

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## KZN REGION

### **Success at the 47th Annual Natal Combat Rifle Championship by IPA KwaZulu-Natal member(s) at Wagonhill Shooting Range**

Constable Simphiwe Ngubane, who serves as the Chairman of the KZN SAPS Combat Rifle Club, (IPA KwaZulu-Natal member) led a distinguished group of 11 SAPS members to participate in the 47th Annual Natal Combat Rifle Championship. This prestigious event was held at the renowned Wagonhill Shooting Range from 24th to 25th April 2026, attracting skilled marksmen from across the region.

During the championship, participants faced demanding shooting matches from 100-meters. Competitors used standard-issue service rifles, such as the R4, R5, and Galil ARM platforms. In the X class, optics were restricted to a maximum magnification of 4x, maintaining fairness and challenging both precision and discipline among the shooters.

The KZN SAPS team delivered an impressive performance and collectively earned 10 medals. Constable Simphiwe Ngubane stood out by winning four medals himself, exemplifying both leadership and exceptional marksmanship. His achievements serve as a source of inspiration for fellow members and reflect the club's commitment to excellence in competitive shooting.

- Gold medal in the 100-meter snap event
- Silver medal in the 100-meter rapid event
- Silver medal in the 400-meter event
- Silver medal for the Provincial B Team

This success at Wagonhill marks another significant achievement for the KZN SAPS Combat Rifle Club. It strengthens camaraderie and professional skills within the SAPS community.

Congratulations are extended to Constable Ngubane and his team for their outstanding accomplishments.



### **Constable Simphiwe Ngubane and other SAPS members displaying their medals**

The South African Combat Rifle Association National Championship, the largest combat rifle event, takes place every August in Bloemfontein. This national competition welcomes teams from countries such as the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Lesotho.

The next provincial combat rifle shoot is the Provincial SAPS Combat Rifle League shoot, scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the Merrivale Shooting Range. IPA KwaZulu-Natal extends best wishes to Constable Simphiwe Ngubane and all IPA KwaZulu-Natal members for success in this upcoming event.



*[Also see the article in this newsletter on the achievement of Const Ngubane where he will be attending the IPA YPOS seminar in Germany on behalf of IPA (SA).]*

## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

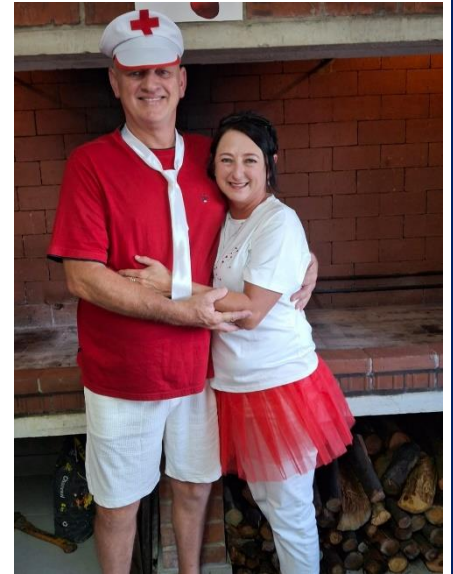
### **GARDEN ROUTE REGION**

IPA Diaz hosted an evening event on Saturday 2026/02/14 at the IPA Diaz bar.

Lucky draws were also part of the fun, where member could pop a balloon at R30 per pop to reveal a surprise prize.

Dancing, laughter, and lots of fun were the order of the night, leaving members in good spirits and feeling relaxed.

This event was organized and managed by Diaz Club committee, Hannes Nortje, Marizanne Du Plessis and Karin Van Eck.



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### **BLAAUWBERG BRANCH**

#### **The Edge of Africa Challenge - Strandfontein, West Coast**

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**SECRETARY-GENERAL: “#SheisIPA”**

**TESSA DEYZEL**



**REFLECTING ON THE FIRST  
#TEAFORSHE: IMPOSTER SYNDROME**



## IPA SA Section Launches its 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom Meeting: A Meaningful Initiative from Women in the Profession

The IPA SA Section proudly hosted its inaugural #Tea for SHE event, themed “Imposter Syndrome”, on 7 April 2026. This online meeting marked the beginning of an exciting series designed to celebrate women, foster connection, and create empowering conversations around the unique challenges and achievements of women in our community.

Following the first International #TEAforSHE held on 5 March 2026, Magda Raducu offered to assist IPA Section South Africa in hosting an event exclusively for IPA SA ladies and will continue assisting with future events. Karen Duckworth, President of the International Police Association Section UK and IEB Professional Commission Project Lead - #SHEisIPA, coordinated the Zoom meeting.

In anticipation of International Women’s Day, the #SHEisIPA team welcomed members and guests, inviting all women interested in joining a supportive community to participate in this new initiative. The session began promptly at 17:00 CET, focusing on understanding Imposter Syndrome – a psychological pattern where individuals doubt their accomplishments and fear being exposed as frauds. This topic resonated strongly, especially in professional spaces where self-doubt persists despite clear competence and success.

***A total of 17 IPA SA members participated in this meaningful Zoom session, representing various regions and roles:***

- ***President of the International Police Association Section UK and IEB Professional Commission Project Lead - #SHEisIPA, Karen Duckworth***
- ***IPA #SHEisIPA Founder Member, Magda Raducu***
- ***IPA SA Ambassador, Tessa Deyzel (KZN)***
- ***IPA KwaZulu-Natal: Amanda Lombard & Brigadier Ngubane***
- ***IPA Free State Region: Natasha Swart & Marina Esterhuyse***
- ***IPA Mpumalanga Region: Jabu & Sonto Simelane***
- ***IPA West Rand Region: Natasha Calitz***
- ***IPA Garden Route: Erica Van Eck, Alta Nigrini, Charleen Windwaai, Lee-Ann, Sharon Coetzee, Ronell Cloete***
- ***Linda Rodriguez (International #SHEisIPA Representative)***

Each attendee brought unique perspectives and experiences, contributing to a lively and honest dialogue.



The session was notable for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, encouraging participants to openly share their experiences of self-doubt and the pressures of measuring up – often in comparison to male colleagues. The facilitator introduced the concept of Imposter Syndrome with relatable examples, creating space for practical discussion on recognising and challenging negative self-talk.

Attendees discussed strategies for building self-confidence, the importance of affirmations, and the value of daring to be oneself in all spheres of life. Key messages included “Believe in yourself,” “We must dare to be ourselves,” and recognising the power and impact women have in the world. The interactive format ensured everyone felt heard, validated, and inspired to grow.

The event also included the launch of the “Write a Letter to Yourself” project, which was enthusiastically received. This reflective exercise is designed to help participants acknowledge their strengths, confront self-doubt, and reinforce a positive self-image.

Many attendees expressed appreciation for the supportive environment and practical takeaways.

The first #Tea for SHE session was well-organised, meaningful, and showcased the potential of the IPA SA Section’s new initiative. Plans are in place to share session recordings with those unable to attend live, ensuring these empowering conversations reach the wider IPA community.

This first gathering establishes a strong foundation for ongoing engagement, support, and empowerment. With each new event, the IPA SA Section looks forward to growing its vibrant IPA community and continuing to champion the voices and experiences of women in the profession.

Thank you to all the regions that participated in this first of a series of meetings for the year.

IPA SA would like to extend a big heartwarming thank you to Karen Duckworth and Magda Raducu for their assistance in empowering the IPA SA ladies.

Compiled by: Tessa Deyzel

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## **Empowering Female Leaders in the IPA and Beyond: My Seminar Experience**

Attending the **Empowering Female Leaders in the IPA and Beyond** seminar was a truly transformative experience and the highlight of my journey within the IPA. As part of the Professional Commission’s ongoing commitment to gender equity, this event set out to increase the visibility of women in the IPA, make the organization more accessible to women across the wider policing family, and provide targeted, professionally relevant seminars to support female leaders in our ranks.



From the outset, the seminar embodied the vision for a more inclusive and empowered future within policing and the IPA. The event, taking place from the **12<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**, was the latest in a series of initiatives following the success of the #SHEisIPA seminars in 2025. The #SHEisIPA Project team made it possible for participants from all over the world to come together, share their experiences, and collectively shape the future of the organization.

A special acknowledgment is due to the International Executive Board (IEB), whose generous sponsorship enabled one representative from each participating country to attend the seminar at a reduced rate. The IEB's commitment to accessibility and diversity contributed greatly to the success of the event and the strengthening of connections within the IPA community.

The opportunity to connect with so many remarkable women from diverse backgrounds was nothing short of amazing. We came together, shared stories, learned from each other, and forged friendships that I am confident will last a lifetime. The networking opportunities were exceptional, providing a powerful platform for collaboration and mutual support.

The seminar was brought to life by a lineup of strong, knowledgeable speakers whose insights deepened my understanding of the IPA's work and mission. Their presentations were both informative and inspirational, sparking meaningful conversations and new ideas. I walked away feeling not only more empowered but also better equipped to contribute to the advancement of female leadership within our policing community and IPA South Africa as a whole.

I was deeply honored to be invited to present on the IPA Africa Chapter (including South Africa), highlighting the remarkable achievements our Section(s) have accomplished, especially through the #SHEisIPA initiative and the UNITE Project, which encompasses the 16 Days of Activism and efforts to combat femicide. IPA South Africa has gained significant recognition, with our progress in South Africa surpassing much of what has been achieved in Europe. Through the #SHEisIPA Project, IPA Africa and South Africa have successfully established a robust network for IPA women, paving the way for future advancement and collaboration.

Reflecting on my experience, I am filled with gratitude and motivation. This seminar was more than just an event - it was a celebration of collective strength, vision, and the unwavering spirit of women in policing. I look forward to carrying these lessons with me as I continue my work within the IPA and to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have for years to come.

One of the highlights of the seminar was the vibrant cultural evening, which brought together attendees in the spirit of celebration and camaraderie. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate each other's cultures, sharing a variety of foods, snacks, and drinks. The evening was filled with dancing and meaningful conversations, allowing participants to connect beyond professional roles and get to know one another on a more personal level.

During the lively auction that took place during the cultural evening, IPA SA (myself) bid to secure artwork, proudly representing our country's contribution to the Community empowerment project. Pictures were drawn by the youngsters at Maria Our Hope Centre to raise money for children being helped by the Section Ireland charity "Little Blue Heros". The auction event was fun and representatives from the different sections betting against each other to represent their countries.

This meaningful project exemplified international solidarity, with young people from one country reaching out to help their peers in another.

I am eager to share the insights and experiences I gained with all the current and future IPA women in South Africa. The connections made and the knowledge acquired during the seminar have been truly invaluable. To anyone considering participating in this event, I wholeheartedly encourage you not to hesitate - if the opportunity arises, take it without delay. Attending this seminar can be a transformative step for your professional journey and personal growth within the IPA community.

Saying goodbye at the end of the seminar proved to be an emotional and challenging experience for everyone involved. The bonds formed throughout the event, especially with those with whom we developed deeper connections, made parting ways difficult. These farewells underscored the genuine camaraderie and strong relationships fostered during our time together. While we knew the seminar had come to an end, the connections and memories created will undoubtedly remain with us, serving as a reminder of the lasting impact of this unique gathering.

Compiled by: Tessa Deyzel



## NATIONAL HEAD OFFICE MANAGER & NATIONAL TRAVEL SECRETARY: JACQUES LOOTS



### Update from IPA South Africa Head Office

The IPA South Africa Head Office continues to serve as the central hub for administration, coordination, and member support. Our team remains focused on ensuring smooth operations across all regions, with particular attention to event logistics, membership management, and compliance requirements.

Recent efforts have included:

- **Streamlined Communication:** Enhancing coordination between national and regional committees to ensure clear, unified messaging across email, WhatsApp, and social media.
- **Membership Services:** Ongoing support for new applications, renewals, and distribution of membership cards, with improved systems to keep records accurate and accessible.
- **Event Administration:** Providing logistical and creative support for upcoming national events to ensure professional delivery and meaningful engagement.
- **Compliance and Governance:** Addressing statutory requirements, including SARS Section 18A certification processes, to maintain transparency and accountability.
- **Travel Assistance:** Supporting members with travel coordination, advice, and access to IPA Houses worldwide, strengthening international friendship and cooperation.

### IPA South Africa – Digital Outreach Update

The IPA South Africa Head Office is actively using **Facebook, WhatsApp, and other digital platforms** to promote our activities, share updates, and strengthen our network of friendship and service. These tools allow us to reach members quickly, celebrate milestones, and showcase events to a wider audience.



#### How Regions Can Benefit:

- Use **Facebook pages or groups** to share local events, achievements, and recruitment drives.
- Create **WhatsApp broadcast lists** for quick communication with members.
- Share **photos, short videos, and captions** that highlight your region's work and community impact.
- Encourage members to **follow and engage** with IPA South Africa's official platforms to stay connected nationally and internationally.

Together, by embracing these digital tools, we can grow stronger, increase visibility, and ensure our message of *Service Through Friendship* reaches every corner of South Africa.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IPA.SouthAfrica>

Join our National WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L42eYgJL0vfl3uhsswJvr4>

The Head Office remains committed to upholding the IPA motto, *Servo per Amikeco – Service Through Friendship*, by fostering collaboration, supporting our members, and strengthening the bonds of friendship and professionalism across the law enforcement community.

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Membership Inquiries Email: [membership@ipasafrica.co.za](mailto:membership@ipasafrica.co.za)

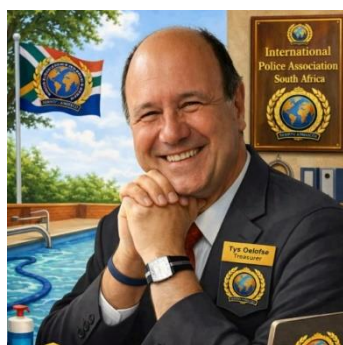
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday | 08:00 – 13:00

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## FINANCES

### NATIONAL TREASURER: MATYS OELOFSE



Good day IPA members.

Just a short breakdown of IPA (SA) Section membership figures up to date:

Membership figures:

- o 64 less SAPS members in April 2026 than in March 2026
- o 75 less SAPS members in April 2026 than in April 2025
- o 34 less debit order members than in April 2025
- o **NB. We receive more money with less members, but that is not sustainable!**
- Surplus / Deficit
  - o Surplus is approximately R120,000 more than in April 2025
- **Account Balances**
  - o In total we have approximately R113,500 more as in April 2025

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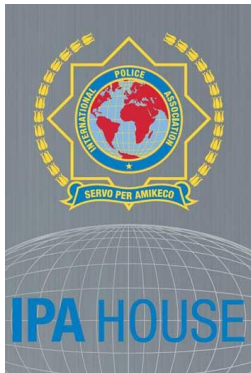
## GUESTHOUSES

**Information that I want to place under this section is only house-related events, not regional events taking place there, as that Region will report the event under their Region's name.**

## TIMOUR HALL VILLA - CAPE TOWN

✚ Timour Hall Villa Guest House Managers are:

- Sabine & Reece Harvey
  - Sabine – 0833912940
  - Reece – 0833050496
- [ipatimourhallvilla@vox.co.za](mailto:ipatimourhallvilla@vox.co.za)
  - Land Line: 021 712 4967
- <https://www.facebook.com/IPACapeTown-TimourHallVilla>



### **THE IPA HOSTING BOOKIPA Houses, Apartments & Other Accommodation**

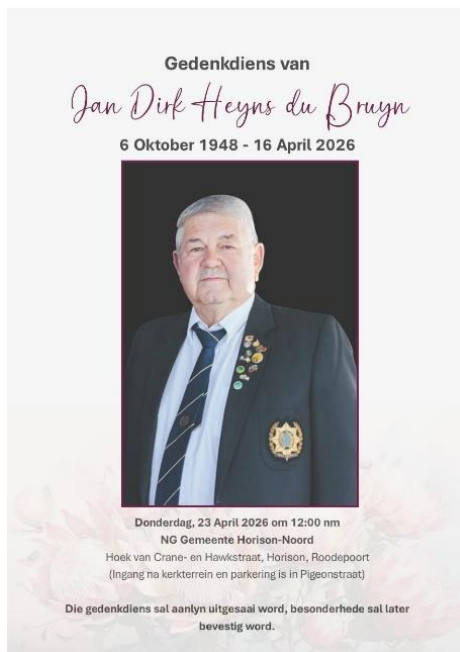
Various properties in member countries serve as official IPA Houses that offer members accommodation at a reasonable price.

Additionally, members can access other accommodations at discounted rates for IPA members.

<https://www.ipa-international.org/IPA-Houses>

## **LOVE & SORROW**

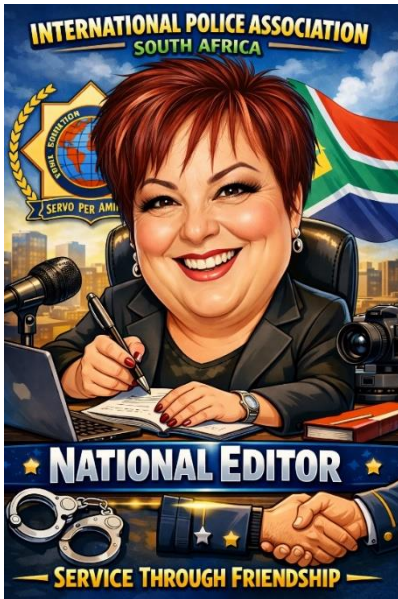
[information of members and family who passed away, their families who need our support and prayers, as well as members, or family members, being very sick]



### **WEST RAND**

One of IPA's biggest and most loyal members, and an IPA member on the West Rand for over 30 years, Jan de Bruin has passed away after a long battle with dementia and cancer.

Rest in peace Jan, we will always remember you!



## FINAL WORD BY YOUR EDITOR

NATASHA CALITZ

In a world that constantly challenges the values we hold dear, the spirit of IPA continues to shine as a beacon of unity, friendship, and service.

Guided by our motto “Servo per Amikeco”, we are reminded that our strength lies not only in our shared profession, but in our shared humanity.

Each member of the IPA carries a legacy of dedication, courage, and compassion.

Whether actively serving or retired, we remain bound by a commitment to uplift one another, support our communities, and build bridges that transcend borders and backgrounds.

As we look ahead, the way forward is rooted in **CONNECTION**. Let us continue to grow our networks, strengthen our regional and national presence, and inspire the next generation of members to carry this proud tradition forward.

***The one tool we can use and is, available to all regions, is your regional newsletter!! Make the effort and connect with your regional members!! My sincere hope is that every region in SA, will establish this communication tool, and make a connection with, not only your members, but everyone out there!***

Through community outreach and meaningful engagement, we reaffirm our role as goodwill ambassadors.

Let this be a call to **ACTION!**

Together we can ensure that IPA SA remains not just an organisation, but a **FAMILY!**

Stay inspired, stay connected and above all, continue to serve with pride!!

Natasha Calitz  
IPA (SA National Editor)

## INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL PROJECTS & COMPETITIONS



**PLANT A TREE  
GREEN IPA Project**

Organised By The Socio-Cultural Team

Wednesday, 22 April 2026, through Sunday, 17 May 2026

IPA green

QR code

IPA South Africa logo

The banner features a group of people planting trees, a QR code, and the IPA South Africa logo.

The Socio-Cultural Commission Green IPA Project Team has invited all IPA sections worldwide to participate in the global environmental campaign:

### PLANT A TREE – GREEN IPA

In celebration of Earth Day, Wednesday **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**, will be used to unite IPA members, worldwide, and local communities in a shared commitment for every IPA member to plant at least one tree (no limit to the number of seedlings – the more the better), in their region in the period between the **22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026**

to the **17<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**, and therefor strengthens the IPA's commitment to environmental stewardship.

**Let's grow together!**

**Let us come together across the world to make the world greener, one tree at a time!**

IPA (SA) will also take part in this initiative. If you plant a tree, or seedlings, in this period, either as part of a Regional Event or in your private capacity at your home or any other place, let us receive your photos and Event Feedback so that we can show the world IPA SA cares for the environment!



**STAY CONNECTED, STAY IPA!**

To Our Retiring IPA Members  
Don't Let Your Journey End Here!

- ✓ Complete a Debit Order Form
- ✓ Update Your Membership Details

Stay Connected to IPA Benefits & Friendship!

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Email: [membership@ipasafrica.co.za](mailto:membership@ipasafrica.co.za)

ONCE IPA, ALWAYS IPA! ❤️

IPA South Africa logo

The banner features a police officer, a globe, and photos of members.

**Did you recently go on pension / resigned from the SAPS?**

**Has any of your personal information changed?**

Your journey with the IPA doesn't have to end here! You are now entering a new chapter in your life, and we would love for you to remain part of our global IPA family of friendship and service.

- ✚ **Complete a debit order form (debit order form available on website or ask your regional secretary)**
- ✚ **Update your personal membership details**

This will ensure uninterrupted access to IPA events, travel opportunities, and lifelong camaraderie.

You can **WhatsApp IPA Head Office at +27 66 542 7538**

As an IPA member, you can also take part in numerous IPA programs, activities, and projects. Use this link, search and explore your IPA benefits!

<https://ipasafrika.co.za/main/membership/member-benefits/>



One of these amazing benefits is the opportunity to be awarded the YPOS bursary (valued at about R25,000.00) for young police officials, a programme aimed at developing future leaders in policing.

This year (2026) IPA SA has awarded Constable Simphiwe Ngubane from KZN, an investigator from the KZN Provincial Tracking Team in Durban, the Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) Bursary 2026.

He will be attending the seminar from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2026 in Selm, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. The theme this year is "Future Meets Training – Digitalisation in Police Operational Training".



**IPA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026**




Organised by the Socio-Cultural Commission

All photographs should be sent together with the official entry form by email to the following email address: [anetasobieraj@ipapolska.pl](mailto:anetasobieraj@ipapolska.pl)



- \* Deadline for entry is 31st July, 2026
- \* Scan QR Code for details



**IPA Literary Competition 2026**

Competition deadline **July 1st**

Please send all entries to: [artsandcultureprojectteam@gmail.com](mailto:artsandcultureprojectteam@gmail.com)






**Categories**

- short story
- Poetry

Scan the QR for details

Please visit the International website for all details  
[www.ipa-international.org](http://www.ipa-international.org)

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The IPA SA Section celebrates 4,000 followers!

Thank you to every member and supporter who continues to strengthen our mission of Service Through Friendship. Together we build bridges of unity and partnerships across borders!

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Together We Serve. Together We Connect!

**THANK YOU**

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