



# ***National RoundUp***

*March 2026*

# **The 2026 Region 18 Challenge**

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# **IPA Canada R18 Recruitment Challenge**

*Region 18 is challenging all IPA members across Canada to increase our membership numbers. See the bottom of the page for operational details.\**

*The region in Canada that recruits the most new members in 2026 will win this great prize. The winning region can then choose how it wishes to use this prize.*

*R 18 will award a four week stay at a private home in the Italian hills town of San Felice Del Molise (dates based on availability). The house will be all yours, no one else there. \**

*Spend a day on the beach, about a 30 minute drive to the beaches of the Adriatic Sea. Or visit a local winery (Claudio Cipressi Vignailola) for a tasting.*



*Drop into the Bar Bibaculus for a glass of local wine and to meet some of the town's characters*



*Rome, the “Eternal City” is less than a four hour drive in the rental car you decide to book at the Rome airport. While temperatures in the summer months are pleasant in the mountain area where you will be staying (average about 24 C), at the beach, a half hour away, you will find temperatures reach the high 20's and low 30's.*

*Where ever you are located in Canada, you should be able to find and book flights to Rome at reasonable rates. Rental cars are widely available in Italy at reasonable rates.*

#### **RULES**

- 1) New members recruited must be “ordinary or foreign members”. Friends of the IPA and Honorary members are not counted in the totals.**
- 2) Members must have been accepted into IPA Canada between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2026**
- 3) For each new member, a proper application must be submitted to National and copied to Region 18**

**\* The prize is subject to availability of the dates selected. The prize does not include airfare, rental car, insurance or any meals.**



## Luis Agostinho, President International Police Association, Canada Section

### President's Message – March 14, 2026

Dear Members,

I hope that this message finds you and your families well. As we move beyond the winter months, I trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable season. Winter often provides us with valuable opportunities to spend time with our loved ones—sharing family gatherings, celebrating traditions, and enjoying the great outdoors that our Canadian winters have to offer. ❄️

With the arrival of spring, we look forward to warmer weather and a busy season of activities across our regions. This time of year brings many opportunities for members to reconnect through barbecues, social gatherings, and other regional events. These occasions are a wonderful way to strengthen the friendships and camaraderie that make our Association so special. 🌱 I encourage everyone to participate and enjoy the fellowship that these events bring.

I would also like to introduce **Laurie Cook**, a serving officer with the City of Calgary Police, who has recently joined the National Executive Board as our **Recruiting and Media Officer**. Laurie has embraced this role with great motivation and enthusiasm. He has already created and is actively managing our **National Facebook page**, which I encourage all members to join. In addition, Laurie is managing our **Instagram account**, which I also encourage you all to follow. These platforms provide an abundance of information about activities and initiatives taking place around the world with other IPA National Sections.



Laurie Cook

Through these platforms, you will see many contests, competitions, and international events being organized by our fellow IPA Sections. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. For example, **IPA Spain** organizes one of its annual international trips, which this year includes visits to countries such as Japan and Vietnam. I understand that a few members from IPA Canada are participating in that trip. Similarly, **IPA Peru** will be hosting a **Friendship Week in May**, which I will be attending along with other members from our Section. These experiences are excellent opportunities to strengthen the global friendships that define the spirit of the IPA.

At the national level, I am still seeking a volunteer to fill the position of **Secretary-General**. This role offers a rewarding opportunity for someone who can dedicate a small amount of time to helping support the work of our Association. I encourage anyone who may be interested to consider stepping forward. Please also remember to stay engaged—whether regionally or nationally. This is **your Association**, and your involvement is what keeps it strong.

This week, a major meeting of the **International Executive Committee** is taking place in **Lisbon, Portugal**. Several important matters are being discussed, including potential updates to the current statutes. Among the topics under consideration are whether larger Sections should have multiple votes instead of the current one vote per Section system, the expansion of the definition of membership, and the introduction of digital membership cards to be used by all Sections. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, I was unable to attend this meeting. However, once the outcomes and decisions are available, I will provide a summary and share the results with the membership.

As we move into the spring season, I wish you all continued good health and safety. I look forward to hearing about the many events and activities taking place across our regions, and I hope to see many of you participating in and enjoying what our Association has to offer. 🌸  
Stay safe and take care.

Best regards

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'Servo per Amikeco'

**Luis F. Agostinho, CD**

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## ***National Virtual Coffee Breaks***

*IPAC Region 18 hosted a “National virtual coffee break, via Zoom, on Saturday, February 21, 2026.*

*These coffee breaks are open to every member of the IPA Canada. The Zoom link will be sent out at least a week prior to what we hope will become a monthly, virtual get together. Our first virtual coffee break was attended by only six members from regions 1, 6, 15 and 18 (if I missed anyone, please accept my apology).*

*The idea behind these coffee breaks is basically to give members a chance to meet with other members across Canada and, eventually, around the world. There will be no agenda. This is meant to be a safe space where members can talk to other law enforcement members without being judged (as often happens in social spaces with civilians).*

*This will also be a space where members might discuss hobbies (such as Patch, Hat and Challenge coin collections). The point being is that this space will be your space where you can meet other members and speak openly and freely about those things that are on your mind. That said, the preference is that we do not speak on politics or religion.*

*Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me (David Lowe) at [newslettereditor@ipa-canada.org](mailto:newslettereditor@ipa-canada.org).*



## ***Some criminals are just plain stupid !***

*Have you heard about the idiot who attempted to rob a Lowe's Home Improvement store? This idiot, after messing up his attempt in the store, decided to flee the scene. He left the store running, crossed the street and hopped over a fence...right into the Cypress Cove Nudist Resort and Spa! As this idiot was one of the only people on the resort wearing pants, he was very quickly identified by the police and immediately arrested.*



*Canada has its share of dumb criminals and this one in Vancouver takes the cake. It happened when the Vancouver Police Services asked permission of a man to search his apartment. He agreed and let them in. Thing is that this guy was not a suspect, the cops were actually looking for someone else. During the search, the cops found this fellow's cell phone and while scrolling through it, found this man's name as follows: Jason Pouchay – Drug dealer*



## **President Beverly Bryant, Region 16, Mission to Costa Rica**

On March 3, 2026, my husband Rick and I, flew to Costa Rica to take part in an ongoing Mission Trip under the covering of Fellowship for Christian Police Officers (FCPO). The purpose of the trip is to help establish a local chapter in various cities that can offer support to the police officers in the area. Team members (18 in total plus many local volunteers) have been coming to Uvita, Costa Rica in shifts of 1 to 2 weeks during January through March. We are here until March 18th. On March 9, our team arranged to meet with the police officers, provide lunch and hygiene kits bags as well as other gifts to the police officers in Uvita. The police here work 6 days on and off, staying at the detachment during their work days before heading home for their time off. I was given an opportunity to talk about my policing career in Canada and how the challenges are very similar to what they experience. I shared how my work and family life was better balanced after I became a Christian than it was during my early policing days. At the end, I explained how I was also a member of the International Police Association in Canada, and presented them with ball caps and challenge coins from our Region 16 as gifts. The hats were a huge hit. The officers were challenged to accept Christ in their own lives and many accepted the challenge. They also were eager to set up a chapter here in Uvita where they would be able to avail of ongoing support for each other during their careers. Here in Costa Rica, officers can only retire once they have reached the age of 65.







L to R - Mission Team leader Lisa Downie, Retired RCMP (3rd from left) and Beverly Bryant, President R16 (5th from left) with some of the Police Officers from Uvita, Costa Rica

