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SHEisIPA

#SHEisIPA is a global initiative and campaign launched by the **International Police Association** (IPA). It aims to empower women in law enforcement, increase female representation in the organization, and promote diversity within the global policing community.

The campaign focuses on several key initiatives to support female police officers:

International Mentoring Programme: Connects police officers with mentors across different borders to broaden their professional perspectives.

Leadership Seminars: Hosts specialized events (such as the annual seminars at [IBZ Gimborn](#)) designed to build confidence, leadership styles, and mental health awareness.

Global Networking: Builds digital communities and regular webinars to share skills, operational experiences, and tools of the trade.

If you are interested in joining, you can learn more about the initiative directly on the #SHEisIPA project page or listen to discussions on [PolicingTV](#) about empowering police women and balancing personal life in the field

One of IPA Canada's members from Region 9 decided to attend a Professional Development Conference at Gimborn Castle, in Germany. Following is her report on this event. Thank you, Andrea Brezden for your report.

I am an officer with the Canada Border Services Agency and Region 9 executive member (Treasurer and Membership). Joining the IPA in 2019 was a life changing decision for me. I had no idea that a worldwide friendship association existed despite being in law enforcement for over two decades at that point. This speaks to the fact that the IPA needs to improve the way it promotes and recruits new members, particularly women. Initiatives such as the #SHEisIPA international project is a fantastic way to showcase the association and all that it offers its members.

Since joining the IPA, I have participated in three international conferences (and was on the organizing committee of the two local ones), one Friendship Week (Scotland 2025) and many social events. In 2023, received the Harvey Creek scholarship (R9) and used it to attend a Professional Development Conference in Germany. It is notable that at each event, I was one of the only women in attendance. When women are part of the IPA, it increases their support network and fosters inclusion in a worldwide community.

Attending the #SHEisIPA seminar 'Empowering Female Leaders – in the IPA and Beyond' at IBZ Gimborn Germany this April provided the opportunity to meet with women from around the world and discuss their challenges and accomplishments. There were 35 participants from 20 different countries. There were women of various ranks, ages and experience levels. Two male allies attended and they are part of the UN Women Project – HeForShe. International President, Martin Hoffmann joined virtually to welcome the participants and provide an IEB update. It is good to know that there are many men within the IPA who are working hard to change perceptions and make workplaces safer and more inclusive.

During our seminar, there were presentations about female membership and projects. The casual conversations during evening walks or time in the Turmbar helped generate ideas and build strong connections among all the women. I learned that there is a commonality for women in law enforcement that transcends borders. Whether you live in Moldova, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Canada or anywhere in between, you feel an instant connection to colleagues. That feeling was so apparent during our seminar that presenters stated they felt an incomparable energy from the group.

We went on a field trip to the Bundespolizei Sankt Augustin. It started with a presentation by several high-ranking female officers. Hearing about their careers, high level of education, and experiences was inspiring. Next, we went on a tour and met women who worked in the federal police air support services and performed their jobs from inside helicopters.

I'd like to express my gratitude to IPA Section Canada, not only for the financial assistance but also for the opportunity to represent the women of Canada at an international event. I came home with wonderful memories and tools to promote the IPA. I will continue to be an ambassador for the association, sharing my experiences with colleagues and law enforcement friends, and encouraging them to join the IPA too.

As an IPA member, we can travel throughout the world knowing there are friends (new and old) to connect with wherever we go. People are always willing to give a tour and welcome you. I will continue to reciprocate so if you are ever in my hometown of Chilliwack, BC please reach out.

Sincerely,
Andrea Brezden
IPA Region 9



Membership Drive

Every organization that I am aware of is suffering from the same issue. That issue is member recruitment. As an example, in Region 18, there are approximately 1200 to 1500 O.P.P. officers on duty and I have no idea how many retired O.P.P. there are in our region. We have one active duty O.P.P. constable as a member and two or three retirees as members. On top of that, we have a number of local agencies such as the North Bay Police Service, the Anishnaabe Police, the Anishinabek Police, the Sudbury Police Service, Timmins Police Service and the Thunder Bay Police Service. I cannot understand why we are unable to recruit these members. We have tried various initiatives, from buying breakfast for an entire O.P.P. detachment, making personal visits to various forces and/or detachments and attempting to set up meetings with those in charge, all to no avail. Yet we have now three foreign members and two more requesting membership. These foreign members are active-duty police officers from countries that do not have an IPA section, yet they know the value of membership in the IPA and are therefore seeking membership in accordance with the IPA Canada bylaws.

What do we need to do? We need each and every member to reach out to his or her LEO partners, to other retirees in your area and any other potential member that you know. The thing is that the greater our membership, the greater our benefits can become. You can be our best recruitment advantage.

The challenge is for each and every member to reach out and recruit one member. Just one recruit per member. That is all you need to do to make your Association so much stronger and better.



World's Dumbest Criminals*

Stories courtesy of Reader's Digest

Police in Ossining, New York were called to a mini-mart, where they found Blake Leak, 23, trying to break in. They chased Leak through the streets until both cops took a tumble. Seizing the opportunity, Leak sought refuge on the grounds of a large building. The building was the Sing Sing Maximum Security Prison, where he was promptly nabbed by a guard.



Scottish shoplifter Aron Morrison was picked up after pinching a bottle of vodka from a liquor store. It didn't take Sherlock Holmes to find Morrison, though. His name and phone number were left with the clerk—after asking her out on a date.



Rest in Peace

For a trio of drug thieves, it was their lucky day. They broke into a home in Silver Springs, Florida, and discovered three jars of cocaine. They took it home and snorted the contents. That's when they discovered that the jars were in fact urns and that they were snorting the remains of the victim's husband and two dogs.

When an attempted robbery at a Lowes Home Improvement store went awry, Milton J. Hodges fled across the street and jumped a fence right into the Cypress Cove Nudist Resort & Spa. As the Orlando Sentinel pointed out, "As one of the only folks wearing clothing," Hodges was easily spotted by police



IPA Games – Wroclaw Poland May 2026 by Stephen Price R9

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this event, which is the first time that I have been able to take part in an IPA event. As Karen Frost is aware there were some hiccups in the initial organizational set up from Poland in terms of response time and requirements but once contact was established the organizers were incredibly positive and provided enough information to allow reasoned decisions such as travel timing and accommodations.

I was entered in a Pistol shooting competition, so some additional complications or details were expected. I have been an active competitor in a number of National/International "Action Pistol" events under the

auspices of IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation) for a number of years but age, covid and my retirement from the Practice of Law have limited my participation in the last few

years so this was a bit of an adventure. The Pistol event was set up in manner that would facilitate attendance and participation by IPA members from all over and all skills or experience levels. Specifically, it was set up as a "Bullseye" event to be shot at 25M using a pistol supplied by the organization. If anyone is interested the supplied firearm was a "Radom MPS" which is a newly designed 9mm polymer framed semi-automatic similar to the Smith & Wesson M & P, at least superficially. That decision leveled the playing field (other than the fact that it is a service weapon for Polish Police officers) and removed the complexity surrounding transport and permitting.

Prior to the travel I was in touch with a retired RCMP member now living in Italy and she decided to commence her travels for the summer to include meeting and supporting me at the Games, which was useful.

The trip from the West Coast (Victoria) was 18 hrs. in three flights but given proper planning (lots of time for the switch in Frankfurt) there was no drama. I did find Frankfurt Passport Control to be slow, possibly due to staffing but no issues otherwise. On arrival in Wroclaw there was a set of greeters to meet all the arriving participants and to start the process.

The Event started with a gathering in a central square where all the participants gathered to meet and greet and to organize for a parade to another large square where we were met by the various dignitaries supported by the "State Police" Band and Honour Guard. There were the expected speeches by various officials (Mercifully reasonably short) followed by additional mingling. Even with my limited language skills it was easy to find members to talk with.

For me Tuesday was a day to find the Range and make use of the limited (scheduled) practice period to fire 20 rounds and to get a better understanding of the manner and technicalities of the event and of the Range Officers. I was able to meet up with one of the participants from UK that I had been introduced to through Karen Frost and the Head of IPA UK while we sorted out some of the particular issues raised by the organizers in advance.

Wednesday was competition day for me that was organized on a relay system so that shooters were spread out over the entire day. Given my performance I can only say that I wished we could include the practice round but that was not to be.

That evening there was a 'social event' complete with some of the Medal presentations taking place in a hockey practice arena. I was completely unsurprised to find a lot of loud and boisterous people having fun. While there (with Mustafa and later Bradley) we had lots of conversations with Police officers from a number of countries.

Thursday was an off day for me but with my first flight on the return trip having a take-off time of 0600 I decided that the closing ceremony (Mid to late evening) would proceed in my absence. I was not able to attend the medal ceremony for the Basketball tourney where the members from Toronto Metro won the silver medal. They were undefeated but the tourney ended on a points for/against calculation, and they were bested by one point.

The hotel we were booked into had a large number of very friendly participants from Portugal as well as the small delegation from Monaco.

- Stephen Price (IPA Canada Region 9)



Stephen (seated) with the President of IPA



Opening ceremony – regional Police Honour Guard



The Three Canadians – SGP in the middle



SGP at the pistol range (white shirt – lane 8)

Friendship Week in Cuzco: Fellowship, Culture, and the Wonder of Machu Picchu

Members of the International Police Association Canada Section recently travelled to Peru to participate in the IPA Ibero-America Group 7 Meeting and the Friendship Week that followed. The event brought together police officers and IPA members from several countries, including the United Kingdom, Colombia, Spain, Portugal, and Canada, further strengthening the international bonds that define the IPA motto, *Servo per Amikeco* — Service Through Friendship.

The official meetings were held in Lima, Peru, and graciously hosted by IPA Section Peru. Delegates stayed at the *Casino de Policia*, a beautiful resort facility designed for police officers and their families. The venue provided an excellent setting for both the formal discussions and the camaraderie that naturally develops among IPA members from around the world.

One of the highlights in Lima was a visit to the Mounted Unit of the Peruvian National Police, the largest mounted unit within the Peruvian police service. Delegates were escorted through the city by police motorcycle officers and received a warm ceremonial welcome upon arrival by a police band.

The hospitality shown by our Peruvian hosts was exceptional. Members were given an extensive tour of the impressive facility and observed demonstrations by young, mounted officers in training, showcasing advanced riding techniques and discipline. The specialized Canine Unit also conducted a demonstration that highlighted the professionalism and capabilities of the Peruvian National Police.

Lunch was served at the unit following the presentations, allowing delegates additional opportunities to exchange ideas and experiences with fellow officers from around the world. During the visit, IPA Section Canada proudly presented commemorative patches and challenge coins to the Unit Commandant as a token of appreciation and international friendship.

Following the meetings in Lima, participants travelled to the historic city of Cuzco to begin Friendship Week. Located approximately 3,600 meters above sea level, Cuzco required visitors to take time to acclimate to the altitude upon arrival. Participants were advised to rest for four to six hours before engaging in activities, as the elevation can affect even experienced travellers.

Despite the altitude, the pace of Friendship Week was energetic and exciting. Tours began as early as 5:30 a.m. and often continued until 8:00 p.m., allowing participants to experience the incredible history, culture, and scenery of Peru. Throughout the week, the group visited several cities and historical sites, each offering a unique glimpse into Peru's rich heritage.

Without question, the highlight of the week was the unforgettable visit to Machu Picchu. Nestled high in the Andes Mountains, the ancient Incan citadel left a lasting impression on all who attended. The breathtaking scenery, combined with the remarkable engineering and history of the site, made for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Travelling by early morning train through the mountain valleys only added to the sense of adventure and anticipation.

Representing IPA Canada during the Friendship Week were Sgt. Marco Di Nardo of 52 Division, Toronto Police Service, and Constable Keith Tauro, also from 52 Division and both proud members of IPAC Region 2. Their participation further demonstrated Canada's continued commitment to fostering international policing relationships and strengthening the spirit of friendship among IPA members worldwide.

Friendship Week in Peru was far more than a travel experience. It was an opportunity for police officers from different nations, cultures, and policing traditions to come together in friendship, mutual respect, and professional exchange. Events such as these continue to reinforce the unique international spirit of the IPA and remind us of all of the importance of global cooperation and enduring friendships within the policing community.

Places We Visited:

- Pisaq Archaeological Site
- Pisaq Town
- Urubamba (For Lunch Time)
- Ollantaytambo Archaeological Site
- Chinchero Archaeological Site
- Maras
- Moray
- Maras Salt Mines
- Machu Picchu





VII Ibero-American Group of the International Police Association

Following is a report from National President Lou Agostinho regarding the Meeting of the VII Ibero-American Group of the International Police Association held in Peru.

FINAL REPORT

II Meeting of the Ibero-American Group of the International Police Association (IPA)

Place: LIMA-PERÚ

Date: April 28-29-30 and May 1-2, 2026

Organized: The International Police Association – VII Ibero-American Group **Participants:** Presidents and representatives of the national sections of the member countries of the Ibero-American Group of IPA.

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the activities planned by the VII Ibero-American Group of the International Police Association, the Second Meeting was held in Lima, Peru, with the participation of representatives from the member national sections.

The purpose of this report is to document the initial project presented, the activities carried out, and the agreements reached during the working sessions.

II. MEETING OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the meeting were:

1. To strengthen institutional cooperation among the Ibero-American sections of the IPA.
2. To promote the exchange of professional, cultural, and educational experiences.
3. To evaluate joint regional integration projects.
4. To establish cooperation agreements and plan future activities.
5. To promote training and well-being programs for members.



III. INITIAL PROJECT

During the inaugural session, the initial project was presented, entitled:

“Strengthening Ibero-American Integration and Cooperation of the International Police Association”

Project components:

- Consolidation of the permanent coordination network among national sections.
- Development of joint training programs in:
 - o Citizen security
 - o Criminal investigation
 - o Cybersecurity
 - o Human rights and community policing
 - o Artificial intelligence
 - o Criminology.
- Academic and cultural exchange among IPA members
- Implementation of sports and social activities
- Modernization of institutional communication
- Development of an annual calendar of Ibero-American events.

Proposed goals:

- Increase the participation of member sections.
- Encourage the incorporation of new member countries.
- Consolidate international cooperation mechanisms.
- Develop sustainable professional training programs.
- Strengthen the institutional image of police forces and the IPA in the region.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS

1. Opening Ceremony

A formal ceremony was held in the Chavín Hall of the Police Casino, attended by 150 guests from the police forces accredited to the police attachés in Peru, members of the Peruvian National Police, and representatives of civil society.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from the President of the Peruvian Section of the International Police Association, who welcomed the authorities, international representatives, and guests, emphasizing the importance of Ibero-American police cooperation and the strengthening of institutional ties. He also officially introduced the participating delegations and approved the work agenda.

Mr. Clive Wood then spoke on behalf of the Ibero-American Police Association (IEB), and a virtual connection was established with Martin Hoffman, International President of the International Police Association.

Next, a special program was presented by TRAFPOL-IRSA of Spain and the Traffic Accident Investigation Unit of the Peruvian National Police (ROAD SHOW), coordinated by Antonio Gómez of IPA Spain, focusing on traffic accident prevention.

Following this, Mr. Luis Quispe Candia, the newly elected member of the Peruvian National Congress and president of the NGO LUZ ÁMBAR, addressed the audience.

The event concluded with closing remarks by General Sergio Monar of the Peruvian National Police, who thanked the attendees and congratulated the participants in the traffic accident prevention Road Show.

2. Working sessions

During the conference, the following national sections gave presentations:

1. Peru
2. Argentina
3. Brazil
4. Canada
5. Colombia (in formation)
6. Spain
7. United States of America, and
8. Portugal

The topics covered were related to: Cooperación internacional institucional.

- Brief history of the national section.
- Number of members and strategies for expanding membership.
- Institutional best practices
- Technological innovation applied to police work
- Ongoing training and professional development.
- Social and welfare programs for IPA members.

Following each presentation, dialogues were held to learn about national experiences, ongoing projects, and proposals of regional interest.

Additionally, the following topics were discussed:

- Review of the topics discussed at the 2026 I IPA Lisbon meeting and the group's interest in following up on the conclusions reached there.
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- Renewal of the group's leadership, a position now held by Luis Agostino of Canada
- Selection of the venue for the next in-person meeting, deciding to hold it in Sri Lanka, coinciding with the IPA World Congress.

3. Institutional and cultural activities

- As part of the official program, the following took place:
- Formal and institutional visits
- Integration and fellowship activities
- Cultural exchanges between delegations
- Social activities
- Recognition and presentation of awards to the host and previous leader.

These activities strengthened the bonds of friendship and cooperation among the participants.

4. Closing

The meeting concluded with a plenary session in which the general conclusions were presented and the final agreements adopted by consensus of the attending national sections were approved.

V. AGREEMENTS ADOPTED

As a result of the working sessions, the following agreements were established:

1. Strengthen ongoing coordination among the Ibero-American sections of the IPA.
2. Promote joint professional development and technical training programs for members who express a willingness to participate.
3. Create digital mechanisms for communication and institutional exchange.
4. Promote cultural, sporting, and academic activities among member countries in Ibero-America.
5. Share best practices in institutional management
6. Increase youth participation within the IPA.
7. Hold regular meetings for project follow-up and evaluation.
8. Submit a motion at the 2026 World Congress in Sri Lanka to incorporate the VII Ibero-American Regional Group into the IPA's statutes and regulations.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

The second meeting of the VII Ibero-American Group of the International Police Association (IPA) strengthened the bonds of friendship, cooperation, and professionalism among the participating national sections.

The exchange of experiences and the adoption of joint agreements represent a significant step forward for institutional strengthening and Ibero-American integration.

Furthermore, the commitment of the member sections to continue promoting the IPA's core values—"Servo per Amikeco" (Serving for Friendship)—was emphasized.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement the agreements reached
2. Maintain constant communication among the national sections
3. Promote greater participation of new members and young IPAs
4. Strengthen academic and international training activities.
5. Consolidate regional cooperation and mutual assistance projects.

Lima, May 7, 202



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National President Lou Agostinho – holding the flag on the right side of the photo and being the center flag holder there.

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