

First Timer



Steve Hardy

As a serving police officer with 12 years' experience and based in Newquay, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to attend Gimborn in Germany to a seminar on dealing with traumatic incidents and stress.

I admit I did not really know a lot about the IPA until one day at work I noticed an internal advertisement from the

Cornwall branch of IPA asking for applicants to apply to attend all expenses paid seminars at Gimborn. The idea was to promote the IPA and generate further interest, particularly amongst younger members of the service.

As a member of our Hostage Negotiation Unit and being trained in disaster victim recovery the course immediately appealed. I felt that the chance to speak with officers from other parts of the world would be invaluable. So I applied for a place and to my delight was offered a position.

I spoke to many people prior to attending Gimborn seeking their opinion. They all agreed that it was an amazing experience but I have always been one of those people that thinks I will see for myself.

Arriving on the Sunday night, after being collected from Cologne Airport, I was immediately bowled over by the isolated beauty of Gimborn castle. I awoke early in order to explore the venue and the more I saw the more I fell for this place.

The seminar itself was fascinating and it was really interesting to learn that most police officers, from all over the world, shared the same problems within their communities. Having the chance to speak to them and share experiences was something that will live with me forever. The evenings were kept busy in the infamous dungeon bar, and international relations further boosted with themed entertainment.

It was in fact a sad day when the course finished and we all had to return home. I would not be exaggerating if I said that attending Gimborn was a life changing experience for me. I have met new friends and gained valuable insight into the world of international policing. It really has to be experienced.

Steve Hardy, Newquay, Cornwall

WIN a stay in the IPA House, Colchester - Worth £100

The prize is for a Section UK member and upto 3 guests (there are two bedrooms) staying in the IPA House for two concurrent nights*.

* Date of visit to be arranged with the House Manager and dependent on availability. There is also the option of extending your stay.

How to enter

1. Get two colleagues to enrol on-line via Section UK's website** <http://www.ipa-uk.org/Join-Us>
2. Send an email** to mail@ipa-uk.org giving your own name and those of your new recruits.
3. Enrolments must be made between 1 January - 31 March 2011 to qualify for the prize draw.
4. You can enter as many times as you like, just let us know each time you recruit two people.

Some things you might need to know

There's never been a better time to join - The joining fee is £35. You've now more colleagues who you can approach - The Section's Rules have changed to allow PCSO's, SOCO's (or their equivalent terminology) and Investigating officers to join IPA. People who resigned voluntarily and who can produce written proof that they previously served in the police for 10 years or more can also apply for membership.

**We're flexible - Electronic applications and emails are preferred, but if internet access is difficult, please contact BSAC on 0115 9813638.

Elections to the National Executive 2011

The current three year tenure of both the National President and National Treasurer comes to an end at our National Council meeting (NCM) on **Saturday 14 May, 2011.**

Elections will be held at the NCM to fill the vacant posts. The incumbents, Steve Connor, National President and Fred Boyd, National Treasurer have intimated their intention to stand again for office.

Nominations should be directed to the Secretary General at the following e-mail address; **Secretary-General@ipa-uk.org**

or by mail to: The Secretary General, Arthur Troop House, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AJ.

Nominations should be accompanied by a CV and personal statement.

Members are advised that all nominations must be received by the Secretary General not later than 28 days in advance of the date of election, ie the closing date for nominations will be **Saturday 16 April, 2011.**

Nominations are open to any Ordinary Member whether serving or retired.

Win an IPA cup

Star Article



In edition 2 of 2011 a 'Star Article' will be chosen and an IPA Thermal cup will be awarded as a prize. So what are you waiting for, email us about your news and adventures and you might be lucky enough to be selected!

Pakistan Visit Requests

BSAC has received the following request from the Secretary General of Pakistan, Muhammad Munir. His request is endorsed by the NEC of Section UK. Due to law & order/ war against terrorism situation in Pakistan, Mr Munir requests that no IPA section should accept any visit request from an IPA member of Pakistan, without the recommendation of the NEC of Section Pakistan. **Email:** pakistan_ipa@yahoo.com