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An Appreciation

By John Hickson

The untimely death of Catherine Quinn had myself & Eamonn Gunn journeying to Rathcoole on a recent April evening and recalling events of forty years ago. On a July evening 1967 I found myself elected as President of the Irish Section of IPA. It had been virtually foisted on us by the GRA. Without funds and very few ideas we took on the challenge. We were fortunate to find a young garda as secretary. Her name was Catherine Barry. In her early twenties she took on the task with enthusiasm, problems were just things to be solved. She had a wonderful competence to mix with and meet people particularly those from other countries. When we decided to take a group to Switzerland for the IEC meeting in October 1967 she contrived to engage many new friends and contacts. That trip was a mould breaker for a service that until then didn't seem to realise that there was a big wide world out there, and Catherine's input was immeasurable. People of her calibre are scary, her daughters effused that same warmth for life when we met them on that sad April evening. Leaba i measc na naomh duit - Catherine.

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