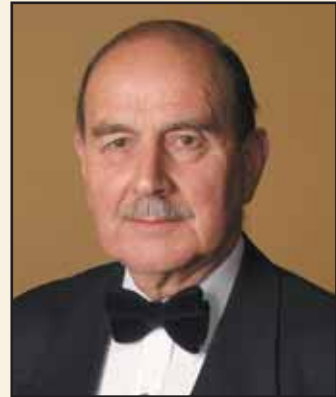


# Editorial



The popularity of the International Police Association in Ireland is sourced in the spirit of our Founder Arthur Troop, BEM; the basic message has not changed in 58 years – SERVO PER AMIKECO. It is vital that the affairs of the Association be administered fairly, efficiently and with imagination. Ireland has a good track record and as we approach the Branch & Regional Congresses in September and October we must make choices that will serve us well up to 2011.

For convenience there is a tendency to re-elect Officers who previously held Office over many years; this may be a means to retain experience; however with the current emphasis being placed on involving younger members it would be wise to promote new enthusiasm and possibly a more enlightened outlook; we must not stifle the ambitions of talented youth. Now is the time to select a suitable date for your local congress and advertise it widely.

When the 2008 – 2011 Committees have been elected I invite you to communicate the result to me for inclusion in the pages of IPA Journal; also include the date and venue of the meeting. It would be an improvement if along with the name of each Office holder you also included a contact telephone number and an e-mail address.

I remember the excitement and sense of purpose I experienced when I was elected Secretary of Region Eight in 1969; with the urging of Benefactor Seán O'Colmáin, of happy memory, we were up for any challenge.

*Ah! Those were the days, my friend  
We thought they'd never end  
We'd sing and dance forever and a day  
We'd live the life we'd choose  
We'd fight and never lose  
For we were young and sure to have our way.*

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