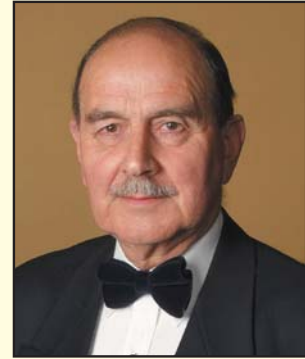


# Editorial



The IPA membership in Section Ireland hovers around 9,000; each one entitled to a copy of IPA Journal. From general responses it is obvious that our magazine is read by many that have not, as yet, joined. Addressing those who waver I would like you to know that for 95 cent per week you could join the largest police organisation in the world; that your membership card might be more useful than your passport in certain situations; that benefits too numerous to mention here are available to all who come on board.

At the beginning of 2007 IPA Journal listed a great variety of benefits available to our members; I propose to offer you details of just a few.

An annual Regional Administration Grant of €3,000 which may be topped up where

circumstances dictate; this amounts to a minimum of €3,000 per annum. Subject to certain conditions an Activity Grant amounting to €1,500 may be paid to each Region; with a full uptake this would amount to €16,500 annually. To encourage members to arrange social, professional or cultural meetings with other Sections a Travel Grant worth €3,500 is available to each Region annually; a total investment in these pursuits of €38,500. Overseas Allowance for members nominated and authorised to travel overseas on IPA business shall be reimbursed out of pocket expenses at a rate of €50 per night.

Each year Section Ireland provides Travel and Tutorial Expenses to eight members to attend seminars in Germany. IPA Journal too offers rewards, small by comparison with those listed above, to encourage writers and photographers to contribute to each publication. In the words of the Lotto advertisement IT COULD BE YOU.

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