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**ICPRA Biennial
Conference
25 – 26 April 2016
Malaga, Spain**

**Police Federation of
England & Wales
17-19 May, 2016
Bournemouth, England**

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ICPRA Chairman's Message

Greg O'Connor

This will be my last message as Chairman of ICPRA, as I will be standing down from my position at the 2016 Conference to be held in Malaga, Spain on April 24, 25, and 26. This follows my decision not to stand for re-election as President of the New Zealand Police Association when my term expires this year.

Being Chairman of ICPRA since 2006 has been one of the highlights of my time as a full time Police Association representative. I have been privileged to have been part of the organisation from the beginning.

Since then I have seen ILEC grow from an opportunity for delegates to gather together to exchange ideas and experiences, to the IPCRA of today which is incorporated in the United States, represents approximately 2 million police officers worldwide, and has built relationships with external international bodies.

There is no other body which provides an international voice for Police Officers, at a time when due to budgetary pressures, terrorism, and public demands to curb police powers to protect their communities, the work of a police officer has never been so difficult. Authorities throughout the world are looking for alternatives to the traditional policing model, invariably cheaper ones, and in doing so often fail to understand that the losers when such reform efforts fail are invariably the vulnerable citizens who live in the poorer communities which need the protection of the state more than those wealthier communities where the policy makers tend to reside.

Maintaining and growing a body like ICPRA, with the inevitable logistical, time zone, and tyranny of distance issues inherent in a worldwide body, has been challenging.

Modern media has allowed us to overcome many of these issues, plus the Executives of our own jurisdictions have understood the need to invest in the organisation by resourcing the essential face to face meetings which ensure interest is maintained.

Ensuring ICPRA has the necessary rules structure, policies, and oversight regimes ensure that the foundations are in place to allow for the essential growth which will be necessary to protect police officers the world over.

This year's conference will cover a range of topics which will ensure delegates return to their own jurisdiction better equipped to advocate for their members at home.

I have been privileged to play a part in building an organisation which has the potential to be a significant voice on the world policing stage.

I wish ICPRA all the best for what I am confident will be a long and influential future.

Greg O'Connor
Chairman



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ICPRA Council 2016 Agenda

Greg O'Connor

[Click here](#) to view the ICPRA Council 2016 Agenda. Please also find a link to the following key documents:

- [Press Calling Notice ICPRA Council Meeting 2016](#)
- [ICPRA Pre Council Meeting Questionnaire 2016](#)
- [ICPRA Cannabis and Drug Policy Paper 2016](#)
- [CV Bo Wennstrom](#)
- [CV Linda Duxbury](#)

#WeAreYou Campaign Cuts a Global Dash

Mark Lindsay, Chairman, Police Federation for Northern Ireland

In early March, we took over the impressive Long Gallery in Parliament Buildings, Stormont, to launch three mini-movies that formed the basis of our #WeAreYou campaign.

Before an audience of local politicians, church leaders and a cross-section of people involved in policing, we played the short movies – all designed to show that Police Officers are no different from the wider community.

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Firearms Inquiry for New Zealand

Greg O'Connor, President, New Zealand Police Association

New Zealand police are one of the few forces in the world that remain unarmed. However, NZ Police Association policy, as endorsed by conference and supported by 70% of frontline officers, is for frontline police to be generally armed.

The Police Association, alarmed at the number of firearms incidents and seizures, often involving unarmed members, has for the last two years been calling for an inquiry into how illicit firearms are readily available to criminals and people who should never have access to these weapons.

The Government announced in March that it would conduct such an inquiry. The Association has welcomed this news and will be major submitters to the inquiry.

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Should Use of Force Standards Change in the US?

Chuck Canterbury, President, National Fraternal Order of Police

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) issued a paper entitled “Use of force: Taking Policing to a Higher Standard: 30 Guiding Principles.”

While many of the pointers, suggested by PERF, may have merit (i.e., valuing the sanctity of human life), there are some suggestions that run the gamut from ambiguous to catastrophically dangerous to the lives of police officers as well as the general public.

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Affirmative Action and the Achievement of Equal Employment Opportunities

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU)

South Africa’s history has been marked by deep divisions as a result of apartheid imposing a series of social and economic measures that were aimed at separating South Africa’s four racial groups. It created disparities in employment, occupation and income and left an enduring legacy that even among designated groups some groups were, by dint only of their race, afforded more advantages than others.

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Need for a Nationally Consistent Approach to Alcohol-fuelled Violence Submission

Mark Burgess, CEO, Police Federation of Australia

In March 2016 the Police Federation of Australia put forward a submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee in response to the inquiry into the need for a nationally consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence.

The PFA called for the Government to play a more influential role addressing the issue by actively encouraging States and Territories to adopt an effective suite of steps. These included initiatives such as effective closing times, lock outs and restriction of high alcoholic beverages after 10pm.

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