



**Dear National IPA Presidents,
Dear IPA Friends,**

The Romanian Section of the International Police Association has the great honor to invite you to attend the event of the

**2nd INTERNATIONAL POLICE WOMEN'S MEETING
„DRACULA TOUR 2018” – ROMANIA
JUNE 13-18, 2018**

Event organized by IPA Romania, in June 13-18, 2018

- ❖ The social program includes visiting a unique place in Europe and in the world, the Bran Castle and other touristic attractions.
- ❖ English language will be the main language used in communication and English translation will be provided during the meeting sessions.
- ❖ Further more, you will find a brief description of the beautiful places we will be visiting during the Meeting period of 13 to 18 of June, 2018.

For a short preview of the main touristic objectives, please visit the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRgFU2k7oKM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpxozDPU7EM>

<http://www.bran-castle.com/dracula.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxbQCJ8Zmko>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDMBg6s3fIY>

What to Expect



The Palace of the Parliament

(Romanian: *Palatul Parlamentului*) is the seat of the Parliament of Romania. Located on Dealul Arsenalului in central Bucharest (District 5), it is the second-largest administrative building in the world, after The Pentagon in the United States. With a height of 84 m, an area of

365,000 m² and having a volume of 2,550,000 m³, it is also the fourth biggest building in the world, after the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center in Florida and the Temple of the Feathered Serpent in Teotihuacan, Mexico, and The Pentagon. In terms of weight, the Palace of the Parliament is the heaviest building in the world, weighing in at around 4,098,500,000 kg.

A colossal parliament building known for its ornate interior composed of 23 sections, it houses the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, three museums and an international conference center. The National Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Communist Totalitarianism (established in 2015) and the Museum of the Palace are hosted inside the Palace. Though named the **House of the Republic** (Romanian: *Casa Republicii*), after the Romanian Revolution in 1989 it became widely known as the **People's House** (Romanian: *Casa Poporului*). Due to its impressive endowments, conferences, symposiums and other events are organized by state institutions and international bodies, but even so about 70% of the building is empty.

In 1990, Australian business magnate Rupert Murdoch wanted to buy the building for US\$1 billion, but his bid was rejected. As of 2008, the Palace of the Parliament is valued at €3 billion (\$3.4 billion), making it the most expensive administrative building in the world. The cost of heating and electric lighting alone exceeds \$6 million per year, as much as a medium-sized city.

Peleș Castle is a Neo Renaissance [castle](#) in the [Carpathian Mountains](#),



near [Sinaia](#), in [Prahova County, Romania](#), on an existing medieval route linking [Transylvania](#) and [Wallachia](#), built between 1873 and 1914. Its inauguration was held in 1883. It was constructed for [King Carol I.](#)

The complex is northwest of the town of Sinaia, which is 48 kilometers (30 mi) from Brașov and 124 kilometers (77 mi) from Bucharest. Nestled in the southeastern Carpathian Mountains, the complex is composed of three monuments: Peleș Castle, Pelișor Castle, and the Foișor Hunting Lodge.

When the King [Carol I of Romania](#) (1839–1914), under whose reign the country gained its independence, first visited the site of the future castle in 1866, he fell in love with the magnificent mountain scenery. In 1872, the Crown purchased 1,300 square kilometers (500 sq mi) of land near the [Piatra Arsă River](#). The estate was named the Royal Estate of [Sinaia](#). The King commissioned the construction of a royal hunting preserve and summer retreat on the property, and the foundation was laid for Peleş Castle on 22 August 1873. Several auxiliary buildings were built simultaneously with the castle: the guards' chambers, the Economat Building, the Foişor hunting lodge, the royal stables, and a power plant. Peleş became the world's first castle fully powered by locally produced electricity.

Peleş Castle has a 3,200-square-metre (34,000 sq ft) floor plan with over 170 rooms, many with dedicated themes from world cultures (in a similar fashion as other Romanian palaces, like [Cotroceni Palace](#)). Themes vary by function (offices, libraries, armories, art galleries) or by style (Florentine, Turkish, Moorish, French, Imperial); all the rooms are extremely lavishly furnished and decorated to the slightest detail. There are 30 bathrooms. The establishment hosts one of the finest collections of art in Eastern and Central Europe, consisting of statues, paintings, furniture, arms and armor, gold, silver, stained glass, ivory, fine china, tapestries, and rugs. The collection of arms and armor has over 4,000 pieces, divided between Eastern and Western war pieces and ceremonial or hunting pieces, spreading over four centuries of history. Oriental rugs come from many sources: [Bukhara](#), [Mosul](#), [Isparta](#), Saruk, and [Smirna](#). The porcelain is from [Sèvres](#) and [Meissen](#); the leather is from [Córdoba](#).



Bran Castle situated near [Bran](#) and in the immediate vicinity of [Brasov](#), is a national monument and landmark in [Romania](#). The [fortress](#) is situated on the border between [Transylvania](#) and [Wallachia](#), on [DN73](#). Commonly known as "Dracula's Castle" (although it is one among several locations linked to the [Dracula](#) legend, including [Poenari Castle](#) and [Hunyadi Castle](#)), it is often erroneously referred to as the home of the title character in [Bram Stoker's](#) [Dracula](#).

There is, however, no evidence that Stoker knew anything about this [castle](#), which has only tangential associations with [Vlad the Impaler](#), [voivode](#) of [Wallachia](#), the putative inspiration for Dracula. Dutch author Hans Corneel de Roos,^[1] proposes as location for Castle Dracula an empty mountain top, Mount Izvorul Călimanului, 2,033 meters (6,670 ft) high, located in the [Călimani Alps](#) near the former border

with [Moldavia](#). Stoker's description of Dracula's crumbling fictional castle also bears no resemblance to Bran Castle. The castle is now a museum dedicated to displaying art and furniture collected by [Queen Marie](#).^[2] Tourists can see the interior on their own or by a guided tour. At the bottom of the hill is a small open-air museum park exhibiting traditional Romanian [peasant](#) structures (cottages, barns, etc.) from across the country.



The ***Historic Centre of Sighișoara*** (*Sighișoara Citadel*) is the old historic center of the town of [Sighișoara](#) (German: Schäßburg, Hungarian: Segesvár), [Romania](#), built in the 12th century by [Saxon](#) colonists under the Latin name *Castrum Sex*. It is an inhabited medieval citadel that, in 1999, was designated a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) for its 850-year-old testament to the history and culture of the [Transylvanian Saxons](#).

Birthplace of [Vlad III the Impaler](#) (in Romanian Vlad Țepeș), Sighișoara hosts, every year, a [medieval](#) festival where arts and crafts blend with rock music and stage plays. The city marks the upper boundary of the Land of [Sachsen](#). Like its bigger brothers, [Sibiu](#) (Hermannstadt - The European Cultural Capital in 2007) and [Brașov](#) (Kronstadt), Sighișoara exhibits [architecture](#) typical of medieval Germany.

During the [Communist](#) era, this [German](#) area was preserved, and the original architecture is still in place.



Râșnov Citadel is a [historic monument](#) and landmark in [Romania](#). It is situated in [Râșnov](#), [Brașov County](#), in the immediate vicinity of [Brașov](#).

The [citadel](#) was built as part of a [defence](#) system for the [Transylvanian villages](#) exposed to outside [invasions](#). A decisive aspect for building the citadel on the actual location was the route of the invading [armies](#) which were coming from the [Bran](#) pass and were passing through Râșnov, on their way to [Burzenland](#). The only chance of survival for the inhabitants of the area, inclusively from [Cristian](#) and [Ghimbav](#), was the refuge inside the citadel. Compelled to stay there for [decades](#), the people of Râșnov and the nearby villages turned the fortification into a dwelling.^[1]



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APPLICATION FORM

- ❖ The arrivals and the departures for the event will be made on Otopeni Airport-Bucharest

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Delegate

Other

Tel: _____ E-mail _____

IPA Section _____ Country: _____

ARRIVAL: (X) Car ___ Flight ___ Train ___ Bus ___ Other ___

Date: _____ Time: ___ : ___

Flight: _____ Airline: _____

Accommodation: Single (___)

Double (___) twin / double (___)

Sharing with: _____

DEPARTURE:

Date: _____ Time: ___ : ___

Flight: _____ Airline: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL XXL

Date: _____ Signature: _____

The application forms, together with the confirmation of payment are to be submitted by electronic mail to: secretariat@iparomania.ro by 15-May, 2018 at the latest.



PAYMENT DETAILS

<u>Prices:</u>	June 13 - 18, 2018
Double room	295,00 € per person
Single room	360,00 € per person
Fares include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transfer from Otopeni Airport to the HELLO Hotel- Accommodation at HELLO Hotel, Bucharest and Bran Club Villa – Brașov County.- Meals- Conference program- Entry tickets- Transportation by bus to Brașov county and back- Sightseeing passes to main touristic attractions in Bucharest, Bran and Sighișoara.

Method of payment: **Bank transfer**

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: ASOCIAȚIA INTERNAȚIONALĂ A POLIȚIȘTILOR SECȚIA ROMANA

IBAN: RO15BPOS85002717812EUR01

Bank Swift Code: BPOS ROBU

Bank name: : BANCPOST S.A. SUCURSALA LIBERTATII

Address: Bld. Libertatii, nr.20, Bl.103, Sc.A, Sector 5, București, 050707

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Refunds will not be possible for cancellation requests submitted after this date.

The Romanian Section is bound to acknowledge receipt of the application form and the participation payment.

For additional information, please email secretariat@iparomania.ro

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday 13.06.2018	Arrival of delegates & guests and transfer to the HELLO Hotel
19.00-20.00	Bucharest City Tour
20.30	Dinner at the Brewery H Pub
Thursday 14.06.2018	
07.00-09.00	Breakfast (check-out)
09.00-10.00	Transportation by bus to Parliament House
10.00-12.00	Sightseeing tour of Parliament House
12.00-14.00	Transportation by bus to Sinaia - visit the Peleş Castle
15.00-16.00	Lunch
16.00-17.30	Transportation by bus to the Bran Club Villa – Braşov County
20.00-22.00	Accommodation and dinner at Bran Villa
Friday 15.06.2018	
08.00-10.00	Breakfast
10.00-11.30	Departure from the Bran Club Villa to Sighișoara - visit Sighișoara Citadel
14.30-15.30	Lunch
16.00-19.30	Return
20.00	Dinner at Bran Club Villa Artistic show
Saturday 16.06.2018	
08.00-10.00	Breakfast
10.00-12.45	Meeting session – Theme “Police – woman: career, family and talents”
12.45-13.00	Official photographs
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.30-20.00	Visit Bran Castle
20.00	Official dinner party

Sunday

17.06.2018

08.00-10.00

Breakfast

10.00-10.30

Check-out

10.30-12.00

Departure to the Râșnov Citadel and visit

12.00-19.00

Transportation by bus to HELLO Hotel – Bucharest and on the way lunch at Sinaia city

20.00-23.00

Dinner at the restaurant „Caru cu Bere”

Monday

18.06.2018

08.00-10.00

Breakfast

10.00

Check-out and departures

**Professor Ph. D. Costică Voicu
President of IPA Romanian Section**

**<< Family members and friends of the delegates are welcome
to attend the meeting! >>**