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I was first elected as European coordinator three years ago in Seattle. Since then I have tried to be busy reaching out to our European members as well as countries we have no representation in.

To date I have (amongst other things):

- 1) helped set up WPON, the South East Europe Policewomen's Network with visits to Belgrade and Bulgaria;
- 2) worked with the Democratic Control of Armed Forces Geneva Centre on a document about Women in the Security Sector and took part in a panel meeting in Belgrade on this subject in relation to women in the Military & Police;
- 3) attended the mini conference in Hannover last year for European women officers;
- 4) spoken at a course for European officers in the UK - most of whom had never heard of IAWP;
- 5) linked IAWP up with the World Police & Fire games to be held in Belfast 2013;
- 6) written articles for our magazine as well as the UK' magazine GRAPEVINE.

I have been to Kyrgyzstan with President Jane Townsley to help celebrate their Women's network first anniversary after hosting a delegation from there in London to study British Policewomen. I also helped Lebanon's first Policewoman Major Suzann el-Hajj with her itinerary when she won a scholarship to London to study the recruitment, retention and progression of women Police Officers. I will do the same for you too if you are so fortunate to travel here for further studies! And I am now working on a UK bid to host the 2015 conference in the United Kingdom. I am also working with Fortune Europe, a UN NGO, to raise the profile of women officers in the military & Police for peacekeeping duties.

I always attend Board meetings and this spring I am participating in the Emirates & Bangladesh policewomen's conferences; both firsts for those countries and the IAWP to participate too. I also run a blog, but not as often as others do. However send me your news and I will include it for you!

Fortunately I retired last year as an Inspector with London's Metropolitan Police after a Police career spanning more than 30 years; thus giving me more time to concentrate on IAWP matters. I first joined as a cadet in Sussex just after leaving school. After 2.5 years I became a Constable and spent 4.5 years working in the county first as a patrol officer then a Detective. I left to pursue further academic studies and charity work.

In 1987 the lure of the uniqueness of a Police career called me back to the Metropolitan Police and after re-training at Hendon I worked as a Constable in Notting Hill for 9 years. Again I spent a number of years in the CID before being promoted to Sergeant and transferring to Chiswick in West London. There I ran a patrol team as well as spending time being in charge of the Custody Suite or Control room at different times.

In 2001 I was seconded to the United Nations International Police Task force in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a Police Monitor. An experience I can only describe as being a major highlight of her career. As well as giving me a taste for international policing. On return to London I spent 18 months as a Staff Officer on Professional Standards (Internal Investigations) before being promoted to Inspector at Hammersmith & Fulham. There I worked in Community Policing, patrol work, Public order and Safer transport (policing buses & bus stations) before retiring last April.

I am happy now to have more time for her IAWP work and continue to be a voice for European

Policewomen as well as time for her home, garden and hobbies such as walking, horse riding and needlework.

