

On Wednesday 2nd September 2015 I attended the Summer EuroCop Committee meeting in Prague as the BTPF representative. The meeting was attended and represented by most of the member Countries of EuroCop.

The meeting began with the current President, Anna Nellberg-Dennis addressing the Committee with an update from the Spring meeting.

There is a major concern within the European Police Community in regards to the Terrorist threats, with budget cuts European Security is at risk. EuroCop will be lobbying the policy makers at the European Commission in regards to resources, equipment and training.

The President spoke on the policing of migrants and refugees across Europe and a working party was set up to look at all aspects regarding this.

EuroCop are working with Police Forces across Europe in connection with Cybercrime and their input has being highly valued by the Forces.

The European Working Time Directive is being updated and EuroCop are lobbying on behalf of all European Police Forces for fair treatment of their members in relation to any new legislation.

Angels Bosch of EuroCop Executive Committee attended the International Women Police Officer Convention in Cardiff in August 2015, 60 countries attended the conference and Angels gave the Committee a brief update of the agenda for the conference.

The President of the NPPSS, the Lithuanian Police Union, gave an address to the Committee through an interpreter, Lithuania joined EuroCop in April 2014 and with the assistance of EuroCop since that date, 19 collective agreements have been met by the Lithuanian Government in relation to the training, equipment, pay and pensions of the Police Officers improving their working environment considerably, although the average salary for an Officer is still only 370 euros per month and the conditions are amongst the worst in Europe, it is still work in progress.

It was surprising to learn that the Guarda Civil of Spain has the least employment rights of law enforcement officers in the whole of Europe and EuroCop have entered negotiations with the European Commission in relation to equal standards within all Police Forces across Europe.

Gibraltar Police Union joined EuroCop as a full member after being voted in by the Committee.

EuroCop Congress will take place at Dublin Castle in November this year and the President of Ireland will be a guest of honour for the conference.

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