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INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION LAUNCHES THE MASTER INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SAFETY INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

In response to a growing demand and interest in Practical Shooting worldwide the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) announces the creation of the Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association (MISSIA).

MISSIA was created to establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of International Shooting Safety Instructors. It ensures that IPSC Instructors are the best trained, the best qualified and the best prepared to establish a uniform worldwide standard for training IPSC sports shooters.

“All international sports should have solid training programs and a coaching structure for the safe and efficient performance of their athletes. Therefore, the decision to create the MISSIA within the IPSC structure has always been one of our main goals. Our first mission is to develop this within IPSC and subsequently to bring our culture of safe gun handling to the attention of the whole shooting world” said the IPSC President, **Vitaly Kryuchin**.

One International Instructor, called a Master International Instructor, will be appointed in every IPSC Region. The Master Instructor will then pass on to the other Instructors and Coaches in his Region the minimum IPSC international training standards.

In IPSC Regions that already have an approved national system for training IPSC shooters, the Master Instructor will ensure that the minimum international training standard is implemented within the national program.

The International IPSC Instructor for every IPSC Region must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Must be able to demonstrate reasonably high shooting skills;
- Must be able to train and certify new members, passing on his knowledge of safe handling and use of firearms, according to the approved training syllabus;
- Must either be an International Range Officers Association (IROA) or National Range Officers Institute (NROI) member, or become one within six months of the date of passing the MISSIA International Instructors Seminar;
- Must be willing to teach people IPSC shooting skills;
- Should be available to conduct IPSC classes during weekends, if it is required;
- Must train a minimum of 5 new IPSC members each year per Region;
- Must pass the First Aid Seminar from an approved course provider, or take part in one within six months of the date of passing the MISSIA International Instructors Seminar;
- Must speak English.

The new structure requires that, in the future, IPSC Regions must have a strong “Three Musketeers” team comprising the Regional Director, the NROI Chairman and a Master International Instructor. One person can hold a maximum of two positions.

The MISSIA International Instructors Certification Seminars will take place throughout the year and will be organized before each Continental Championship (Level IV match) and World Shoot (Level V match). The Seminars in 2018 will be conducted by the IPSC President.

In these Seminars, MISSIA will certify Master International Instructors and International Instructors nominated by the Regions.

For MISSIA Seminars, participants need to be nominated by a Regional Director and require firearms: handgun, shotgun or rifle. Participants also need a minimum of 200 rounds of ammunition for the handgun and 100 rounds for the shotgun/rifle. There is no fee for attending the Seminar.

In 2018, MISSIA Seminars will take place in seven countries: Australia, France, Czech Republic, South Africa, Jamaica, Sweden and Thailand.



2018 Calendar of MISSIA Seminars

AUSTRALASIA	May 18	Darwin, Australia
EUROPE	May 25	Chateauroux, France
EUROPE	June 20	Hodonice, Czech Republic
AFRICA	July 9	Polokwane, South Africa
PANAMERICA	July 21	Kingston, Jamaica
EUROPE	August 1	Varmland, Sweden
AUSTRALASIA	September 11	Bangkok, Thailand

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IPSC also emphasizes procedures for safe gun handling and strict adherence to the rules governing the sport. In IPSC courses of fire the results are calculated by dividing the competitor's target score by the time taken to complete the course of fire. The shooter must be the most accurate and fastest to win.

Courses of fire utilize many of aspects not found in the more traditional shooting disciplines such as movement by the shooter, moving targets, multiple targets, and the freedom for the shooter to solve the shooting challenges presented in the courses of fire. Therefore, competitions are very exciting for competitors and interesting for spectators.

105 countries (IPSC Regions) are members of the Confederation and actively organize IPSC Matches. The number of active IPSC competitors worldwide exceeded 200,000 in 2017 with 351 IPSC national and international sanctioned matches held.

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MASTER INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SAFETY INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (MISSIA) FIRST EVER SEMINAR HELD IN AUSTRALIA

The first ever Master International Shooting Safety Instructors Association (MISSIA) Training Seminar took place in Darwin, Australia on Friday, May 18. The one-day session was led by Vitaly Kryuchin, the IPSC President.

The Seminar, developed under the auspices of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), is aimed at teaching and implementing international standards for safe gun handling and IPSC coaching skills to the Regional Instructors.

The MISSIA structure, sequence of training topics (handgun, shotgun, rifle), safe groups teaching methods, removal of the main mistakes made by shooters and the testing system for competitors and Instructors were the main topics of the Seminar.

The Seminar was open for discussion and the sharing of knowledge. Every participant needed 200 rounds handgun ammunition and 100 rounds for shotgun/rifle (required for the participants wanted to pass the shotgun and rifle International Instructors Tests). At the end of the event, the certification of Instructors took place.

There were participants from Australia and Papua New Guinea. The average level of IPSC skill of the participants was rather good! It is why many of them have been certified by the Police department in their countries as Shooting Instructors authorized to teach handgun, rifle and shotgun shooting skills.

The Australia Region is in a very difficult situation because athletes cannot use semi automatic shotguns and rifles by law. .40 and .45 pistol calibres are also forbidden. Despite these difficult conditions, IPSC Australia (led by The Regional Director Gareth Graham) manages to run a good number of Level I to III matches each year! Australian Region has a very good Program for training new shooters joining IPSC. It is called "Safety and Holster Proficiency Cours".

During the MISSIA Professional Shooting Level I Test all the participants showed very good results. with 6 out of 7 passing the Test. All of them were presented with certificates after the Seminar. Those who passed the Test will get MISSIA ID. All who didn't pass the Shooting Test have the chance to pass it one more time at any official MISSIA event during the year.

At the end of the year we'll combine all the Regional IPSC training programs with all the information from the MISSIA Seminars and publish the International Standard of IPSC Safe Gun Handling Skills for new shooters who would like to join our sport. Next year we'll publish an IPSC manual covering the training of handgun, shotgun and rifle skills.

MISSIA Professional Shooting Test for Level I Seminar will be sent to the Regions soon.

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The MISSIA Seminar Level I was the first of its kind in Australia. The next MISSIA Seminar is going to take place on May 25, 2018 in Chateauroux, France.



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