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British Policewoman Elected President of International Police Network

The International Association of Women Police President Jane Townsley is welcomed for a second term after the election results were announced at the 50th Annual Training Conference in Canada.

Jane, who is also Chief Inspector for British Transport Police, is based in Leeds, England.

The IAWP aims to unite, strengthen and raise the profile of women in criminal justice across the world. Since joining IAWP in 1996 Jane has played an active role holding many positions on the Board of Directors before being elected president in 2008. In her role as president Jane has focused her attentions on developing the international links, welcoming and actively supporting new networks in South East Europe and Bangladesh and in just a few weeks she will be joining police colleagues in Kosovo to support efforts there. She has also welcomed new affiliates in Trinidad and Tobago, Emirates WPA and Kyrgyzstan

On hearing the news of being elected for a second term, President Townsley said:

"I'm overwhelmed by the support I have received from my police colleagues around the world and honoured to have been re-elected as President for the IAWP. In the last three years we have worked hard to lay the foundations for the organisation we envisage for the future. We have developed our international links, reached out to countries that need our support in achieving equality and taken our message to a global market.

"Being a police officer is a unique and challenging role and though the countries in which we serve may be very different, we have all lived and worked through experiences that have shaped us. It is the diverse range of these experiences that makes the IAWP such a crucial support network in giving women the strength to strive for equality alongside our male counterparts.

"I'm excited to be able to continue with our plans and to see them come to fruition. We've taken great leaps forward in securing equality for women in policing and I believe we have the right plans in place to ensure this continues for the future

"This is an incredibly exciting time and every one of us that has been elected on to the new board should consider ourselves lucky to be a part of such a groundbreaking, dynamic and professional organisation."

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