

2015 IAWP INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2015

Co-Chairs Linda Mayberry and Cindy Shain and members of the IAWP International Scholarship Committee are very proud to announce dual recipients of the IAWP International Recognition Scholarship this year: Assistant Superintendent Deemathi Periyapperuma (Sri Lanka Police) and Additional Superintendent Victoria Yengkhom (Manipur Police Department, India). Since the 2015 conference will be a special one, celebrating two centennials – marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the IAWP and 100 years of British policewomen- it seems very fitting to select two recipients to attend this special event! The process continues to be a very competitive one with high quality applicants. Fourteen scholarship applications, representing police women from 13 countries around the globe (from such diverse countries as Guyana, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Australia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Tunisia to name a few).

Congratulations to both of these scholarship recipients for 2015. We are certain that both of these outstanding women will “grow” from the training and networking experiences that they will have in Cardiff. We look forward to meeting them both in person and introducing them both to the 2015 IAWP Conference participants!



Assistant Superintendent Deemathi Periyapperuma
Sri Lanka Police

Assistant Superintendent Deemathi Periyapperuma's "dream" has been to be the recipient of the IAWP International Scholarship and she has demonstrated a persistence in applying several times. Upon hearing the news, she responded to the Committee Co-Chairs saying, "I am so happy. I know God made my dream a reality." She expressed her gratitude to IAWP and to Sri Lanka Inspector General of Police, Mr. N. K. Illangakoon.

Asst. Supt. Periyapperuma is the first recipient from Sri Lanka, an island in the South Asian sub-continent. She is a 30-year veteran of the Sri Lanka Police, beginning her career as a Sub Inspector. Currently she serves as the most senior trained high ranking officer of the women cadre and first ever recipient from Sri Lanka to this Prestigious Award. She is a US-trained Protective Security Officer, devoting the early part of her career to VIP Protection providing security to the President, Prime Minister, spouses of the Heads of State and other visiting female dignitaries. She also had the opportunity to serve in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), one of the prestigious institutions of the Sri Lanka Police, for over a decade, where she has been involved in a number of investigations. As an Inspector, she made history becoming the first ever women officer to hold an A-1 post in CID. Upon promotion to her current rank, she is assigned to Police Headquarters (PHQ) overseeing General Administration, Discipline, Welfare, Protocol and Liaison. She was the first women officer to be designated as the Additional Director of PHQ.

Our scholarship recipient has worked tirelessly towards the empowerment and welfare of the female Police Officers and has been instrumental in designing and introducing the maternity dress and trouser uniform for the women officers in 2013. She played a prominent role in initiating special retirement benefits for women officers completing 20 years of service, resulting in kudos from her fellow officers who yearned to spend more time with their families and to concentrate more on their children's education. She has been involved in medical, education, and housing projects as a Committee Member of Main Branch of Police 'Seva Vanitha' (Serve the Women) and has played a significant role as the Treasurer of the Police Headquarters 'Seva Vanitha' branch for many years.

An excellent rapport with Public Relations in her agency was key to her selection to handle protocol and liaison duties at international and national events and ceremonial occasions. She was very proud to be selected from hundreds of officers from Police and Tri Forces to serve as the Liaison Officer to the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker, who came with H.R.H. Prince Charles for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Colombo in 2013. She also served, in 2012, as Liaison Officer to Hon. Speaker of Lok Sabah Meera Kumar at the Commonwealth Speaker's Conference also in Colombo.

Networking is very important to Asst. Supt. Periyapperuma. She was a member of the Inspectors Association &

Inspectors Mess, and presently serves as a member of IAWP, and the Committee of Management of the Senior Gazetted Officers Mess. In addition, she is a life member of International Police Association (IPA). She is also a Warden of the Church of Christ the Savior [Anglican Fellowship] and is a long standing Committee Member of the Women Fellowship involved in providing humanitarian relief to women prisoners, families in distress, elderly and orphan children. She is married to Senior Superintendent Hafeez Marso and is “blessed” with their only child, Dhimarsha Rehan. She has earned a Postgraduate Diploma on “Human Rights” from the University of Colombo.



Additional Superintendent Victoria Yengkhom

Manipur Police Department, India

When first notified by IAWP International Scholarship Chairs Linda Mayberry and Cindy Shain, Add. Supt. Victoria Yengkhom immediately responded with how thrilled she was to receive the news. She replied, “The day I sent the application for the 2015 International Scholarship Award, I got the key to a sea of knowledge on excellence in policing. And now that I have been selected as the recipient of this prestigious award, I am feeling

this incredible happiness to experience and live the objectives of the IAWP.”

Add. Supt. Yengkhom joined the Manipur Police Service, Manipur, India, in 2007 as Deputy Superintendent of Police. Her first posting was at Imphal West District as Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic. After serving for five years in the Traffic Police Unit, she was promoted to Deputy Commandant of 7 Manipur Rifles. Since December 2014, she has been assigned as Additional Superintendent of Police (Prosecution) in Manipur, India. Where she is responsible for overseeing and monitoring investigations from all the police stations in the State of Manipur to ensure successful prosecutions. She also conducts training of police officers and other personnel on a diversity of topics such as mobile phones and investigations, traffic management, public police relationships etc. She is also requested by her superior officers to speak at public gatherings to promote community policing, and is involved in mentoring police women in her organization.

She has served as a case study in a peer-reviewed article entitled Leadership with reference to women police: A study in Manipur by research scholar Ms. Roshini Moirangthem in 2014. She was recognized in 2011 by the Director General of Police with a commendation for outstanding work in law and order duties as well as received numerous letters of appreciation from other police officers and administrators.

On this opportunity that she has been presented, Add. Supt. Yengkhom advised: This award will not only open the door for me but also for all my women colleagues in enhancing our knowledge, status and performances. The notion of police world as a man’s world which is slowly crumbling will pick up its pace with the international recognition bestowed upon a woman police from the eastern most corner of the country. I am encouraged to work more and better and excited to share my fortune of knowledge, which I will gain through the participation of the IAWP 53rd Annual Training Conference, with my police sisters first and then with the rest of the police fraternity of my state.