The 10th ICCE Global Coach Conference was hosted in Finland by Vierumäki, the Sport Institute of Finland, in co-operation with the Finnish Olympic Committee and the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. The theme of the conference was ‘Coach and Athlete Empowerment: a winning combination’, and was attended by approximately 400 delegates. These attendees were from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK and USA and a number of international organisations.

The conference took place between 23-25 August 2015 and the extensive programme of coaching research and practice attracted Front-line Coaches and Performance Directors; Coach Developers and Coach Education Directors and Coaching Researchers.

Delegates enjoyed an excellent opportunity to network with coaching leaders from around the world; to hear about the latest developments in coaching research and practice; and to participate in practical sessions to improve their coaching skills. The programme was specifically built to incorporate lots of space for delegates to network and take part in physical activities around the excellent facilities at Vierumäki.

Keynote speakers included John Bales, ICCE President (Canada); Sue Campbell, Chair of Youth Sport Trust (UK); Erkka Westerlund, Head Coach Jokerit KHL (Finland); Damien Mollard and Yassine Yousfi, IOC Sport Department and Olympic Solidarity; Uri Schaefer, President of the International Council for Sport Science and Physical Education; Frank Dick, former Director of Coaching for UK Athletics; Per Nymoen, Cross-country Ski Coach (Norway); Jeroen Otter, Short-track speed skating coach (Netherlands); Wade Gilbert, California State University; Wayne Allison and Jamie Robinson, English Football Association; and Susanna Rahkamo, Finnish Olympic Committee.

SPEACH, CoachLearn and SCORE projects were represented during the conference through partners in attendance.

For more information on the conference, including presentations and abstracts, please click here: http://www.icce-2015.com/conference-programme.html
ICCE Research Fair 2015

Preceding the Global Coach Conference, coaches, coach developers, and researchers were invited to the ICCE Research Fair during 21-22 August to promote collaboration and understanding. The Research Fair incorporated Master Classes on the first day, and Research-focused Forums on the second.

Master Classes included ‘Good practice principles for performer development systems’ – Julian North and Sergio Lara-Bercial (Leeds Beckett University); ‘Why coaches coach the way they do: self-determination theory’ – Cliff Mallett (University of Queensland); ‘The use of concept maps in the development of high performance coaches’ – Pierre Trudel; ‘Transformational leadership and coaching’ – Jean Cote; and ‘Coach developers: Where are we now? So what? What now?’ – John Alder, Kristen Dieffenbach (West Virginia University), Masamitsu Ito & Jun Sekiguchi (Nippon Sport University).

On 22nd August, John Bales presented ICCE research priority topics; and Pierre Trudel gave an overview of the ICCE Research Committee Terms of Reference. Members of the Research Committee facilitated discussions on the five priority topics: (i) Giving coaching a strong voice; (ii) Building the global community of coaches – including a group who discussed women in coaching; (iii) Coaching as a profession; and (iv) Well-educated coaches. Information from both forums will be reviewed and brief summaries uploaded onto the ICCE website. The event concluded with an overview of the rolling membership of the ICCE Research Committee to foster transparency of membership as well as an international representation. Further, a request for applications for a vacancy on the ICCE Research Committee was communicated to participants and details for applying.

Overall, the Research Fair was well-received and the inclusion of coaches and coach developers was considered important and useful. Nevertheless, it was noted that the focus of the Research Fair is research – developing research capacity and relevant coaching research programs and projects. The feedback from the research forums during 22nd August will guide planning for the 2017 Research Fair.

Please click below for the Call for Applications information regarding the ICCE Research Committee: http://www.icce.ws/news-and-newsletters/news/call-for-applications-icce-research-committee.html

To view the ICCE Research Committee Terms of Reference, please click here: http://www.icce.ws/about-us/icce-committees.html

CoachLearn

The Global Coach Conference was a multiplier event of the EU-funded CoachLearn project (2014-1-UK01-KA200-001804), which raised awareness of the topic of coach learning, mobility and employment through a number of symposiums and seminars. The showcase piece was a two-hour symposium which provided an introduction to the project, a progress update and outlined a work plan for the following two years. A full partner meeting also took place after the conference. For more information on the project, please see www.coachlearn.eu
International Sport Coaching Journal

ISCJ is the official journal of the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) and the official coaching education journal of the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America).

Human Kinetics and the ICCE are offering members of the ICCE a 30-day trial subscription. To take advantage of this offer, please contact k.livingstone@icce.ws or Monicam@hkeurope.com.

International Sports Coaching Framework (ISCF) – available online

The ICCE is very pleased to announce that together with our publishing partner Human Kinetics it has now been agreed that the International Sports Coaching Framework v1.2 will be distributed electronically to members at no cost. The ISCF remains the foundation of ICCE efforts to agree on common principles and create a common language for coaching, and thereby to strengthen the global position of coaching. The ICCE encourage all coaching-related organisations to use the ISCF as a reference document in their coaching development work, and organisations that wish to create a sport specific adaptation of the ISCF can do so with the assistance of Human Kinetics.

Please find a copy of the ISCF v1.2 here for download: http://www.icce.ws/documents.html

To view a promotional video about the ISCF, please click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeNTRb5VlbQ

ICCE Quality in Coaching (QiC) Model

Prior to the Global Coach Conference, the ICCE was delighted to reveal the efforts of the ICCE Quality in Coaching Workgroup in the form of the QiC tool which has now been fully integrated into the ICCE website at: http://www.icce.ws/projects/icce-quality-in-coaching-qic-model.html

The ICCE QiC Tool is a diagnostic, developmental and quality assurance tool for coaching organizations, to help them analyze the key components of their coach development system.

This section of the ICCE website provides users with background information and instructions on how to use this diagnostic, developmental and quality assurance tool for coaching organisations, to help them analyse the key components of their coach development system.
ICCE General Assembly 2015

On 24th August, ICCE President John Bales and the ICCE team reported on the organisation’s activities to members present in Finland, with specific focus on activities of ICCE working groups, member consultation work, the Global Coaches House 2014 and European projects. John also paid tribute to Pat Duffy, crediting his contribution to the coaching industry.

The General Assembly acknowledged the Board’s decision to appoint Adrian Buergi as new Vice President for Strategy and Development.

The General Assembly 2015 Report, is available at the following link: [http://www.icce.ws/documents.html](http://www.icce.ws/documents.html)

ICCE Global Coach Conference 2017

The ICCE is looking for an institutional partner to host the 11th Global Coach Conference in 2017.

Formal proposals to host the conference must be submitted to l.petrovic@icce.ws in the ICCE Office. The conference must be organised or supported by the ICCE National A member (if available) and (at least one of) the organising institution(s) must be an ICCE member.

The following information should be included in the proposal:

- Proposed dates and venue
- Title of the conference (in both national language and English)
- Brief description of the activities of the organisers, their main goals and objectives in inviting the conference
- Short introduction of the hosting institution – history, mission, experience in the field of coaching and coach education, research interests, references, etc.
- Statement that the Local Organisers fully understand and will follow all conditions agreed with the ICCE.

The proposal must be signed officially by the organising institution.

Proposals are sought by September 30, 2015. A Review Panel of the ICCE will assess these proposals and may seek further information and discussion.

*The ICCE would like to extend a big thank you to all who engaged in the conference – speakers, delegates, exhibitors, poster presenters and to the onsite team who made the event possible!*

Please contact Karen Livingstone at the Global Coaching Office at for any further information on the Global Coach Conference, or any other ICCE projects/activities at: k.livingstone@icce.ws