

Committee to discuss credentialing program enhancements further

Last month, the ICF Board of Directors met for its annual strategic planning meeting. One key item on the Board's agenda was to discuss stakeholder input around proposed enhancements to the ICF Credentialing program and to determine if any decisions could be made around this area.

Before making any decisions, the Board discussed the **purpose of ICF's Credentialing system** and determined it was to:

- Protect and serve consumers of coaching services;
- Measure and certify competence of individuals; and
- Inspire pursuit of continuous development.

Following this clarification, the Board voted to maintain the existing three-tier credentialing system in place at least until January 2012. This does not mean that the three-tier system will disappear at that time, but instead anyone planning to apply for one of the existing credentials can rely on the stability of the existing three-tier system through that time.

It was also decided by the Board, that the Credentialing and Program Accreditation Committee should be tasked with developing standards that will enhance the credentialing program while supporting its three-fold purpose. To help guide the Committee's work, the Board prioritized a list of topics and questions from the comments and input

received by members and others during last year's credentialing proposal open comment period.



Recommendations resulting from the work of the Committee will be submitted to the ICF membership and others for comment, and then based upon results, submitted to the Board for approval and implementation.

Additional details are posted to the ICF Blog at Coachfederation.org/blog. Interested parties are encouraged to leave comments and questions in the feedback section of the blog. Additionally, several calls have been scheduled to discuss decisions made by the Board at their January meeting. Two remaining scheduled calls are planned for the following dates:

For ICF Credentialed Coaches:

- February 9: 14:00 (UTC), 9 a.m. (New York), 3 p.m. (Paris), 10 p.m. (Hong Kong)

For Non-credentialed Coaches:

- February 10: 21:00 (UTC), 4 p.m. (New York), 10 p.m. (Paris); *Thursday, February 11: 5 a.m. (Hong Kong)*

The bridge line for these calls will be **866.214.0180, pin 1099**. Additional dialing instructions, if needed, are available here ([view PDF](#)). All calls will be recorded and shared through the ICF blog at Coachfederation.org/blog.

Happy anniversary ICF!

Take a moment to share and be a part of the history

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the International Coach Federation—a time to celebrate accomplishments and look forward to a bright and exciting future. Various plans have been made to reflect on the past while also continuing to move ahead with advancing the art, science and practice of professional coaching.

One such plan to commemorate 15 years is to prepare two time capsules, one tangible and one electronic. One capsule will be filled with gifts, memories and current expectations from ICF leaders around the world—a priceless treasure to future ICF members and leaders.

A second “e-time capsule” has been created online at Coachfederation.org/history. ICF members are encouraged to take a moment to share their reflections on ICF's past and their thoughts around our future in professional coaching together. Interested in taking part? Go there today to share your comments and upload other items that you would like to include in the e-time capsule.

Both capsules will be opened and shared during the celebration of the ICF's 30th anniversary—offering courage, inspiration and a reminder of the many things the ICF has accomplished since its inception to the members who will be a part of the ICF



The ICF is preparing a time capsule (pictured above) filled with gifts, memories, and current expectations for the association. The capsule will be opened in 15 years in celebration of ICF's 30th anniversary.

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