

REPORT OF EVENTS CHAIR 2014-15

Overview

After a relatively quiet 2013, the main committee started the first meeting in their new term to ensure that we are all aligned in our efforts to support the shared goal of ICF Global. The feedback from members was reviewed to see how we can have a more vibrant coaching community. For the events portfolio in which I volunteered to lead, we will be successful when we can have events that will serve as a platform for our members to learn, network and ultimately to get work as coaches. A key challenge was to organize events / meetings on a consistent basis where members will have the energy to spend useful time and have an opportunity to network with like minded individuals. The main committee supported the proposal to have our Chapter Meetings be held on the second Saturday mornings of every month and at a consistent and convenient location (ie at Starbucks TTDI) until we achieve some momentum.

Summary of Past Events

For 2014, the events team was able to put together 8 events (refer Appendix 1) with a range of different topics. We were able to seek out speakers and topics to make the Chapter meetings value adding to the community and attract new members. The committee would like to acknowledge Wai K, Vimala, Rita Shah, Thomas Chen, Valsala, Helene Seiler, Dato Bridget and Will Linssen for taking time to share their coaching experience with the Chapter. We were also able to secure CCEU credits for those who attended these sessions. The average turnout for each of the meetings was about 25 members.

In line with ICF Global, a Reciprocal Peer Coaching (RPC) was also introduced in June. The intention was to provide members the opportunity to practice coaching pro bono and have these hours logged for credentialing if needed. RPC had an initial response of 8 pairs of peer coaches. 6 pairs signed up for the 2015 session.

The key learning for 2014 is that Chapter events are unique opportunities to raise the profile of coaching not only within the community but with other key stakeholders like corporations, ministries and new potential coaches / coachees. It takes team effort to ensure a good turnout and to continuously seek speakers both within and outside our coaching circle. New ideas and different views are useful so that we can challenge ourselves and seek new possibilities to raise the level of coaching awareness and professionalism in Malaysia.

Tessie Lim our immediate past President kicked off 2015 by sharing her experience in performance coaching with organizations. We were able to run our first Corporate outreach program with PIKOM where their members experienced coaching from our 8 volunteer ICFMY coaches. A very successful recognition event was held for colleagues who have contributed to the coaching community in early Feb before the CNY break. The team also used this event to "Lou Sang" and welcomed the year of the Goat. We had another very successful event in March when we invited Denise Wright who came all the way from Singapore to share her experience on Group Coaching. This event saw an impressive turnout of 38 participants.

Plans for Future Events

Moving into the rest of 2015 (refer Appendix 2), the events team is proposing a more balanced chapter meeting agenda. We plan to give slots to members, two slots to external speakers and two slots to connect with key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Human Resource and the Chambers of Commerce. Some months will be set aside solely for events such as dedicate a whole morning to RPC / Mentor / Supervision Coaching so that all who turn up can participate fully. We plan to have a one day event in November where we can invite all the players (coaches, training centers, companies) to come and play and network to see what's possible. And contrary to past practice where we don't have events for Dec and school holidays, for 2015 we plan to end the year with a XMAS party and have fun. We believe all this mix of activities will eventually translate into more credentialed coaches, greater awareness of the value of coaching, more teamwork and eventually more opportunities for coaches to get paying clients.

In closing, I would like to record my thanks to Cindy Duong (till May 2014) and Alex Tan (till Feb 2015) who helped to run the events with me. I would also like to welcome Jean - Francois who have kindly taken over from Alex as events member. A big thanks as well to Annie Yahaya who somehow finds the time to send the email blast within a short timeline. And finally, My sincere gratitude to all the committee members and members who have made an effort to support the events in one way or another and contribute to building a vibrant coaching community.

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Appendix 1

Summary of Past Events

Core	RD	Date	Title Of Events
1 1.0	1.0	15 May	<i>'To be or Not To Be'</i> , with Mr. Wai K. Leong
2 0.5	0.5	14 Jun	<i>'Partnering In Executive Coaching: How to Manage the Relationship'</i> , with Vimala Suppiah & Rita Shah
3 1.5	0.5	12 Jul	<i>'Behavioral Change Model'</i> , with Thomas Chen
4 0.75	0.25	9 Aug	<i>'Designing Actions - Similarities of the Behavioural Model and Pilots Checklist'</i> , with Capt. Dr. Ooi
5 0.75	0.75	13 Sep	<i>'Managing Energy is More Important than Managing Time'</i> , with Valsala Krishnan
6 1.5	1.5	11 Oct	<i>'What is Supervision? Why every coach who is serious about professional development and accreditation needs it?'</i> , with Helene Seiler
7 -	-	8 Nov	<i>'Be Happy No Matter What'</i> , with Dato Bridget Menezes
8 0.75	0.75	12 Nov	<i>'Coaching for Measurable Leadership Growth to Develop Leaders in Real Time'</i> , with Will Linssen

Appendix 2

2015 Program Plan

- 1) the commitment is to bring value to the coaching community in Malaysia.
- 2) treat every event as an opportunity to deliver on this commitment.
- 3) proposed events for 2015

Jan - Tessie Lim (Completed)

Feb - Corporate Outreach with Pikom (Completed)

Feb - Recognition and Connect with Coaches (Completed)

Mar - Denise Wright (Completed)

April - AGM

May - Jean-Francois

June - Dan Russell

July - HRDF

Aug - Chamber of Commerce

Sept - RPC / Mentor /supervision

Oct - External speaker

Nov - One day event

Dec - Year end celebration party