



Letter from The Co-Executive Editors

2004 has ended, winter vacations are just a warm memory, and the *International Journal of Coaching in Organizations* has completed its second full year of quarterly publications. We believe that it's worthwhile to take a step back and reflect on where we've been and where we're headed in 2005 and beyond.

Our Editorial Board has completed its first two year term. We have had nineteen members of the board who have helped establish issue themes, co-edit issues, write articles, and promote the journal (and coaching in organizations) to colleagues and client organizations. We are thankful and appreciative of their contributions and delighted that they choose to complete a second term. We also say thanks to two members who are choosing to step off the board: Lee Smith and Doug Kerr. On the other hand, we are adding several new editors that reflect our diverse backgrounds. Please welcome Ed Allen (USA), Jeffrey Auerbach (USA), Katrina Burrus (Switzerland), Michael Clarke (Republic of South Africa), Leslie Hamilton (New Zealand) and Marcia Reynolds (USA) as new board members through the end of 2006. We look forward to their collaboration on and investment and contribution of time, creativity and leadership in taking this journal to the next stage of its development.

We have found that organizing journal issues around topical themes has been a successful tactic. We will continue this for the next two years at least. Themes for

2005 issues are set: Issue 1 - Research on Coaching; Issue 2 - Coaching in Closely Held Enterprises; Issue 3 - Coaching and Ancient Wisdom; Issue 4 - Open (unthemed) issue. We will work closely with our board members to identify relevant and engaging themes for the 2006 year.

We have been pleased with the associations and partnerships we have established during the first two years of operation. We appreciate our involvement with the Worldwide Association of Business Coaches (WABC), the Professional Coaching and Mentoring Association (PCMA), the International Coach Federation (ICF), the International Society of Performance Improvement (ISPI), as well as our strategic partners and individual and organizational sponsors. Thank you. We are already engaged in conversations with numerous organizations with whom we can establish mutually beneficial and synergistic relationships. Stay tuned for more specifics.

We recognize that in the global village, an international journal must have an international presence. With the creation of our website last April we took the first steps. We are now making major changes to our site - with plans for ongoing maintenance - that will assure our subscribers, sponsors, advertisers and visitors that we have things of interest and value for them. Visit us regularly at www.ijco.info to see the difference.

The parent company, Professional Coaching Publications, Inc. (PCPI), owned by the two of us, has made decisions about other coaching publication products you will see in 2005. These include pdf files of all our journal articles, individually purchasable and downloadable from the website; an annual bound volume of journal articles, ideal for purchase by libraries and other institutions; monographs on selected themes that pull together former journal articles and newly written articles; and books on selected topics of interest that will support effective coaching practices.

It would seem that we are moving forward-- with a whole lot of "help from our friends" (to borrow from the Beatles).

John Lazar

William Bergquist

Potential Future Themes Of IJCO Issues

Organizational Coaching in Government

The Training of Coaches: Survey of Alternative Perspectives and Strategies

Organizational Coaching in Intersect Organizations (Utilities and Beyond)

Coaching about Ethics and Values: Helping Leaders Make Difficult Decisions

Coaching in the Health Care System

Coaching as a Vehicle for Improved Strategic Planning and Enactment

These are some of the ideas generated by the Co-Executive Editors and Editorial Board--what are your suggestions. Let us know: Bill Bergquist (whbergquist@aol.com).

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