

The Innovation Group of Leading Agencies High Performance Working Group

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What is the IGLA?

The International Council for Coach Education (ICCE) has recently established the Innovation Group of Leading Agencies. This group brings together a number of leading coaching organisations from all over the world with the purpose of advancing coach education and development on a number of key priority areas.

The High Performance Working Group

High Performance coaching is one of the areas prioritised by the IGLA. The High Performance Working Group (HPWG) is chaired by ICCE President and Coaching Association of Canada CEO John Bales. It has been tasked with:

- Sharing good practice in High Performance Coach and Performance Director preparation
- Producing a Profile of successful high performance coaches
- Supporting international exchanges between member organisations
- Investigating the relationship between high performance coaches and performance directors



Current Projects: The Serial Winning Coach

In order to address some of the above, the HPS has recently initiated a research project entitled 'Serial Winning Coaches' aimed at profiling coaches who have succeeded repeatedly at the highest level of competition (i.e. Olympic Games and World/Continental Championships). The project is led by ICCE Research Commission Co-chair Dr. Cliff Mallet (University of Queensland, AUS) and Sergio Lara-Bercial, Senior Research Fellow at Leeds Metropolitan University (UK).

The information elicited by the study will support the leading agencies in the development of their existing High Performance coaches and in the identification and recruitment of the next generation of elite coaches.



How will it be done?

By asking 'Serial Winning Coaches' to take part in an individual interview and fill out various questionnaires aimed at unearthing important information about their developmental journeys, personality, working ways and critical factors which have contributed to their success. In addition, two athletes will also be interviewed for each coach to gain a deeper understanding of what makes a serial winner.

How will the findings be published?

The Innovation Group will be the main audience for the results of the study. Results will also, and in due course, be published in a research paper summarising the key findings and implications for coaches, coaching organisations and coach educators. The ICCE's scientific journal 'The International Journal of Coaching Science' will be the natural destination for such paper.

Future Projects

Advanced Coach Training and Development Comparative Study (ACTD)

The ACTD study will gather information from the IGLA members in relation to their existing programmes for the development of advanced coaches. It will compare the various programmes, analyse their various components and offer future guidance for the setting up of such programmes internationally.

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