

**Association of Coach Training Organizations**

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## **'Tending the Fire...Catching New Sparks!'**

### **ACTO Conference 2015**

**Thursday May 7th - Saturday May 9th, 2015 in Orlando, FL USA.**

**This is information about the 3 different tracks in the main conference we are seeking your proposal(s) for.**

Please note: You may apply for as many tracks as you wish. Each track proposal must have a separate fully completed Request for Proposal (RFP) Application Form.

#### **TRACK 1. Core Competencies Catalyst sessions**

Back by popular demand, with a twist! Our conference theme is 'Tending the Fire...Catching New Sparks!', and this is the Tending the Fire part of the program! We will be having 60-90 minute sessions during which we invite your coach training program to share a piece of your curriculum that specifically teaches one or more of the ICF Core Competencies in the areas of Coaching Presence, Powerful Questioning, Creating Awareness, and Direct Communication.

The purpose is to share and expand mutual understanding of our work as coach educators. Note: your activity can teach more than one Core Competency. You will need to make it clear to participants which Core Competency/ies you are teaching.

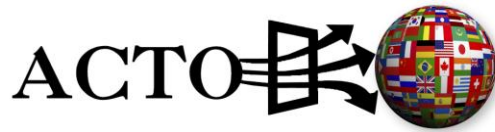
What we are looking for:

- A part of your curriculum that focuses on a specific core competency and that you want to share freely with others
- Experiential learning –we want to experience what your students experience
- Fast paced – full of information and interest

#### **TRACK 2. Big Ideas In Coaching Session**

Our conference theme is 'Tending the Fire...Catching New Sparks!' This is the Catching New Sparks part of the program! We will be having an afternoon devoted to Big Ideas in Coaching.

We are looking for cutting edge, sparking ideas that you want to share with your colleagues.



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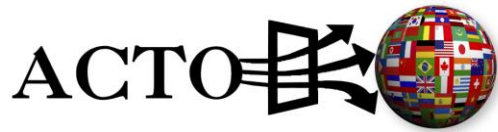
These can be anything to do with coaching or coach training. We are looking for ideas that are relevant to participants and will take our work as coach trainers to the next level.

Format will be:

- 5 BIG IDEA presenters
- Each Big Idea presenter will have only 10 minutes (timing will be strict!) to present a synopsis of his or her “Big Idea” to the whole group. In this part we want people to be focussed on your Big Idea and not on powerpoints or flipcharts. You will be able to have only those resources that help you get your point across and ignite participants’ curiosity in the 10 minutes available. (These may include powerpoints, flip charts and other resources that help focus and clarity.) The spirit of this is having you convey your big idea with enthusiasm and connection.
- After each of the 5 ideas is presented, participants choose an idea to hear more about.
- There will be a 30-minute breakout session for you to go deeper with the participants who choose your idea. This is discussion, not a presentation, and should focus on how this Big Idea applies to our work as coach trainers. Since this is a “vote with your feet” session, you may have a large group come to your discussion, or no one.
- The session will end with a large group debrief and short report out from each group, in the spirit of sharing and learning from each of the groups.

What we are looking for:

- Cutting Edge ideas that you want to share. No idea is too wild or creative for these sessions.
- These can be
  - New theories
  - Challenges to time-worn coaching assumptions
  - New teaching or learning processes and methodologies
  - Surprise us!



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## **TRACK 3. Building My Coach Training Organization sessions**

We will be having 60-90 minute sessions during which we invite your coach training program to share (in an interactive way) information about building a coach training organization. This might be sessions focused on such topics as:

- Marketing
- Building graduate communities
- Social media and coach training
- Going global
- Program design and development
- Innovation in coaching organizations
- Any other hot topics that will help your colleagues build their organization!

What we are looking for:

- An experiential activity or business strategy that will support ACTO members to build stronger organizations
- Fast paced – full of information and interest

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### **Important!**

**For each track you are applying to lead, you must complete a separate Request for Proposal (RFP) Application Form**

**Submission deadline for all RFP forms: Thursday, September 18, 2014**

Submit to: Laura Larone on [laura@actoonline.org](mailto:laura@actoonline.org) AND Jan Portillo on [jan@janportillo.com](mailto:jan@janportillo.com). Jan is on UK time zone.

Thank you!