

6th International Coaching Conference

«Coaching meets Research ... Coaching Essentials 1980 – 2050»

9th and 10th June 2020 in Olten/Switzerland, with Exclusive Workshops on 8th June

Call for Speakers

Coaching has become important for effective individual goal-attainment, self-regulation and personal growth. In addition to the fields of professional sports and management, coaching has now also made its successful entry into the realms of work integration, health promotion, and other areas. This development is accompanied by an impressive growth of coaching associations and organisations, training initiatives, coaching programmes, as well as publications.



In this context, the International Coaching Conference "Coaching Meets Research" provides a knowledge platform for people who are interested in the state-of-the-art of coaching practice as well as in current results of the coaching research. This includes people who either work with coaching or as coaches themselves. Moreover, we invite academics and scholars, teachers, and institutions of further education who are interested in connecting their professional experiences with current practice and research. Finally, the conference invites representatives of professional associations as well as of organisations who pay for coaching.

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In 2020, we are delighted to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the International Coaching Conference under the headline of «Coaching Essentials 1980 – 2050». The years in the title are meant to reflect a continuum. In the sense of an overview, we would like to focus on sustainable, proven, state-of-the-art and future trends, standards, and developments of coaching theory and practice. For this reason, the upcoming conference will focus on the following topics:

Thematic Strand 1 – 1980 to 2020: Coaching as Innovation - Performance and Psychological Schools

Which milestones, concepts, and theories have shaped coaching practice and coaching science in the past? In connection with this, we ask these questions: How can the success story of coaching be told in retrospect? What significance does this have for today's practice and research?

Thematic Strand 2 – Today: Integration and Practice-Oriented Research

Looking at the present situation of coaching worldwide, what does good coaching practice mean? What is the significance of earlier educational approaches (systemic, solution-oriented, psychoanalytic, neuroscientific, etc.) that emerged from therapeutic approaches? How is good coaching practice taught today? Based on which bodies of knowledge does current coaching science conduct research? What are the pressing issues and challenges that are currently being addressed by coaching as a practice and a field of research?

Thematic Strand 3 – 2020 to 2050: Coaching, of Course?

Needless to say, we also dare to take a look into the crystal ball: In what direction will coaching practice develop? And what needs to change? What is the coaching of the future? And what questions will arise for coaching research?

Visitors have the opportunity to get an overview of the state of the art of coaching as practice and scientific discipline and to be inspired by experienced experts and innovative ideas in the field. As part of an international network, participants benefit from an intensive exchange of knowledge, which can be used for their own development in practice, in science, and for the further training in coaching.

Formats of Contributions

- During the public research colloquia (9 June 2020, German/English) results of theses (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, PhD) will be introduced and discussed in the form of poster presentations. Unlike the contributions in the theme labs, these do not necessarily have to be directly related to the conference theme. Instead, the selection criteria are high scientific quality, topicality, and originality. The research colloquia are moderated, last for 2.5 hours, and contain 8 contributions of 10 to 15 minutes each. For abstract submission please refer to the column "academic contributions" (see table below).
- In the theme labs (9 and 10 June 2020), scientists, practitioners, and trainers exchange views on one of the thematic strands (see above) or a combination of these. Speakers may elaborate on their scientific papers or practice-oriented papers (see table below). Each theme lab contains a maximum of three presentations with a duration of 15 to 20 minutes per contribution. Speakers can give presentations on their topics. Based on these presentations, the lab topic is then further discussed and explored with all participants. The theme labs last 1.5 hours and are moderated.

Abstracts of Contributions as Basis for Selection

The abstract to be submitted as the basis for the selection of contributions refers to all the criteria listed in the table below and is submitted using an online tool. The link can be found at www.coaching-meets-research.ch.

<u>Requirements for »Academic Contributions«</u>	<u>Requirements for »Practice-Oriented Contributions«</u>
Title of Contribution	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Information • Project description: basis (incl. brief summary of state of research), perspective on coaching, research question and objective, project type (theoretical/empirical project, etc.), methodology • Planned state of project by June 2020 • Rationale for project relevance for coaching research <i>and</i> practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Information • Project description: basis (incl. relevant practical questions), perspective on coaching, project type (developing a concept, reporting from practice, etc.) • Planned state of project by June 2020 • Rationale for project relevance for coaching practice <i>and</i> research/theory
Summary of the structure of the presentation	
Select project-related bibliography	
Personal information (Coaching expertise, institutional affiliation, function, title, contact) and photograph	

Selection

Abstracts will be selected based on the specified criteria by a conference committee of four experts.¹ Abstracts that do not or not sufficiently reflect the specified criteria will not be taken into consideration for selection.

Submission and Deadlines

The Call for Speakers contains two deadlines: 15 September 2019 and 16 February 2020. Replies regarding the selection will take place in November 2019 and March 2020 respectively. The number of acceptable contributions is limited, so that, following the initial call, a second call might not be published. Relevant information will be made available on the conference website. Further information on the conference and regarding the submission of abstracts can be found on www.coaching-meets-research.ch.

Compensation for Accepted Submissions

For each selected contribution for a theme lab or the research colloquium, **one person** can take part in the conference incl. the networking event (9 and 10 June 2020) **free of charge**. Additional participants involved in the accepted contribution can profit from a reduced conference fee (valid until 15 April 2020 incl. early registration bonus). Each contributor travelling to the conference from outside Switzerland will be eligible to claim a lump sum expense allowance of a total of CHF 200. This amount is independent of the number of people involved in each contribution. If a person is involved in more than one contribution, this amount is also only paid once. Expense allowances may only be collected in cash at the registration desk **during the conference**. Later payment will not be possible. Accepted speakers may also register for one exclusive workshop (8 June 2020) for a reduced fee (valid until 15 April 2020 incl. early registration bonus).

Conference Publication

All speakers at the conference will be offered the opportunity to submit a paper related to their contribution for publication. This is subject to whether, as in previous years, a publication will be organised and that submitted contributions fulfil the formal requirements of the editorial team. Information regarding the expected quality of content as well as formal requirements will be provided at a later date.

On behalf of the conference organising team



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We are looking forward to your submissions!
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