



Coordinator's Corner

CATCH THE WAVE *of training opportunities!*

CATCH the WAVE—It's Your Time to Shine! — Program Coordinator, Lyn Policha, issues an invitation to all of you who are preparing to advance your skills to the international level. Check out the requirements and the application form elsewhere in this newsletter for presenting a workshop at the 2009 Convention. The information and form can also be found under the “Schedule of Events” on the convention website (www.powertalkconvention.com).

CATCH the WAVE of service! Volunteers are needed for the convention. Another great opportunity to meet, greet and interact with other members and guests.

CATCH the WAVE of new ideas! A number of members who have attended previous conventions met to brainstorm ideas for an exciting educational and fun convention. Watch for more information with each issue of “Catch the Wave” Newsletters.

Doris Ginther

Convention Coordinator



If you sent in a booking form and have not received my letter of confirmation and the invoice please contact me at shajek@cruiseshipcenters.com. Also, if your credit card information has changed or expired let me know as soon as possible.

If you have not indicated a roommate at this point, the deposit will be increased to \$500.00 and the other person can be added later. The money is required to hold a cabin. Should you wish to book single and pay the 200% of the cruise rate please contact me. All other charges remain the same.

Insurance quotes will be available closer to the actual sailing date as insurance rates and/or policies may change in the interim; quotes are based on the total length of travel and total cost of the travel ---variables that are not known by members at this time.

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I make every effort to respond to e-mails and/or requests in a timely manner---usually within 24 hours. I am enjoying my e-mail exchanges with ITC members from all over the world and look forward to the day when I meet everyone onboard!

Please note that Burnaby Cruiseshipcenter is now known as Expedia CruiseShipCenters, Burnaby. The email address remains the same.

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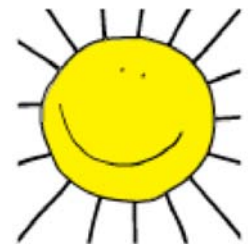
Information to be Verified for Cruise Bookings

In order to ensure that everyone who has booked with Expedia CruiseShipCenters, Burnaby (formerly Burnaby Cruiseship Centre), and to ensure the information has been recorded correctly, we will be forwarding to each Region President and CLO, a listing of all members and guests within your region as shown on the Manifest for the cruise. It may be that some members and guests have sent in their booking forms but are not on the list and this needs to be addressed immediately.

This list will be forwarded within the next couple of weeks with an attached check list. We would ask that each Region be responsible for checking the list and returning any discrepancies to Susan Hajek at shajek@cruiseshipcenters.com with a copy to Joan Gordon at comptroller@powertalkconvention.com or call Joan at (604) 858-5626.

Many thanks.

Joan Gordon
ITC 2009 Comptroller



Is this YOUR time to Shine?

If you've wanted to present a workshop at a POWERtalk international event, the 2009 Convention may be your opportunity. Information and an application form follow on the next two pages. If you have a workshop that meets the criteria, just answer the questions and either email or fax the completed application to Program Coordinator, Lyn Policha (program@powertalkconvention.com). That's all there is to it!

If international presentations aren't your thing but you know another member with a great presentation, encourage her or him to apply. After all, isn't that what ITC is all about? Encouraging and supporting each other?

POWERtalk International

Convention 2009



Vancouver—Alaska—Vancouver on the *Serenade of the Seas*

July 18—25, 2009

Call for Workshop Presenters

POWERtalk Convention 2009—**Catch the Wave**—is accepting applications from members who wish to present workshops at the international level. Are **YOU** ready to accept this challenge? Are **YOU** a proven presenter with a workshop that will take participants beyond the basics to a level worthy of our International Convention? Can **YOU** demonstrate the presentation skills that showcase what POWERtalk has to offer?

Workshops proposed for Convention 2009 should focus primarily on the four facets of the POWERtalk program—**Leadership, Coaching, Communication, and Organization**. If you have a workshop on one of these topics that was well-received at another level of ITC and are interested in presenting it at the Convention, we would love to hear from you. To ensure presentations meet the standard required, applications must be recommended by your region, and approved by the program committee and the ITC Board.

Requirements:

1. **Applications must be received by September 30, 2008**, and can be submitted by email to program@powertalkconvention.com or by fax to the Attention of: Lyn Policha, 604-466-5668. Application forms are also available on the Convention website at <http://www.powertalkconvention.com/>
2. **Submit your application in English** (although the workshop itself may be presented in another language), and be sure it is legible—either completed on the computer or clearly printed. Unfortunately, translation services are not available at the convention site.
3. **Provide an email address**, either your own or a friend's, for communication purposes.
4. **Presenters must also agree to email electronic versions of (1) handouts and (2) PowerPoint or other projected files to the Program Coordinator by April 30, 2009.** The program committee will reproduce sufficient numbers of handouts and ensure they are loaded on the ship.
5. **Applicants are required to have confirmed reservations on the cruise** before they will be confirmed as presenters.

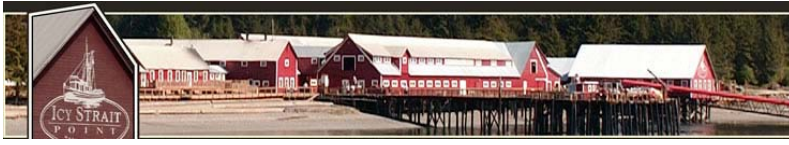
Thank you for submitting your application. When we receive it, we will email confirmation to you so you'll know it arrived. When the final decisions are made we will notify you. Good luck, and we look forward to hearing from you.



POWERtalk International
Convention 2009 “CATCH THE WAVE”

Workshop Application

Name:		Region:	Council:
Address:		Email:	
City:	State:	Postal Code:	Country:
Workshop Title:			
Educational/Training Objective(s):			
Proposed methods of involving participants and engaging them in the learning process:			
Brief Description of Content:			
Using PowerPoint or other type of presentation that requires assistive technology? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please specify requirements:			
Recommended by Region: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Name, Title/Office and email address of Reference from Region:	
Will you be requesting accreditation for this assignment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: Submit a separate application for accreditation to accreditation chair Marion Graham at mariongraham8@yahoo.co.uk		Is this assignment a requirement of Fellow training or to retain Fellow status? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: Submit a separate application to present in this category to training chair Carol Preiss at cpreiss@aol.com	



EXPAND YOUR CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

Additional tours and tourist attractions

The ITC *POWERtalk* International 2009 Convention is unique in two respects:

1. It will be held on a cruise ship sailing through some of the most beautiful waters in the world,
2. It is hosted by two countries---Canada and the United States of America.

The Convention Cruise starts in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, sails through the Inside Passage between the British Columbia mainland and Vancouver Island and arrives in southeast Alaska, USA.

There will be three opportunities for day tours while in Alaskan waters: Icy Strait, Skagway and Juneau. Before and after the cruise you will have the opportunity to expand your tour options from the Vancouver area:

- to the western provinces of Canada (British Columbia, Yukon, and Alberta)
- to the six northwest US states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming); or
- if you have the time and money, the opportunity to explore more widely in the US and Canada.



Over the next few months the Convention Tour Committee will post information on the Convention webpages about ship tour opportunities and tour opportunities to add to your visit to North America. For those who can spare only a few days before and/or after the cruise, we suggest you focus on the Vancouver area attractions; i.e., a day or overnight trip to Vancouver Island. Those with more flexible schedules, may want to consider tours to the Pacific Northwest region of the US and the Western Provinces of Canada. For those with unlimited time, all of the North American continent is available for your touring pleasure.

Tour information to be posted will include links to internet websites and pages for the above range of options, area maps, and suggestions from ITC members living in the region. Those familiar with this region of the world are welcome to suggest additions to our local knowledge recommendations. Above all, we urge you take advantage of your trip to the convention and enjoy as many of the attractions of our part of the world community as possible.

Jim Malinowski
 Tour Information Chairman
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