

The CCD News



AUTUMN 2009

ONE
YEAR TO
OPENING!



ALL HANDS ON DECK AS WE START THE ONE-YEAR COUNTDOWN TO OPENING!

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Welcome...

ONE YEAR TO OPENING!

... to our Autumn 2009 newsletter. With just one year to go before we open our doors in September 2010, The Convention Centre, Dublin, is getting closer to completion and fast becoming one of Dublin's iconic buildings.

Over the past few months, we've been busy securing a steady pipeline of new conference bookings for Associations as well as domestic and UK corporate events in 2010 and beyond. Our team also recently attended The Association Congress in London and travelled to Vienna and Geneva to meet future clients.

Our pre-opening offices are heating up with a constant stream of Irish and international clients and, with our procurement phase in full swing, visitors can view many samples on display in our marketing suite, including crockery, glassware, silverware, floor samples and two of our luxurious auditorium chairs.

We are very excited about our success to date and look forward to finally moving into the building and being able to host your events in our stunning conference centre! For more information, please call our sales team on +353 1 8560000.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter.
Nick Waight, CEO

International Bar Association (IBA) Conference 2012 confirmed for The CCD

The IBA Treasurer Michael Greene and the President of the IBA, Fernando Peláez-Pier, with The CCD Chairman Dermot Dwyer after their inspection of the iconic building, which will host the IBA's 6-day Annual Conference in October 2012, attracting over 4,500 international delegates.



The CCD becomes first Carbon Neutral Convention Centre

In May 2009, we announced that The Convention Centre, Dublin, is the world's first carbon neutral international convention centre as the net impact of the building's construction on the environment is zero.

We are considered carbon neutral due to the use of low carbon cement throughout the building and through offsetting all unavoidable carbon emissions by investing in carbon credits in accordance with the Voluntary Carbon Standards (VCS).

We are also committed to long-term environmental sustainability in accordance with the International Standards Organisation (ISO) 14001 and will be seeking accreditation as soon as the building becomes operational in September, 2010.



The CCD Chairman Dermot Dwyer and Lord Mayor of Dublin Eibhlin Byrne discussing our carbon neutral status at The Emission Zero event in May 2009.

The European Society for Biomaterials conference secured for Dublin in 2011

The 24th European Conference on Biomaterials will be held at The CCD in September 2011. This major international conference will bring 1,200 participants to Dublin for a 5-day conference and exhibition, hosted in Ireland by the Network of Excellence for Functional Biomaterials at NUI Galway, which is a Strategic Research Cluster funded by Science Foundation Ireland.



Keynote PCO are the conference organiser for this event and managed the bid to win the conference for Ireland. "The strength of Ireland in biotechnology was a major factor in winning this conference for Ireland, but The CCD venue was also an important feature of our proposal to the international society," said Noel Mitchell, Managing Director of Keynote PCO.

Please see the conference website www.esb2011.org, and the Keynote PCO website www.keynotepco.ie.





The CCD Building Update

We are very excited about the progress of the building so far. As you can see, the exterior of the building is almost complete and we are currently focused on adding fixtures and fittings to the interior spaces including the installation of a wood panel ceiling in our state-of-the-art Auditorium.

Samuel Beckett Bridge Update

Following a 9-day sea journey from Rotterdam, the steel superstructure for the Samuel Beckett Bridge arrived in Dublin on Wednesday, 13th May.



The bridge, which spans the River Liffey only steps from the front of The CCD, is due to open in early 2010. It will conveniently link Guild Street on the north-side of the city with Sir John Rogerson's Quay on the south-side.

Opening well in advance of The CCD, it will provide delegates with easy access to the southside of Dublin City, offering a variety of visitor attractions, hotels, restaurants, bars and cafes.

Dr. Santiago Calatrava Valls, one of the world's great architects and engineers, designed the Samuel Beckett Bridge.

To see more of Calatrava's work, visit calatrava.com

The kitchen fit-out is underway for our four kitchens, which should be complete by December. Our office space is also being finalised and we hope to move in early next year. In late August, we celebrated a significant health and safety milestone

on site, with over 500,000 accident-free man hours without a reportable accident. Congratulations and thanks to CMP's dedicated construction team.

Austin McCormack – Facilities Director



Luxurious 'Figueras Chairs' selected for the Auditorium

We have spared no expense with our choice of seating for the 2,000-seat Auditorium. The Figueras stadium chair, often referred to as an eight-hour chair, is designed with very generous dimensions to offer guests a high degree of comfort for events lasting up to eight hours. With fully replaceable parts, the chair's backrest and seat cushions have a specifically designed anatomical shape with lumbar support. In addition, the TX acoustic system has been incorporated into the seat and backrest to provide excellent acoustics and each chair can have its own fold-down table and power point.

New Faces - *Our Growing Team*

For details of our current vacancies, please visit the 'careers' page of our website at www.theccd.ie

As we get closer to our official opening, we are continuing to grow our team with a number of key appointments in Event Management, Human Resources, IT and Marketing.

By **Eimear Herron, HR Manager**



Jillian Hay
Senior Event Manager



Jillian joins us from St George's Bristol, a concert hall with a year-round programme of classical, world, folk and jazz events, where she was Head of Events and Operations. A Law graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Jillian is tasked with initiating the planning process for the many conferences already confirmed and developing an Operational Management Plan for The CCD.

Eimear Herron
Human Resources Manager



Eimear joins us from Treasury Holdings where she was HR Manager for Ireland. A Law graduate of University College Dublin, she has previously held HR positions with C&C Group plc, IBM and IBEC, as well as sales positions with IBM and The Irish Times. Over the coming year, her focus will be on building a skilled and experienced team and establishing the HR strategy and structure to support such.

Robert Henderson
ICT Project Manager



Robert has worked in IT and Telecoms for over 12 years. He holds an Honors Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Technology from the National College of Ireland. Robert has worked for and with a number of companies including Advanced Medical Optics, BT Ireland, Eircom, Indigo Internet Services, free-hotspot.com (Anacap Group) and most recently as Operations Manager for Ticketsolve.

Elaine Phillips
Marketing Manager



Elaine joined the team in 2008 and was recently promoted to Marketing Manager. Elaine has over 11 years marketing experience including a recent consultancy role and various marketing management positions with Hibernian Aviva. She holds a Diploma in Public Relations and is a member of the Marketing Institute of Ireland. Elaine is responsible for managing and delivering an integrated marketing plan for The CCD.

The CCD welcomes HelmsBriscoe – global leaders in meeting procurement



The HelmsBriscoe team on site in August 2009 – "We were all stunned by the superb architecture and flexibility that The Convention Centre Dublin will offer".

Now taking bookings for Corporate Events



The CCD will host both Irish and International corporate events from conferences and AGMs to training and seminars, catering from 3 to 3,000 delegates. We offer a range of extremely versatile and multi-purpose meeting spaces, which can be tailored to your individual requirements, whilst providing excellent value for money.

Our packages include the most advanced AV equipment, technical support and state-of-the-art facilities along with your own dedicated Events Manager.

- **22 meeting spaces**
- **An experienced team**
- **State-of-the-art facilities**
- **Day Delegate Rates**

With over 26 International bookings already confirmed, we are open for enquiries for your corporate events in 2010 and beyond.

For more info
contact our
Sales Team on
+353 1 8560000
or email
sales@theccd.ie

Banqueting Events now booking at The CCD



The CCD will be Ireland's premier venue for banquets, gala dinners, award ceremonies, Christmas parties and charity balls. Our menus are very competitively priced and there is no room-hire charge for access after 4pm on the day of the event.

We offer the following banqueting facilities.

- **The Forum – up to 2,000 guests**
- **The Liffey – up to 1220 guests**
- **Additional areas – 10 to 610 guests**

Our banqueting package includes the following.

- **All furniture, crockery, glassware and table linen**
- **All staff**
- **Colour wash of room**
- **Microphone**
- **Pre-dinner drinks area**
- **Electronic signage**

IRISH HOTELS FEDERATION

MEET
OUR
PARTNERS

By Lisa Kearney and
Stephanie Howard

Founded in 1937, the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) is the national organisation of the hotel and guesthouse industry in Ireland, representing almost 1,000 hotels and guesthouses nationwide.

In 2008, the IHF established the Housing Bureau offering a free and impartial accommodation booking service to facilitate and centralise requests for hotel rooms for large conferences and events.

The housing bureau, in close co-operation with AIPCO, provides the following to the event organiser.

- **Secure allocations and rates, up to 5 years out, for an extensive number of hotels and other accommodation providers from universities to serviced apartments.**
- **A secure online booking form, linked to the organiser's website, allowing delegates to book their accommodation online and receive booking confirmations.**



And the Winner is...

We are delighted to announce the winner of 'The CCD News' Spring 2009 competition...

Congratulations to:

Sarah O'Connor (Ernst and Young) who won a case of 12 bottles of Jameson Whiskey – one for every month!

For details of our latest competition, see back cover.



Luxurious relaxation awaits you at...

The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt



The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt, located on the doorstep of Dublin, is surrounded by the serene woodlands of Powerscourt Estate. Take a walk in the stunning grounds before choosing from an array of delightful dining options including Gordon Ramsay at Powerscourt, the more casual Sugar Loaf Lounge or McGill's Irish pub.



ESPA at The Ritz-Carlton, Powerscourt, is the ultimate destination for relaxation and treats guests to absolute luxury with 22 treatment rooms, a 20-metre Swarovski crystal-lit pool and fitness Suite.

Guests of the hotel can enjoy access to the exclusive River Walk, a private and hidden gem, and one of Ireland's most charming and secluded places to explore. Two championship golf courses can also be found on the estate.

Peace of Mind Package

The Ritz-Carlton believes a break should relieve stress, not cause it! That is why the hotel is offering an enticing package which will provide you with more than just your money's worth – your memory's worth.

The Peace of Mind package includes:

- **Deluxe overnight accommodations including complimentary nights***
- **Daily breakfast for two in the restaurant**
- **Internet access and local calls**
- **Valet parking**
- **Welcome glass of Guinness or soft drink**

*Enjoy up to 3 complimentary nights:

- **Stay 3 Nights, Pay for 2**
- **Stay 5 Nights, Pay for 3**
- **Stay 7 Nights, Pay for 4**

Packages are tailored to take away the worry of added charges and start from €260 per night.

Details can be found on:

www.ritzcarlton.com/powerscourt

To make a reservation please call +353 1 274 8888.

250 Years of the Black Stuff

On 24 September, 2009, at 17:59 local time, with a global toast to Arthur Guinness to mark the 250 years since he signed the 9,000 year lease on the St. James's Gate brewery, Guinness kicked off the Arthur's Day global events.

Artists and celebrities, including Sir Bob Geldof, Guy Ritchie, Jerry Hall and Sophie Dahl, took part in this once-in-a-lifetime moment to raise a GUINNESS to Arthur and toast the Arthur Guinness Fund, which aims to enable and empower individuals with skills and opportunities to deliver a measured benefit to their communities.

Dublin hosted live music events in over 30 venues across the city from intimate gigs in pubs to music venues and even a concert at the St. James's Gate brewery itself.

Win a
GUINNESS
Goody Bag!

To commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Guinness we are offering one lucky winner Guinness

goodies from one of Ireland's most famous brands. The prize includes passes to the Guinness Storehouse, a leather passport-holder, a luggage tag, and glasses - all displaying the world-renowned Guinness logo.

For your chance to win, click the link on the homepage of our website

www.theccd.ie

and answer the simple question.

Closing date - Friday 30 October, 2009.
Terms and conditions apply.

Upcoming Events for The CCD

Corporate Client Open Days

29th September and 8th October, 2009

Irish Architecture Foundation and Office of Public Works

Open House – 11th October, 2009

Sales Meetings

Sales meetings with clients in Paris, Brussels, Madrid, Barcelona, Germany and the UK

Familiarisation Visit – UK Corporate Clients

15th and 16th October, 2009

EIBTM, Barcelona

1st to 3rd December, 2009



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