ICCD Hosts Dialogue over Dinner at National Press Club in Washington DC

On May 25, the ICCD hosted its third Dialogue over Dinner event at the National Press Club in Washington DC. The first Dialogue over Dinner was held in New York City, and the second in London, England. As was true for the first two such events, the audience was comprised of prominent, influential guests who were welcomed to an intimate evening of exploration of cutting edge issues in mental health.

Robby Vorspan, ICCD staff, opened the evening with a personal perspective on the tremendous power of Clubhouses to eradicate stigma and provide opportunities for people with mental illness to move beyond ‘patienthood’ to ‘personhood.’

Dinner guests spent the time between speakers engaging in lively discussions at their tables. These interactions led to the development of new relationships and connections amongst people who are positioned to influence mental health legislation, programming, research, and public relations.

The speakers included Nobel Laureate Sydney Brenner, who presented a compelling and broad perspective on the history of genetic research in mental illness; Thomas Insel, M.D, Director of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, who offered an inspiring review of the mission and current work of the NIMH in making the world a better place for people living with mental illness; and William Eaton, Chair of the Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who outlined a fascinating perspective on social integration as a critical component of recovery from mental illness.

The event was enormously successful; a great many of the participants said that they left the dinner energized and motivated to contribute to the work of the ICCD, facilitating the reintegration of men and women living with mental illness around the world.
Dear Clubhouse Colleagues and Friends,

The powerful force of a welcoming and optimistic ICCD Clubhouse community is changing lives and creating success for people around the world who are living with mental illness. In spite of the weak economy and the serious funding challenges that Clubhouses everywhere are facing, the successes of Clubhouse members continue to be inspiring. Despite very real obstacles, ICCD Clubhouses continue to increase employment, education, wellness, recreation and other recovery oriented opportunities for members. New Clubhouses continue to take root, with start up groups developing in new cities and towns on five continents.

Today, as the ICCD begins its seventeenth year we are more determined than ever to see MORE Clubhouses and STRONGER Clubhouses developing at a FASTER pace, and I am increasingly motivated by our shared vision to see an ICCD certified Clubhouse in every community. I know that this is a huge vision; but I also know that we can never achieve it until we are willing to believe it is possible. Mental illness is everywhere and affects communities around the globe, and we know that ICCD Clubhouses are the most powerful means of successfully integrating people living with mental illness into their communities.

The ICCD, the extraordinary organization that we have created together, is now poised to exponentially expand our efforts so that we can bring the hope of Clubhouse to the communities around the world that so desperately need them.

At the ICCD offices we are now in the very exciting process of planning for the next five years of Clubhouse growth and development. We are working with all of our constituent groups to help us plan for what will be needed to increase our support to existing Clubhouses, and to dramatically increase the number of certified Clubhouses throughout the world. This will include expanding our capacities in our training and certification programs, research, new Clubhouse development strategies, and public awareness and advocacy. In addition, we are greatly expanding our efforts to introduce our work and vision to many new people and organizations, in order to continue to create friends, alliances, and opportunities.

We need your help!

During this summer and fall as we organize our plans for the future, I encourage everyone who shares our vision to contribute your thoughts and ideas about what is possible; what is needed; and how we can change the world together. Call, write, or come see us -- but please share your thoughts with us!

Sincerely,

Joel D. Corcoran
Executive Director
Kauai Marriott Resort Honored by ICCD Clubhouses and Mental Health America

ICCD Clubhouses worldwide provide an array of employment programs for Clubhouse members. Employment for many members is a pathway for re-entry back into society. For many businesses, ICCD Clubhouses have proven to be strong resources for providing reliable employees.

The award received by the Kauai Marriott Resort in Hawaii is an excellent example of these types of successful partnerships.

The Kauai Marriott truly recognizes the value of hiring Clubhouse members and began doing so in 1996. They have provided Transitional Employment to over 25 members of Kauai’s Friendship House, the largest number of members hired by any Hawaii employer.

In recognition of this sustained partnership, Chuck Brady and the Kauai Marriott Resort were given the Outstanding Mental Health Business Leader award at the 5th annual Mental Health Mahalo Awards on Oahu recently. Dave Jordan from Friendship House and Paul Newell from Diamond Head Clubhouse honored Chuck Brady, Market Director of Human Resources at the event.

Dave Jordan states, “The relationship between Friendship House and the Kauai Marriott is 14 years strong. This has been a win-win partnership for the Clubhouse and for the Kauai Marriott. We host our annual Employer Awards Banquets at this property and have partnered up with the Marriott in various community events as well. We couldn’t be more pleased with the relationship.”

ICCD Clubhouses have similar partnerships with numerous employers. The Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition (MCC) coordinates the National Employment Expansion Project which helps to raise the visibility of Clubhouses and members’ employment success. As part of this project, the MCC has created a resource of 75 reference letters from employers encouraging other businesses to hire Clubhouse members. These reference letters can be of great help to Clubhouses in their efforts to develop Transitional Employment jobs, and can be accessed at: http://www.massclubs.org/Docs/ReferenceLetters.pdf

Congratulations to the Kauai Marriott Resort on their award!

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome new volunteers to the ICCD Board of Directors:

Join us in welcoming:

Alessandro Leipold, Washington D.C, USA
Brian McSally, Virginia, USA

In addition, we would like to acknowledge the new board elected positions to the ICCD:

Thomas D. Manning - Chair Elect
Anette Høegh Goelet - Vice Chair
Mark Glickman - Vice Chair
Mark Lanier - Treasurer
Beatrice Bergamasco - Secretary

Each of these individuals brings a wonderful depth of knowledge and a variety of life experiences that will help empower the ICCD to move forward in accomplishing our Vision and Mission, which is the cornerstone of our efforts to help make a difference in the lives of people facing mental illness.

We thank you and look forward to our future together as we grow!

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My ICCD Faculty Training Experience
Contributed by Leslie Johnson, Elm Brook Place in Bedford, Massachusetts

My name is Leslie Johnson. I am a member of Elm Brook Place in Bedford, Massachusetts, USA. Several years ago I experienced a bout of mental illness, and my Clubhouse was very helpful as I transitioned from a hospital to the community and went through my healing process.

It’s been a busy four years. I’ve participated in a number of activities involving my Clubhouse and other Clubhouses in Massachusetts. In addition to doing unit work, I got opportunities to go to meetings organized by the Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition. After attending some meetings, the coalition’s executive director, Reva Stein, offered me the chance to become the President of the Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition. I was very nervous as first. I’ve never been the president of anything before! But I went ahead and took the opportunity. I’ve been the MCC president for about a year now and I’ve learned so much about Clubhouses and their operations. I have a lot more to learn.

I have come to really believe in the Clubhouse Model. Over time I have learned the history of Clubhouse development and have familiarized myself with the Clubhouse Standards. I have not only benefited from the model, I have also witnessed many members heal, learn to manage their mental illness, and grow from participating in the activities of the Clubhouse Model. Because of this model of rehabilitation, I don’t think of myself as a disabled person or a mentally ill patient.

I work side-by-side with Clubhouse staff to actually run my Clubhouse. This puts me in an active role instead of a passive role, which makes a huge difference in how I feel about myself.

I really believe in the Clubhouse practice and philosophy, and because of this I decided that I would like to apply to be on the ICCD Faculty for Clubhouse Development, the group responsible for making certification visits to help Clubhouses all around the world. Being on the Faculty would give me another way to contribute to the sustenance and growth of the Clubhouse movement, and it would also be another opportunity for me to grow personally.

So I applied and I was accepted, and off I went to New York City for a one-week training course about ICCD Faculty work. New York City. What a place! I had never been there before and it was like stepping into a different world. I couldn’t believe how tall the buildings were. I kept looking up and up and up. I visited Times Square and stared in awe at the huge video displays covering the buildings. This was definitely different than my little Massachusetts town.

I stayed at the guest house next to Fountain House, sharing it with about 12 other prospective Faculty members in training, from across the country and from Canada. Half of the trainees were Clubhouse members, like me, and the other half were Clubhouse staff. ICCD certification visits are always made by a team comprised of one Clubhouse staff and one Clubhouse member. The first day of learning was classroom style. We were given bulky binders full of information, and a lot of instruction—and I mean a lot. The next day we had to put some of our new knowledge to practice. We were paired up to do a mock certification at one of the Clubhouses in New York City. That night we had to write a preliminary report with the information and observations we gathered from the Clubhouse visit. All the trainees worked into the night. The next day we had to present our findings to the whole training group. The work wasn’t over yet. The next day, we had to take the feedback that we got from the ICCD training team and the other trainees, and revise our reports. We finished editing our report at about 1:30 in the morning. The hard work paid off though, because the next day my partner and I got a lot of good feedback—along with some constructive criticism. The critiquing by trainers and other trainees throughout the week was done in a very supportive manner, I’m thankful to say, and contributed to making us feel confident about our ability to do this important work.

At the end, all of us trainees were very proud of what we had accomplished. We had been through quite an experience together and we had come out the other end. I’m proud to say that I survived the intensive one week training and I am now an ICCD faculty member—and I earned it! I really look forward to contributing to the growth of the Clubhouse movement in a helpful and positive way. And I look forward to personally learning from the experiences I will have through my Faculty work.
Around the World with Clubhouse Start-Ups!

New working groups around the globe are doing some fantastic work in creating new ICCD Clubhouses in their respective communities. Here are just a few samples of these exciting developments:

**Gibraltar**
Emily Adamberry Olivero, from Gibraltar (a British territory, located at the tip of Iberian Peninsula, near Spain), attended the 15th International Seminar on the Clubhouse Model and quickly gathered as much information as she could. She has been moving with lightning speed since then! Emily recently put together a community presentation for Government officials and other important constituencies in her Gibraltar community.

Emily reports, “The presentation went brilliantly, and I am still in awe of how well it was received. I have never faced such an important group and with so much at stake. The Clubhouse Model has been sold unanimously to everybody present. The Minister for Social Affairs gave the Clubhouse Model his seal of approval in front of everybody. We still have some major steps to go but we’re well on our way!”

To support Emily and the Gibraltar Clubhouse project, email her at olivero@sapphirenet.gi

**Austin, Texas**
The roots of this group are within NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). A group of committed individuals from NAMI and other agencies completed the ICCD New Clubhouse Development Training in May 2009 and now, a short year later, their doors are opening!

The Austin Clubhouse, under the dynamic leadership of Lisa Yoch, will open its doors **August 3rd, 2010**! Congratulations Austin Clubhouse!

To support the work of the Austin Clubhouse, contact Lisa Yoch at lisa@austinclubhouse.org

**UP House, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**
Philip Silverberg has led the charge with this group and has done a fantastic job of networking to help develop the infrastructure of UP House. Progress Place in Toronto, an ICCD Training Base, has been instrumental in also offering programmatic guidance.

The Board of Directors has done a phenomenal job of fundraising and Philip reports, “To date we have raised/committed $715,000 of the $1,200,000 needed to build and operate our Clubhouse for the next three years. The walls are up. The paint colors have been chosen. We will be moving in the last week of June. “All will be very proud of our Clubhouse. At long last Montreal will be added to the world-wide list of over 300 ICCD Clubhouses”.

The Official Opening event is scheduled for October 5, 2010. If you wish to visit UP House at any time prior, please call Philip Silverberg or the Clubhouse’s Executive Director, Ruth McLellan at 514-798-0791. Please contact Pam Litman if you would like to join the UP House fundraising team at pam.litman@urbanpardes.org or call (514) 814-5072

**Paris, France**
Thanks to a major donor, an informal group of family, members, friends and professionals created an NGO, called Cap’cités, in Paris in order to implement the first French Clubhouse. The project is young; nevertheless the prospect of organizing the first ICCD Clubhouse has been warmly welcomed.

The road is still long before Opening Day, but the members of the Board of Cap’cités are organizing a breakfast in October at the French Assembly to introduce the Clubhouse to several CEOs. If they reply positively and if the fundraising continues, the Clubhouse may become a reality in Paris in early 2011.

For more information, please contact Céline Aimetti at: clubhouseparis@gmail.com or call +336 2456 0115.
Continuing to strengthen and clarify its mission and structure, Members and Staff from many European Clubhouses and Clubhouse coalitions, along with members of the ICCD Board of Directors and ICCD Executive Director Joel Corcoran, met in Amsterdam April 28-29, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting was to work toward further strengthening and clarifying the mission and structure of the European Partnership for Clubhouse Development (EPCD). Discussions explored means of creating a more formal organization that will involve ICCD certified Clubhouses in Europe working cooperatively to advocate for the dissemination of Clubhouses throughout Europe; and to help strengthen all of the existing European Clubhouses.

The meeting was graciously arranged and hosted by the Clubhouse members, staff and board of de Waterheuvel in Amsterdam. Group discussions over two days addressed the purpose and goals of the EPCD, and possible strategies for organizational structure and funding.

Increasing the number of ICCD certified Clubhouses, building strategic alliances, improving European participation in ICCD working groups, research and fundraising were all prioritized as important work for the EPCD.

The meeting generated a great deal of enthusiasm about the EPCD’s identified goal of substantially increasing awareness about mental illness throughout Europe, and the important role that Clubhouses can take in addressing the challenge of mental illness.

A small organizing committee was established to develop a first draft of a new EPCD structure. The draft is scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2010, and distributed to Clubhouses for consideration in advance of the European Clubhouse Conference in, Austria, in November 2010.

The ICCD Clubhouse movement in Asia has gained significant ground over the course of the last year, with important developments in Taiwan, the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan.

Two new Clubhouses in Taiwan have participated in ICCD Clubhouse training at Stepping Stone Clubhouse in Australia. With the help of this training, both Easy Clubhouse and Eden Clubhouse have succeeded in establishing Standards-based Clubhouse communities and are currently in the process of preparing for ICCD certification visits.

The first Clubhouse to be certified in the People’s Republic of China was Heart Wing Clubhouse, certified in 2009.

This year, a second Clubhouse group from mainland China, Dandelion Club, participated in ICCD Clubhouse training at Independence Center in Missouri, and is now on a path toward becoming the second certified Clubhouse in mainland China.

Currently Hong Kong has one certified ICCD Clubhouse, which is Phoenix Clubhouse. This year two other Hong Kong Clubhouses, Kapok Clubhouse and Take Your Way, have participated in ICCD Clubhouse training at Stepping Stone and have developed comprehensive action plans to support and direct their future growth.

Korea has also seen significant growth in Clubhouse activity during the last year. Taiwha Fountain House, an ICCD Training Base, had previously been the only certified Clubhouse in Korea. In March of this year, however, two additional Korean Clubhouses received certification from the ICCD. Congratulations to NulPooRum in Osan City; and to Song-guk Clubhouse in Busan!

Japan has seen Clubhouse growth in the last several years and is currently in the process of establishing a Japanese Clubhouse Coalition. In addition, Japanese Clubhouses are working with the ICCD to bring a New Clubhouse Development training to Japan in early 2011.
Spotlight

The Program for Clubhouse Research

The Program for Clubhouse Research conducts an annual employment survey on behalf of the Massachusetts Clubhouses and the Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition. The survey examines the types of jobs (TE, SE, IE) in which Clubhouse members are employed; the kinds of work that they are doing; and the details regarding each job (work schedule, hours/days worked, hourly wage, and support provided by the Clubhouse).

This survey is a good example of how a group of ICCD certified Clubhouses can use information to document the success of Clubhouse members and the effectiveness of ICCD Clubhouses. In Fiscal Year 2009, 1950 members of 32 Massachusetts Clubhouses held jobs in Transitional, Supported, and Independent Employment. Six hundred and fifty-four employers hired Clubhouse members in Transitional and/or Supported Employment positions.

The two figures above show the number of placements held and the total combined earnings of members from Massachusetts Clubhouses over the last five years. In FY 2009, these members earned a combined total of over thirteen million US dollars.

Standards Review Update

The ongoing work of reviewing and updating of the International Standards for Clubhouse Programs engages the entire worldwide Clubhouse community in a rigorous, transparent process of consensus building.

The work of Standards review is done on a two year cycle beginning with a Call for Proposals following the International Seminars; final revisions to the Standards are then published in October the year following the International Seminar. The next edition of the Standards will be published in October 2010, incorporating the most recent round of amendments that have been consensually approved by the worldwide ICCD Clubhouse community.

Now is the time for ICCD member Clubhouses to begin the work of comprehensive review of the Standards, and to submit proposals for amending them. Criteria for successful proposals include general applicability to all Clubhouses, universality of concern, and consistency with Clubhouse values and practices. Contact the ICCD or Larry Marshall, Chair of the Standards Review Committee, at Pioneer House in Massachusetts for additional information lmarshall@hes-inc.org.

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Total Clubhouses: 330

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Visited the ICCD website lately?
The ICCD website is a tool that was created to initiate interest by engaging and empowering its viewers with content that provides information and updates its viewers within the Clubhouse community and beyond with what must pertinent mission that is our primary focus.

Visit us at www.iccd.org for regularly updated information about the worldwide Clubhouse community! The website can assist you with Clubhouse career resources; Training information; Certification resources; a comprehensive Directory of International Clubhouse programs with contact information; member recovery stories; and much much more!

Your suggestions and feedback for making our website even more informative and user-friendly are very welcome. Send your ideas to generalinfo@iccd.org. Thank you!

**Note:** In preparation for the 2011 edition of the International Clubhouse Directory, please submit any changes in your Clubhouse’s contact information (e.g. phone, email, fax, address, Director, website) to Renee Nicholson (rnicholson@iccd.org) and Denise Hast (dhast@iccd.org). Thank you.

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**Calendar**

(please note some of these dates are subject to change)

**New Clubhouse Development Training**
October 21-22: St. Louis, Missouri

**ICCD Board Meeting**
October 20th: New York City, New York

**Breakfast Briefing**
October 20th: New York City, New York

**Regional Conference Schedule**
(for additional information about a specific regional conference please visit www.iccd.org)

**USA Mid-States Clubhouse Conference**
August 30 – September 2: Detroit, Michigan

**9th Australasian Clubhouse Conference**
September 26 - 29th: Mt. Tamborine, Australia

**USA Western Regional Clubhouse Conference**
October 12 - 15th: San Diego, California

**Canadian Clubhouse Conference**
November 3 - 6th: Mississauga, Canada

**11th European Clubhouse Conference**
November 14 - 17th: Wesenufer, Upper Austria

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**Announcement**

The ICCD’s 16th International Clubhouse Seminar is scheduled for July 9-14, 2011 in Stockholm, Sweden. Additional information to follow.