

JCICI NEWSLETTER



Dear JCI members and guests:

September 2015

Below, is the information regarding our most important activities and some dates regarding the future events.

Presidential Briefing

Our LP Dhushyanthini Gunaratnam will send the monthly briefing to your jci e-mail.

Upcoming Events

JCICI Chapter meeting – Effective meetings and election 2016
September 9th. 5:45 pm - 10:00 pm

The costs of ineffective meetings are huge. We waste the most important assets we have as leaders; discretionary time, money and talent. For September's chapter meeting we have the pleasure of having Stephan Bouman as the keynote speaker and he will give a presentation on Effective Meetings, where he will enlighten us on how meetings could be more effective and the importance of a defined purpose, a clear agenda and perhaps most importantly – how to finish on time!

The purpose of the JCI Effective Meetings course is to meet this desire, to empower participants with the tools to make their own meetings more effective and inspiring.

More about JCI events:

If you want to know more about upcoming events in Denmark, please visit <https://jci.nemtilmeld.dk/>

If you want to know more about upcoming events in the world, please visit JCI events calendar at <http://jcievents.com>

if you want to know more about us please visit jcici.org or find us on facebook [jci copenhagen international](https://www.facebook.com/jcicopenhageninternational)

JCICI Chapter Meeting August 2015

Speak your mind even if your voice shakes! by by Eva Rosenbæk-Svane

An evening of passionate speeches and legendary talent.

The August chapter meeting traditionally hosts the local Golden Microphone competition. This year was no different and I was invited together with "Grand Old Man", Leif Gjerløv Andersen, to judge the contributions. It proved to be a wonderful evening with a small but dedicated group of speakers who delivered very different but (almost) equally brilliant speeches.

Another JCI-favourite, iconic trainer Søren Ellegaard, started off the meeting with a short but very effective training on public speaking. He brought his patient and well-behaved children, who had the good grace not to laugh at our improvisations on speaking behind a curtain; with our backs to the audience; or with our hands behind our backs (I think that Mia was challenged, but she found a way around that one with “power shoulders” as fierce as Alexis Carrington’s!). We had fun and I think that it inspired one of our guests to try his luck at the competition.



The competition was amazing. Leif was blown away by the level of the participants – I was not surprised. Some of the contenders had been coached by our own legendary Golden Microphone European Champion and World Competition contender, Jan Bryde, and our fellow members are just generally awesome and dedicated. Not to mention the skillfully moderated “warm-up” by Søren Ellegaard.

As a judge of the Golden Microphone competition it never ceases to amaze me how dedicated and talented our fellow members are when they deliver a speech. However, that Wednesday night I found myself motivated to replicate Ivan’s well placed hand gestures (of course, he was right in his arguments!), to go to the World Conference in Canada in 2016 with Simona (the family will LOVE that, right?); and I was in that class room with ten-year-old Mia and on that plane to Sri Lanka with eighteen-year-old Dee...I really was. In fact, I basically WAS Dee on the plane to Sri Lanka, and it literally made me cry to think about how I was welcomed by my Sri Lankan family with the wisdom and love of unbreakable family ties.

In the end, it was Dees emotional tale of her visit back to her Sri Lankan roots that won the competition and I cannot wait for her to deliver her speech again at the regional meeting on September 15th.

As Leif and I were driving south through Copenhagen we talked about what a great evening it had been and how privileged we were to have been invited to choose the best speaker among such talented friends. It takes courage to stand in front of people and speak for five uninterrupted minutes, but it is usually worth it. So, in conclusion: Speak your mind even if your voice shakes!

**“Speak your mind
even if your
voice shakes”**
~ Maggie Kuhn

Maggie Kuhn (August 3, 1905 – April 22, 1995) was an American activist known for founding the Gray Panthers movement in August 1970. She dedicated her life to fighting for human rights, social and economic justice, global peace, integration, and an understanding of mental.

The JCI Project 2015 " From student projects to future leaders"

The goal of this project is to make students more active, engaging and solution seeking members of our society and to empower them with confidence, proactivity, independence and persistence by teaching them basic leadership and management skills so they become better managers of their projects.



Members please sign up to this project and make a difference.

JCI Nordic Conference Tallinn 2015

The JCI Nordic Conference in Tallinn was indeed a magnificent experience, an event with a fantastic program and very well organized. JCICI members Liis, Susanne and Claudia registered Thursday and then assisted to the welcoming party at Tallinn's festival ground. Here the JCICI members met with JCI's from Denmark, Serbia and Norway, the biggest JCI delegation was from Finland. Estonians and Finns really know how to party with lots of booze and life bands.



The conference key program took place at Viru hotel, with great speakers such as a sales manager from BMW – Max Kalbfell (Germany), he talked about the future of high-tech cars. A researcher and business man from Getjar & Nextury Ventures – Ilja Laurs (Lithuania) talked about the future of money in its physical form and the emerging of bit coins. One of the ten advisors to the Pope is Soulaima Gourani (Danmark), she talked about her successful life despite her difficult years in school and her motto is “everything is possible if you put your mind to it, don't let your brain to become lazy” Soulaima's next objective is to become the richest woman in the USA.



We also learn about the development of technology in health science, about the use of mindfulness in everyday life, about hiring leaders and firing bosses. We were impressed by the presentation of Dan Pantaleo (USA) from the PENTAGON. He talked about leadership in turbulent times. We learned about the business of Froosh a Danish company with a strong social responsibility. Harley Davidson was present as well, and we learned that Harley sales more than motorcycles, the company aims to sale the Harley Davidson's life style, that includes fashion and a way to make new friends, so if you want to join this special club go ahead and buy a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

All in all we experienced two full days of knowledge sharing and entertainment, we even got the offer to become a Estonian e-citizen and off course we had to meet the JCI world president again Ismail Haznedar, whom by the way sends his greetings to JCICI.



Susanne and Claudia want to send their special thanks to Liis for being such a wonderful host, driver and guide, thank you for opening the doors to your home and teaching us about the Estonian culture.

Tallinn, we'll never forget the KGB museum, the gracious old town with the fantastic churches, narrow streets and high towers, the amazing middle age food and our hunt for the Danish flag in the kings garden, but above all these things, we'll never forget Tallinn's taxi app "Taxify" and the learning experience at the JCI conference. Terviseks! and looking forward the next great JCI conference experience.

The Member of the month August 2015 is Ivan Lazaro



Ivan gets the JCI award member of the month. because of his big effort and success with the fundraising of books to Liberia.

He did a fantastic job with the project and never gave up before he reached his final goal. That's a huge inspiration in

itself . - Proud LP 2015, Dhushyanthini



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Special thanks to our writers, you rock!