International Mentoring Association becomes 6th signatory to Global Code of Ethics for Coaches, Mentors, and Supervisors

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Brussels, 24 January 2019: The International Mentoring Association (IMA) has become a signatory the Global Code of Ethics for Coaches, Mentors, and Supervisors

The Global Code of Ethics supports excellence in the development of coaching, mentoring, and supervision and it raises the standards of practice of their members. It was created by two professional associations, Association for Coaching (AC) and European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC), in February 2016. In May 2018 three additional professional associations have joined this initiative in 2018: Association for Professional Executive Coaches and Supervisors (APECS), Associazione Italiana Coach Professionisti (AICP) and the Mentoring Institute at the University of New Mexico.

In November 2018, The International Mentoring Association (IMA) joined this initiative as one of the organisational signatories in support of raising standards for coaching and mentoring practices. IMA's strategic focus is to continue to grow membership to provide global opportunities with mentor programmes and practices. IMA serves as an accreditation body for mentoring programmes worldwide which furthers the support for the Global Code of Ethics for Coaches and Mentors. IMA's annual conference in Gainesville, Florida, USA in March 2019, will open avenues for continued globalisation with engaging conversations around diversity and ethics.

The signatories invite other world-wide professional bodies in the field, to join this initiative and become organisational signatories.

This code has a wider impact by informing the work of people who may not be members of the signatory bodies but who practice coaching, mentoring, supervision, and training related activities or are sponsors, users, beneficiaries and purchasers of such services, anywhere around the world.

The Code has its own dedicated website – www.GlobalCodeofEthics.org - where the code is translated into the world's main languages. The new version of the Global Code of Ethics can be viewed here.

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The International Mentoring Association provides opportunities to create global communities that lead to the development of highly effective mentoring relationships and programmes. Offering accreditation and certification, IMA maintains a base of experts around the world who are on the leading edge of research in a variety of mentoring and coaching environments.

Association for Coaching ('AC')

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As a pioneering global body, with members in 60+ countries, the AC exists to advance the coaching profession and make a sustainable difference to individuals, organizations, and society.

European Mentoring and Coaching Council ('EMCC')

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EMCC is the "go to" body that exists to develop, promote, and set the expectation of best practice in coaching, mentoring, and supervision globally for the benefit of society.

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Founded in 2004, The Association for Professional Executive Coaching and Supervision (APECS) exists to ensure that in a complex world, organisations are enabled to use professional coaching, supervision and advisory services to achieve ethical and sustainable growth.

Associazione Italiana Coach Professionisti ('AICP')

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