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Dear Mr. Vika,

On behalf of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and the University of Delaware (UD), we are delighted to confirm your acceptance to the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program (ICECP). The ICECP will take place under the patronage of the USOC based in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 15 September to 12 October 2019. The program will officially conclude after satisfactorily completing your project, which you will present to the ICECP academic jury on 30 April 2020, during the final module in Lausanne, Switzerland – home of the International Olympic Committee and many International Federations.

It would be appreciated if you could please submit your ***NOC Request for Booking of Airline Ticket and Visa Application Confirmation Information*** by submitting your information on the following link: [Request for Booking of Airline Ticket and Visa Application Confirmation](#) by no later than **1 July 2019**. Your return international airline ticket will be booked and purchased by the USOC in August, after we have a confirmation you have received your U.S. Visa.

Your airline ticket will be booked to arrive into Colorado Springs on 15 September from your home country. Please note participants scheduled to arrive late in the afternoon or evening on 15 September, will be asked to arrive on 14 September to be better prepared for session starting Monday, 16 September. Your return will be booked from your sport apprenticeship location to your home country on 12 October 2019. Your airline ticket from Colorado Springs to your apprenticeship location will also be booked by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) is committed to providing ICECP participants with visa and entry assistance. The USOC will liaise with our Government to support participants with the interview process. **For this reason, it is very important that you confirm your Visa application DS-160 number, the location and date and time of your interview.**

We encourage you to begin as soon as possible the U.S. entry visa application procedures which can take up to 90 days. Following is a web link to the U.S. Visa information in your

country: <https://za.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/pretoria/>. A letter from the USOC is being sent directly to the Embassy or Consulate in your country, and a copy of that letter is enclosed.

Please note that the U.S. Department of State has confirmed that you should apply for either a B-1 or a B-2 visa (Tourist or Temporary Business Visa) for the ICECP. Attached are following documents to help guide your Visa application and interview process:

- ICECP U.S. Visa Procedures and Information Fact Sheet
- USOC Best Practices Interview Fact Sheet
- USOC Visa Application and Entry Handbook

Please bring a copy of this acceptance confirmation letter together with the Visa invitation letter to your interview for your Visa, and also bring these two letters with you in September when you travel to the United States to show to the Immigrations Officer upon your entry to the U.S.

Attached are the *Administrative and Financial Guidelines for NOCs and NOC Participants Accepted to the ICECP*. A *Travel to the United States Information Fact Sheet* has also been enclosed.

Also attached is the Project Proposal Submission Guidelines. The outline and confirmation of your formal project proposal needs to be provided to Dr. Matt Robinson at the following email address mjrobins@UDel.Edu by no later 1 August 2019.

For the twelfth edition of the ICECP, the residency requirement is four weeks. However, the University of Delaware virtual online education module will begin on 15 August prior to your arrival in the U.S. It is mandatory that you participate in UD's virtual module, which will be continued after you leave the United States up until the time when we meet in Switzerland for the final module of the program.

On August 15 and 16, we will be holding live orientation meetings online. We will set three different times and it is mandatory you attend one of the sessions. If you absolutely cannot make a session, please make sure to inform Dr. Matt Robinson. Directions for logging on as well as information related to the online portal will be sent to you by the University of Delaware (UD) in July. When you receive the email from UD, you must log in as soon as possible to create your account for the online portal (otherwise the log in will expire).

Following is a summary of the timeline requirements leading up to your participation in the ICECP this autumn:

As soon as possible Submit your U.S. Visa application through your country website and make request for interview appointment

- **1 July** Submit your ***NOC Request for Booking of Airline Ticket and Visa Application Confirmation Information*** (your return international airline ticket will be booked and purchased by the USOC) by submitting your travel information on following link: [Request for Booking of Airline Ticket and Visa Application Confirmation](#)

- **1 August** **Due date to submit your outline of your formal project proposal to Dr. Matt Robinson at the following email address:**
mjrobins@UDel.Edu

Should you have any further questions about the program in the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,



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Enc: U.S. Visa Invitation Letter
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