

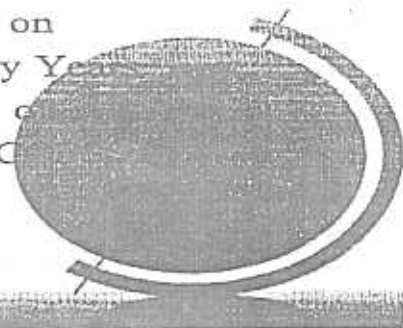
BFC INSURANCE LIMITED
Specialist in Creditor Insurance
22/24 Lower Mount St.
Dublin 2
Ph. 6623533

Congratulations to
Junior Chamber Dublin

on
Forty Year

SUC

 Beneficial



The Bestsellers.

ESTATE AGENTS • AUCTIONEERS • VALUERS

Ross McParland
MIAVI

101 Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Telephone: 6671888 Fax: 6609262

1 Market Court, Town Hall Centre, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
Telephone: 2866644 Fax: 2864946

The Old Rectory, Chapel Hill, Lucan Village, Co. Dublin.
Telephone: 6283575 Fax: 6283599

Junior Chamber International 25th World Congress - 1970 (Silver Jubilee)

When Junior Chamber Dublin decided to make a bid to host the World Congress of Jaycees International, it was the greatest undertaking of the Chamber (and indeed of Junior Chamber Ireland) up to that time. The Dublin Chamber was very strong with membership ranging from 250 up to 275 during the period. We received great support from the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, and all the Ministers involved, as well as sponsorship from Irish industry and International companies.

It was a three year project - one year to make the bid, in Mar del Plata, Argentina, and then two more years to organise the Congress itself. It was enormously complex - the bid document ran to 75 pages of undertakings in 3 languages. Virtually every member was involved - all at the time of the Congress, and very many during the lobbying, bidding and promotional years. We travelled all over the world in small groups to Regional Conferences and large groups to World Congresses.

We had a strong voice in Junior Chamber International at that time. John Hegarty had been a JCI Vice President (and a candidate for World President), Declan Lennon became a JCI Vice President and Frank Carthy, who was Dublin President when we made the bid, went on to become a JCI Vice President, Treasurer and candidate for World President.

The Congress took place in Dublin from 1st to the 7th November, 1970 and was attended by 1,868 delegates from 68 countries. The congress site was the RDS and we had to carry out extensive work there as we took over the whole of the RDS.

This work included staging, lighting, telephone exchange and systems, electric power, heating, decoration, sign-posting, catering (Aer Rianta), simultaneous translation in 4 different venues at the same time, etc.

We introduced a number of innovations which reflected the warmth and hospitality of the Irish. Home hospitality on a lavish scale followed the Opening Ceremony, wives of Chief Delegates were introduced at the Opening Ceremony with both dressed in National Costumes, a Guinness Hospitality Centre for all delegates for the entire duration of the Congress (free draught Guinness), a Senators Club (full free bar all week long), the Irish version of a Senators Breakfast (steak, champagne and brandy) except that it was at lunch time, wonderful Irish cabaret and dancing at the International Night and marvellous Irish food at the buffet.

It was a superb Congress and talked about for years afterwards. Because the weather in Ireland in November was unattractive compared to the usual hot sunny weather of typical World Congresses, we went out of our way to create a very warm, friendly, hospitable, personal, good fun atmosphere in which all delegates could really have a fantastic time, and during which the business of the Congress could be carried out at a sophisticated level and reflected favourably on Ireland as a modern international state. We were always conscious of these elements and this helped us to focus on ways to make the Congress an outstanding success.

It is difficult to remember and mention everyone concerned as there were so many wonderful characters, in addition to Frank, Declan and John. I remember with great affection John McNally, Chairman of the Congress Board and leading members of the team: Gerry Doyle, Matt McNulty, Arthur Pollock, Declan Winston, John Kavanagh, Marius Gallagher, Peter Kelly, Desiree Shortt, Ronan Gaynor, Paddy O'Beirne, John Carroll, Stephen Enoch, Andrew Barron, Michael Flood, Des Gilroy, Jack Harrington, Niall McConnell, Pat McCabe, Art O'Leary, Ciaran O'Carroll, Paul Rowan, Ronnie Petric, Tony Tynan, Michael Wright, Barbara Young.

We made many friends internationally and these friendships have lasted to the present day. The year alone, I entertained John Steinbauer (JCI Secretary General), Graham Sinclair (elected World President in Dublin) and Hiroshi Maeda (World President for Dublin Congress).

I suppose the best example I can give of the lasting friendships of our group, which incidentally included wives for the excellent Ladies Programme at the Congress, was that in 1995, we held a World Congress Organising Committee Reunion Party. It was attended by 80 members and wives, and Hiroshi Maeda and his wife, Asa, flew in from Tokyo to be with us. What a night and what memories!

Douglas Thornton
World Congress Director
JCI Silver Jubilee World Congress Dublin 1970