



Time Capsule: News & Press Releases 2000-2006

2006

MentorInk Newsletter 20th anniversary coming in the summer

January 2006:

CMSI with its latest web update is planning to put online text versions of back issues to the 1990s.

2005

MentorInk Newsletter anniversary

January 2005:

The world's first and longest-running mentoring information source – *MentorInk Newsletter* -- has now entered its 19th year of publication. Over the years, regular features have been: The Mentoring Timeline©; Mentor Answers FAQs©; From the Virtual Mentoring Library©; Mentor Muses©; The Alphabet According to Mentor© and Mentoring Myths. One of the most popular, regular features is *Insightful Reading*, an analysis of popular and seminal books that have mentoring-related content.

2004

Mentoring White Paper release

December 2004:

Next month, CMSI will issue the first of a series of Mentoring White Papers. The initial offering is: *From Success to Significance*.

"For some, success is accidental, not intentional. However, success achieved by any means, is not enough. It is crucial to create a legacy of significance."

The paper also looks at success factors. It will appear on CMSI's website as a 2-part PDF available for free download.

Mentoring-Solutions new website

September 2004:

CMSI has launched a new website featuring a whole new look and feel, plus new material.

CMSI now registered on the GSA Schedule

June 2004:

The Office of Contract Management Federal Supply Service has officially listed CMSI. Through the help of CCC Canadian Commercial Corporation, CMSI is now listed under the heading of "mentoring software." GSA information can be found at: <http://www.ccr.gov>

Certificate of Recognition Award

March 2004:

Secretary Tommy G. Thompson of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has given CMSI this Award *"For dedication to creating a donation-friendly America as a Workplace Partner for Life."*

Second Mentoring Connection National Conference

March 2004:

Toronto Ontario will be the venue for this event. Marilynne Miles Gray will be presenting two sessions.

Mentoring Project partnership announced

January 2004:

Stanford Alumni Mentoring [SAM] seeks to institutionalize the spirit of mentorship within the Stanford community by connecting undergraduate students to alumni in long-term, one-on-one mentoring relationships for career guidance, advice, and advocacy. In light of this goal, Stanford University has selected CMSI to partner in the development a networking approach to mentoring.



2003

City Tours 2003

CMSI staff will demonstrate the latest version of CMSI's online Mentoring Management System® - Colaboro - with a special focus on applications for associations and government agencies. Here are scheduled dates and locations

Washington, DC starting January 27th. The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects building.

March 24-26 Washington, DC

May 6-11 New York City as part of the HR Forum event.

August 23-26 Honolulu

Government Mentoring Conference

January 2003:

Some 350 people are expected to attend the 2-day US Federal Government's Conference in Greenbelt, Maryland. The National Cryptological School is event sponsor. At one seminar, CMSI staff will demonstrate the newest product from CMSI's online Mentoring Management System® -- Colaboro™. CMSI's Vice President, Marilynne Miles Gray, has been selected to make a presentation on *The Impact of Mentoring Trends on Workplace Relationships* and to be part of a special Q&A Experts Panel. The National Security Agency Central Security Service will present Ms. Miles Gray with an official Letter of Appreciation for her "contributions in sharing subject matter expertise."

2002

Colaboro Mentoring Management System software released

December 2002:

CMSI has released its newest online Mentoring Management System® -- Colaboro™ replacing OMS. The name Colaboro was chosen to reflect the collaborative nature of knowledge sharing that occurs through mentoring (and coaching) primarily in programs. This first version will be a core one with future versions to feature a self-directed capability.

Mentoring Benchmark Survey 2002

October 2002:

CMSI is undertaking its third survey of mentoring program practices. This most current study focuses on demographics, plus the degree to which programs have gone electronic and online. Results will be published in future issues of MentorInk Newsletter starting January 2003.

Trademark Registration

May 2002:

CMSI is proud to announce official registration of the term *Mentoring Solutions* in the United States and Canada.

City Tours 2002

January 2002:

Organizational Consultants from our company visit major cities to meet face-to-face with potential clients to discuss critical challenges such as: Knowledge Transfer, Employee Retention, Competency Development, Diversity Initiatives. They demonstrate how our new online Colaboro™ Mentoring Management System™ addresses these challenges. They explain how Colaboro can be used with any existing mentoring or coaching initiative to enhance desired results.

Mentoring Connection Conference Highlight

January 2002:

Marilynne Miles Gray gave a presentation on her research: *Five Mentoring Trends*. Indications are that this presentation was one of the most popular sessions for the hundreds in attendance. The report of each trend will be available in five future issues of *MentorInk Newsletter* starting March 2002.



2001

Results of Mentoring Scorecard 2001

October 2001:

CMSI staff has just completed a second survey of Coordinators of several dozen programs located in Mexico, the USA, New Zealand, Canada, Australia, China, and England. Results tabulated to date indicate most are structured corporate programs. Over the next months, results will be reported in *MentorInk Newsletter*. Future issues will let readers in on “most popular type of program”; “common program size”; “value of participation in a program”.

Our newest tool - The Mentoring Interest Profiler

September 2001:

Announcing our newest tool, The MIP Mentoring Interest Profiler™. The MIP was developed by CMSI with feedback from clients. The MIP can easily provide Mentoring Task Force members and Steering Committees with a quick and customizable means to find out important facts before an initiative is launched.

OMS Online Mentoring System version 1.8

September 2001:

CMSI has announced the latest version of its Online Mentoring Solutions (OMS) electronic system that links 9 different mentoring-specific tools to assist program participants through the Mentoring Process™ from start to finish. Version 1.8 more than doubles the features found in previous versions. After successful pilot installations for large organizations, this recent version includes: improved graphics, faster access, an easy-to-use interface, database redesign making our Microsoft SQL Server implementation 43% more efficient.

CMSI has a new logo

August 2001:

CMSI staff, working with Native artist, Ron Stacy, has revamped the original logo first developed in 1986. The new, stylized logo is two hands reaching up to hold the Torch of Wisdom – one hand give, the other receiving. Arching over the Flame of Enlightenment is our mission statement: “Passing the Torch” as a reminder to all that we should seek to relay our insights from one generation to the next. Our mission statement evolved out of a planning session held July 2000 with Gerry McQuade of Pythonic Management Corp.

Mentoring Benchmark 2000 Survey

January 2001:

CMSI staff has just released results of a survey of Coordinators of 36 programs in Japan, the USA, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and the UK. Programs surveyed represent focal points such as: government treasury agents, insurance, teacher training, software manufacturers, military, energy, environment, and healthcare. The survey examined practices involving program components, for example: matching of participants, evaluation, training – how important these were, how much time was involved, and so on.

2000

Mentoring Benchmark 2000 Survey

October 2000:

CMSI staff has just launched a survey of Coordinators of programs. Data will be gathered until November. Results will be reported in *MentorInk Newsletter*.

Corporate Name change

June 2000:

To more accurately reflect the work we do, our products and professional service offerings, we have changed our name from The Mentoring Institute to CMSI Corporate Mentoring Solutions Inc.