



INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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Dear colleagues,

I would like to start by expressing my gratitude for the honor bestowed on me to be President of IVETA, and for the trust placed in me by those who took this decision. This means a lot to me in terms of the responsibility to carry forward enhance and multiply the accomplishments of this influential international organization. I feel this responsibility very strongly and will do my best to live up it. I would also like to stress that I am proud to lead the organization that is great and unique and ready for its next period of growth and achievement.

We have just said goodbye to year two thousand and twelve. And time is right to look at the opportunities and to identify challenges that may be in the offing in year thirteen.

In the current dynamic and often unpredictable and dramatic times our responsibility for the future generations is high as never before. We are facing – daily – challenges and hazards unthought-of of even a dozen years ago. And our duty is to contribute in every possible way to helping young and not very young people in different countries to come to grips with the uncertainty and the emerging challenges and to deal with them in a most effective and a least painful way.

We have a mighty tool to do it, namely – technical and vocational education and training that equips people with skills that ensure self-fulfillment and self-respect. The skills needs and skills content are changing at a rocket pace, and to be up to the changing demand, people have to accept lifelong learning as an inherent part of their lives. And we, educators, together with all other stakeholders, have to provide people with opportunities to proactively engage in learning and emerge as a result of this learning better fit for the world around.

Proactive – is the catch word of the day. We cannot afford to address ex-post consequences of the changes, but we have to foresee them and be ready for them. We together will work to enhance equality of opportunity in TVET and the labor market for all categories of the population, as this is an inherent aspect of human rights that is absolute for all people on the planet Earth.

Great challenges lie before us, many of which are large and complex. Together, however, we will meet them, and together we will resolve them. How we accomplish this will require all our collective skills, talents, time and efforts. I firmly believe that if we invest in the future, it will be ours--and subsequently, our grandchildren's and their children's. The very least we owe them is a legacy upon which to build.

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IVETA President

UP Coming Conferences:

- **Trinidad and Tobago:** This regional conference is being held May 1-3 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. It is being hosted by The Metal Industries Company Limited (MIC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) and IVETA. The call for abstracts has been extended until February 15. Go to <http://www.ivetatt.com/> for information on the conference including themes and where to send your abstract.
- **Melbourne Australia** is the location of the next IVETA International Conference, August 14-16, 2013 sponsored by VETnetwork and IVETA. **The theme is "Global Learning - expanding the boundaries of e-learning in the Global Community,"**. The information on submitting papers is due February 28, registration will open the end of January. For information on submitting papers and the conference go to http://www.vetnetwork.org.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=200.

Updated Directory: The new membership directory should be on line by the end of January. To access the directory you will need to login to the web site. When you get to www.iveta.org, your login is the first initial of your first name followed by a "." and your last name as an example p.jones. The password is iveta2008 all lower case. If you have any questions, please contact the secretariat at iveta@visi.com. The executive committee listing and the institutional (organizational) members have all been updated.

MICROGrant Program: For information on applying for a microgrant go to http://www.iveta.org/members/images/annex_iii_profess_microgrant.pdf. Microgrant applications are to be submitted to Klaus Sodemann at sodemann@web.de.

Journal: The journal, Vol 20, No. 1 should be online in about a week. We apologize for the delay. It is hoped that Vol 20, No. 2 will follow shortly thereafter with publication getting back to normal after that. If you wish to submit a journal article go to http://www.iveta.org/members/images/Journal_Requirements.pdf. At the end of this document there is a list of web sites you can use to submit your document in APA format. Two of them include a template.