



INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my pleasure and privilege to address all IVETA members and to express my sincere appreciation of the noble work you are doing to promote TVET and make it more effective and equitable for the benefit of all categories of the population across the globe.

Like before, IVETA will aim at enhancing quality of TVET by strengthening cooperation with all stakeholders internationally and by sharing numerous examples of best practice accumulated in different countries through dedicated effort and commitment of TVET policy-makers, researchers, practitioners and social partners.

At the same time, IVETA is aiming at modernization to better serve its members and target groups. To this end we will be launching a new web-site that will have an interactive forum to allow free exchange of opinions and mutual learning.

It is also planned to enhance cooperation with international organizations, such as the European Training Foundation, CEDEFOP, European Forum for VET, to mention but a few. A protocol of intent will shortly be signed with the ETF, and cooperation formats with other international organizations are currently being identified to maximize collaborative efforts.

The initiative of opening first regional office in Trinidad and Tobago, was proposed where recently a large-scale TVET international conference was held with IVETA participation.

The above conference was an event of outstanding importance in terms of mutual learning and sharing experience.

Another event of major importance where IVETA was represented that deserves mentioning is the international conference in Turin (Italy) initiated and organized by the European Training Foundation to present and discuss the Torino process. This conference was held on May 8-9, 2013.

The Torino process initiated by the ETF a few years ago, is a participatory analysis of the status and progress of vocational education and training in the ETF partner countries. The results of the Torino process reflected in country reports that are updated every two years, open up new areas for cooperation and policy learning, increase the evidence base for policy choices and strengthen ownership and participation in the policy dialogue.

The policy areas that drive changes have been identified as innovation, competitiveness, inclusion, quality of training; better matching supply and demand, multilevel governance mechanisms.

The Torino conference drew over 200 participants including ministers and top ministry officials, practitioners, social partners and civil society stakeholders from EU, EU member states and ETF partner countries, as well as representatives from leading international organizations and donors in the field of TVET. All in all, 36 ETF partner countries were represented, 4 EU organizations, and 5 EU countries. More information about the conference can be found at the ETF web-site (<http://etf.europa.eu/>)

Dear colleagues, I am sure that our dedicated and concerted efforts under the modernized IVETA will bear fruit and will be useful for all TVET beneficiaries internationally. I wish us all success and happiness.

Olga Oleynikova
IVETA President

UP Coming Conferences:

- **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,". Registration is online at www.tvet2013.com.au. IVETA members may register using the password 1234 on the site.
- **IVETA Annual Meeting and Conference** this year will be in Las Vegas, Nevada. This will be a two day conference which will start on December 3-4, 2013. This is in conjunction with the annual ACTE conference which will take place December 5-7, 2013 at the convention center. The call for papers is on line at www.iveta.org. Click on click here and it will take you to the call for papers. More information on cost, etc. will be out in the next two weeks.

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 Carmel Thompson our President-Elect. Grants can be up to \$4,000. Additional updated information will be coming soon.

Journal: We are in need of articles for the journal. Please go to <http://goo.gl/G3eb9> for Manuscript Publication Guidelines. All IVETA members are encouraged to submit a journal article. To access past journals go to <http://www.iveta.org/members/index.php/IVETA-Journal/LATEST-IVETA-JOURNAL.html>. You will need to be logged into the IVETA web site to access the journals. The login is first initial of your first name, a "." followed by your last name. The password is iveta2008 (all lower case).

Awards: IVETA is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Awards. With the exception of the Silvius-Wolansky Award, all nominations must be submitted to Raimo Sivonen at raimo.sivonen@kao.fi. Nominations for the Silvius-Wolansky Award must be submitted to the

Regional Vice President of your area. The awards are given out mainly at the IVETA Annual Conference in December. The awards for which you can make nominations are as follows:

- The Silvius-Wolansky Award is awarded to an Outstanding Leader in Technical Vocational Education, an individual not necessarily a member of IVETA who has made significant contributions to the advancement of technical vocational education and training at the local, national, and international levels. The award honors the work of Dr. G. Harold Silvius and Dr. William Wolansky, outstanding leaders committed to vocational education and training and supportive of international programs. The award is sponsored by Iowa State University and the recipient receives an engraved plaque and a check for US\$300 (subject to available funding). IVETA administers the award and is responsible for ensuring global representation when selecting the recipient.
- The Joel Magisos Exceptional Service Award is awarded to recognize long-term individual achievement in support of IVETA. Particular attention is placed on activities relating to the continuing development and growth of the organization. A nominee must be a current member of IVETA who has been involved in Association activities over several years. The award honors the contributions to IVETA of Joel Magisos, a sustaining Charter Member. The recipient receives an engraved plaque.
- The Robert D. Cain Business Organization Awards are awarded to companies, government agencies, or educational institutions in recognition of support of IVETA, such as sponsorship of general association programs, conference activities, work release for association participation, publicity and publication assistance. Robert D Cain was a long-term business member who made significant contributions to IVETA. Plaques may be awarded for continuing support to the Association and Certificates for new or specific support.
- The Valued Supporter of IVETA award is awarded to an individual for exceptional support during the last year. Activities may include membership recruitment, fund raising, organization of conference programs, and work on Association publications. A nominee must be a current member of IVETA who has preferably been involved in Association activities for several years. The recipient receives an engraved plaque.