

## IVETA Hotline

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# Message from the IVETA President



**Carmel Thompson, 2015-2016 President**

As we all get drawn into the challenges facing the Greek nation we see how it impacts on the whole world and not just the European Union. More than ever it is evident that globally we are all connected. We are all members of this universe who basically want the same things – an opportunity to work, ability to support and educate our families and to be good citizens by caring about our neighbours and friends. This is the foundation stone on which IVETA was created.

As professionals in the TVET Sector NEW skills are needed. There is a requirement for us to train a new and different workforce for the future (and the future maybe next year and not 5 years away) to support the creation of new jobs in new industries where old jobs have disappeared. The past has shown us that when times get tough and we pull together that we can quickly bounce back from adversity and technological developments have opened up many new opportunities.

BUT if we are to engage our learners in seeking out skills training then we have to ask ourselves some very basic questions:

- Who are our current learners?
- How do they learn (ie how can we maximise the skills outcome)?
- What will the new jobs look like?
- Are we able to send out graduates work ready as employers are requiring?
- How can we be more flexible to adapt our teaching and training methods to the changes that are needed?

So colleagues we have opportunities and challenges ahead of us to transform our global universe into a community where skills are gained, jobs are created, products and services result and income flows into families and businesses to help us all to prosper. It is now the vocational education industry's time to shine.

If you want to share, brainstorm, debate, learn or even question what must change then be one of the 1,000 delegates who will attend the IVETA International Conference 2015 – in Sarawak, Borneo, Malaysia from 25-27 August. There are already over 600 confirmed registrations.

You will not only learn new things but we hope you will actively participate and share your own experiences and skills with your colleagues.



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## Membership

**Be sure and keep your IVETA membership current!**

**JOIN OR  
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## Information:

- [IVETA Officers](#)
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- [IVETA Web Site](#)
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If you can't get there then the conference papers will be available on our website after the conference. Make sure you access them.

We live in interesting times and time passes so swiftly. I look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible in Malaysia.

**Carmel Thompson, IVETA President**

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## IVETA News

**July 20 is World Youth Skills Day! How will you celebrate?** The United Nations, at its General Assembly in 2014 declared 15 July as [World Youth Skills Day](#). The UN designated day seeks to generate greater awareness of and discussion on the importance of technical, vocational education, and training and the development of other skills relevant to both local and global economies. It is hoped that it will contribute to reducing unemployment and underemployment among the youth across the globe. [Click here for more information](#) or cut and paste this address in your browser:

<https://www.worldskills.org/media/news/join-us-15-july-world-youth-skills-day/>

**Registration Now Open for the 2015 IVETA Annual Conference** - Join your colleagues in New Orleans! Registrations are now being accepted for the 2015 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Cut and paste this Web address in your browser:

<http://iveta.org/2015AnnualConference> or [Click here for more information](#)

**IVETA Journal** - Consider submitting an article for the IVETA Journal. [Click here for information on how to submit an article for publication](#) or cut and paste this Web address in your browser:

<http://iveta.org/journal>

**MicroGrant** - IVETA offers MicroGrants to qualified institutions. [For more information, click here.](#)

**Strategic Plan** - Your Executive Committee are currently discussing the skills and expertise of the members of the Executive and action tasks and timelines for implementation will be decided at their next Board Meeting in Malaysia in August. [Click here for the IVETA Strategic Plan document.](#)

### **New Executive Secretariat/Contact IVETA**

Please contact me if I can answer questions about your membership, the Web site or any other inquiries. As the new Executive Secretariat, I am available to assist you. Click here for [contact information](#) or cut and paste this Web address in your browser: <http://iveta.org/contact>  
I look forward to answering your questions about IVETA!

Christine Gardner, Executive Secretariat

## Events



### **International Conference 2015 - Malaysia**

Join us August 25 -27, 2015. For more information, [click here](#) or cut and paste the following Web address in your browser:

<http://www.worldtvvet2015.com.my/>

### **IVETA Annual Conference 2015 - United States**

IVETA will meet in New Orleans, Louisiana, Nov. 18-19, 2015. [Click here for more details](#) or cut and paste this Web address in your browser: <http://iveta.org/2015AnnualConference>

### **International Conference 2016 - Fiji**

SAVE THE DATE! August 23-25, 2016

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## Region News

### **North America -**

***Upskilling America*** summit at The White House, USA. Dr John Gaal presented. [Click here for more information and picture](#)

### **Eastern Europe and Central**

**Asia** - Prof. Dr. Ilhan Gunbayi, Akdeniz University, Faculty of Education, Educational Sciences Department, Turkey, attended the 4th International Vocational Schools Symposium in Yalova in Turkey. [Click here for more information and picture](#)