

IVETA Hotline

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Message from the IVETA President



Carmel Thompson, 2015-2016 President

From VET forums I have attended recently and from messages I am receiving it appears that the training of our future workforce is of major concern to employers and governments all around the world. The impact of technology, use of robotics in the workplace and need for upskilling in order to increase productivity in competitive markets is driving the need for all countries to provide their citizens with a quality TVET system. This doesn't happen over night but we need to start making changes to our training systems now.

I know IVETA can make a difference in this regard. We have the opportunity to keep working towards engaging learners, making our VET systems accessible to as many students as possible and ensuring our graduates come out with knowledge and skills which will make them work- ready for the new industries emerging. We, as members of the IVETA family, come from the four corners of the world and by communicating, sharing expertise and resources, and learning from each other we can make a small difference now and a bigger difference as we grow in strength and influence. Small successes on a regular basis provide us with the continuous improvement for which we are ever striving.

I am encouraging you all to be active members, contribute to our website documents that may be of interest and use to others and to make an effort to attend our international conferences and regional workshops when you can. Remember our logo – THE HANDSHAKE ACROSS THE GLOBE!!

An example of how things can change is reflected in the good news our Board has recently received that two of our active members have just been elected to Uganda's 10th Parliament as Members of Parliament. They were both instrumental in opening up the IVETA Regional Office in Kampala in June 2014 which is still in operation. Congratulations John Ntamuhira Twesigye (current Vice President for Eastern and Western Africa) and Paul Amoru (previously his Executive Assistant). John has informed us that after they take on their new roles as MPs early May they will seriously push for a TVET/IVETA Agenda in Uganda – watch this space!! I can clearly remember attending the IVETA Africa Regional Conference in Kampala in 2014 myself and taking part in the opening of the Regional Office when I was President Elect. Little did I realise these two hard working members would in the very near future become such prominent leaders of TVET in Uganda. I am delighted all their hard work has been rewarded.

Dr Brenden Tempest-Mogg, our recently appointed Vice President for Europe, hosted the first IVETA Europe meeting for 2016 at Warnborough College in Canterbury, UK on the 18th and 19th March. It was attended by 20 members and apart from IVETA policies, discussion also looked at how IVETA could improve networking amongst VET providers, accessing funding for



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projects and involving various communities through outreach programs. To learn more and to view photos of the group click on this link:

<http://drbrenden.co.uk/blog/2016/03/30/international-vocational-education-training-association-iveta-canterbury-meeting/>

The next meeting of the European regional members will be held 18th and 19th October in Sophia, Bulgaria hosted by The Know and Can Association. It is encouraging to see activity in our regions where we can share expertise and experiences as TVET still has a big job ahead of it.

I would like to bring to your attention the fact that we are currently calling for nominations for the Vice Presidency positions for all regions. The closing dates for nominations is 15th April. Please contact our IVETA Secretariat if you want to either nominate yourself or another member. Eligibility requires that you have been a member of IVETA for at least 12 months

<http://iveta.org/bylaws>

Successful appointments will be announced at our International Conference in Fiji in August at the Annual Business Meeting and take affect from 1st January 2017 for a two year term.

The next IVETA International Conference will take place in Suva, Fiji 23rd-25th August 2016 and is being hosted by the Pacific Association of Technical Vocational Education & Training. Mid May I will be visiting the conference organisers to discuss conference arrangements, view accommodation facilities and experience some Suva attractions. Download full information on the conference here: <http://worldtvconference2016.fnutvet.com/>

This is a beautiful part of the world and it may be worth considering bringing partners and families along to stay over for a few days and take a well-earned holiday after the conference. Don't forget that closing date for submission of papers is 31 May 2016.

Our Annual Business Meeting which is normally held in November in the US each year will in 2016 be held following the Fijian Conference. Announcement of the Vice Presidency successful candidates will be made at this time. This has been changed as it was felt that many members would not be able to get funding from employers or self-fund to attend two international events so closely connected.

GOOD NEWS: We already have an offer to hold the IVETA 2017 International Conference from ITENZ (International Tertiary Education New Zealand) in Queenstown, NZ, 13 and 14 September 2017 (with optional events on the preceding and following days) and their proposal has been accepted. So put these dates in your diary. Organizational proceedings are well underway and their representatives will be attending the Fijian Conference to promote the event and answer questions in August.

Our hard working team of Mari Kontturi (new Executive Director) and Margo Couldrey (General Secretary) have done a sterling job of revising and updating our Constitution, By-Laws and Conference documentation. You will find the new documents up on our website. I believe the Micro Grant documentation is currently under review and will be finalised shortly. We are so fortunate to have such qualified professionals on our team who are willing to give generously of their time. Aren't we lucky!!!!

Some of you may have met Wendy Perry from Workforce BluePrint who delivered a key note presentation at the IVETA TVET Conference in Kuching in 2015.

After many years' experience solving workforce problems and linking this insight into vocational education and training, Wendy's organisation Workforce BluePrint has designed a new professional development program that extends vocational educators capabilities. Don't miss her Special offer to her fellow IVETA Members - [Click here to view the flyer.](#)

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Regarding progress on two projects aiming at increasing benefit to members:

1. Profit % return to IVETA from International Conferences. New conference documentation has been designed and approved by the Board and better still – the NZ Conference Organisers have signed up to the new profit sharing scheme. Now it is in our own interest to attend and promote international conferences under the IVETA banner.

2. IVETA International Accreditation Program for Trainers/Assessors. We have a special sub- committee working on this and when we have more to report I will send out an email broadcast.

Hope you, our members, are all motivated to continue the growth of TVET in our world of work and share your experiences and needs with each other. You are so important!!!

Carmel Thompson
PRESIDENT, IVETA



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Please contact me if I can answer questions about your membership, the Web site or any other inquiries. As the 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

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