

## IVETA Hotline

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# Message from the IVETA President



**Carmel Thompson, 2015-2016 President**

There is so much chaos and political uncertainty today in all corners of the world but I firmly believe that we will get through it and build a better universe if we work together and remember we are a community with common needs and goals.

I am fortunate that in my position as President of IVETA I am invited to be a guest speaker/presenter at numerous conferences, workshops and forums all over the world. A few weeks ago I attended the International Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education in Shenzhen, China. My topic was Concept Change and Quality Improvement. This is something on everyone's mind as TVET providers grapple with the issue of encouraging innovation and flexibility but also maintaining quality. It is not too difficult to create rules, regulations and conduct audits of evidence in assessing competency, but does this actually stifle innovation which is what our graduates need to possess to succeed in today's world of work. There were many interesting discussions and I learnt many things from the other presenters and delegates.

Whilst in Shenzhen I also visited the Arts Faculty of Shenzhen Polytechnic which has 1,400 students. I saw best practice examples of what this city is doing in training young professionals to take up careers in 3D printing, news broadcasting for national TV, ceramics, 3D film making, silk painting, ceramics and art. They have a section of business offices and showrooms where graduates can use the premises for up to 12 months after graduation to get themselves established into their own small business. They are thinking outside the box to support their graduates and give them mentoring and business support. So they are providing their graduates with real world training that makes them readily employable with a strong emphasis on encouraging networking with key industry stakeholders. China is recognising the importance of TVET in developing the skills of their nation.

Applications for the position of President Elect and Vice President for all regions have been processed and within the next few weeks you will receive ballot papers. There are only two positions that will require you to vote where we have more than one person standing for the position but for members in that region I would ask you to please participate. Your vote is important.

This quarter we have several new articles on TVET under the "Regions" Heading on our website. They are: "An article on Perpetual Beta: A Challenge for VET" and also a report on the VET Assessment Practices Summit held on 28 and 29 April in Sydney, Australia from Jarvier Amaro, Insources Education. Both worth reading! [Click here to read the articles.](#)



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## Membership



## Welcome New Members!

IVETA Welcomes its Newest Members - [click here for a list of members who recently joined IVETA](#)

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

**JOIN OR RENEW!**

Please remember that we have the "Region" section on our IVETA Website for ALL Members to contribute and share their information with others. I encourage you to share interesting articles/reports on TVET so we can all stay connected and informed with what is going on in our industry globally.

Our IVETA International Conference in Suva, Fiji 23-25 August 2016 is almost on us and is hosted by Fiji National University and the Pacific Association of TVET. If you haven't registered yet then you had better do it NOW. We will also be holding our Annual Business Meeting for IVETA Members in Suva at 4.00pm – 5.30 pm on 22 August – Venue location to be advised.

Finally, a big welcome to all our new members. It is encouraging to see the list growing. I hope to meet some of you at the next international conference in Fiji.

**Carmel Thompson**  
PRESIDENT, IVETA

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## IVETA NEWS

**IVETA Officer Elections** - Nominations have been received for the IVETA Offices of Regional Vice Presidents and President Elect. [Click here for information on the candidates, access to the ballot \(members only\) and voting instructions.](#) The ballot is now open and available through August 10. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid) to vote.

**IVETA Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Notice** - [Click here](#) or paste this in your browser: <http://www.iveta.org/news/4084463> for information and proposed amendments as well as how to comment.

**IVETA Annual Members Meeting** - in conjunction with the International Conference in Fiji. The meeting will take place Monday, 22 August at 4:00 - 5:30 pm, location to be determined. For more information and to register for the Fiji Conference, visit <http://worldtvconference2016.fnutvet.com/>

**IVETA Journal** - Latest Issue of the Journal available. [Click here - must be an IVETA member to access the Journal.](#) Consider submitting an article for the next 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.](#)

### Executive Secretariat/Contact IVETA

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

## EVENTS



### International Conference 2016 - Fiji

August 23-25, 2016

[Registration is OPEN!](#)

[Click here for more information](#)



**IVETA Annual Conference in Collaboration with ACTE  
Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2016 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**



Visit <https://www.careertechvision.com/index.cfm> for more conference information. The IVETA Annual Conference is aligned with the ACTE conference, and there will be an [International Session track for international attendees coordinated by IVETA](#). Attendees can attend the keynote speaker presentations, breakout sessions and the exhibit hall.

**Click here for registration information and to register through**

**ACTE:** [https://www.careertechvision.com/registration\\_sales.cfm](https://www.careertechvision.com/registration_sales.cfm)

Registration fees vary based on options chosen.

Questions? Please contact ACTE staff at [registration@acteonline.org](mailto:registration@acteonline.org) or US 800-826-9972 should you have any questions regarding your registration.

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## Region News

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