

IVETA Hotline

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Message from the IVETA President



President's Message Bob Mahlman, United States

I'd like to begin by thanking the membership for your vote and for the honor you have bestowed on me by electing me President of IVETA for 2017-2018. I hope to return the favor by continuing the positive atmosphere and productive work environment we've experienced under the leadership provided by Carmel Thompson, our immediate past President.

As we begin the new year, it's important to keep our strategic goals in focus:

- Consistently increase membership benefits and membership for the organization.
- Increase the involvement and relevance of the IVETA Executive.
- Improve financial sustainability and accountability.
- Review, revise, and redesign the organization's professional learning program.

(the Strategic Plan can be found at <http://www.iveta.org/about>)

We will continue to keep these goals, the strategic initiatives, and the progress indicators as a guide to our work in the coming years.

This has been a very active year for the IVETA Executive Committee with an enormous amount of work being accomplished, much of it behind the scenes. Our new quarterly Executive Committee Skype meetings have afforded us the opportunity to work more effectively, refining processes and procedures for the benefit of the organization. I'd like to mention special thanks to those on the Executive Committee who have worked especially hard to structure our new documents, including our Executive Secretariat Christine Gardner, General Secretary Margo Couldrey, Executive Director Mari Kontturi, and of course our Past President Carmel Thompson. I have the distinct advantage of starting this two-year term with a streamlined constitution and bylaws, a more effective system for reviewing and establishing regional offices and other partnerships, a refined application for the TVET Innovation and Improvement Fund (TIIF, previously the Microgrant) and a renewed focus on a more effective business model to keep the organization solvent and growing.

While we are well on our way in addressing our strategic goals, there are numerous tasks that remain to be accomplished to keep the forward momentum. In her 2016 in review, Carmel Thompson recently summarized some of the challenges moving forward. I'd like to highlight a few areas to focus our efforts for the forthcoming two-year period:

- Identifying membership needs and increasing member benefits
- Increasing the size and diversity of our membership



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Membership



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Be sure and keep your IVETA membership current!



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- Keeping the website current and active
- Opening more regional offices, appointing Liaison Officers, and providing more active support
- Encouraging more active involvement among the Officers as well as the membership in general
- Further revision and refinement of the conference business model and associated documents
- Planning for 2018 and 2019 conferences

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In the last few years we've accomplished our work through the effective use of subcommittees and task forces consisting of small numbers of Executive Committee members. Building on that model, I'd like to see greater use of task forces, with active involvement by not only all Executive Committee members, but also from the membership at large. Over time, we will be announcing the formation of task forces and issuing calls for volunteers. Joining one or more of these committees or task forces will be a great way to increase your connection to and service to the organization, expand your IVETA network, and to begin your ascendency into the next level of IVETA leadership. Your contribution to this effort promises to be greatly appreciated by the membership, and personally rewarding for yourself.

I recently attended the Association for Career Technical Education (ACTE) conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. This year we embedded the IVETA conference as at IVETA track within the overall larger conference. We had five dedicated international sessions within the conference. This is the approach that was taken by IVETA in the early days of the organization. The advantage to this approach is that it affords the opportunity for the IVETA membership to attend among the multitude of additional sessions offered at the ACTE conference. The ACTE conference, by the way, had over 4,500 attendees, hundreds of sessions, and an enormous number of vendors to visit. By way of disadvantage, our international attendance in the IVETA sessions was fairly low, and it did not give us the opportunity to meet as an organization. The presentations we did have, however, were very good. Thanks to all of those who attended and especially to those who presented. Our presentation topics and presenters included the following:

- TVET in Developing Countries
 - o David Fretwell
- TVET in the 21st Century
 - o John Gaal
 - o Sandra Poirier and Mary Ann Remsen
- TVET and the Impact of IT
 - o Ilhan Gunbayi
- TVET and preparing global educators
 - o Vera Jacobson-Lundeberg
 - o Christina Terrell
- TVET and preparing for future skills
 - o Davison Mupinga and Maria Phillips
 - o Winston Fletcher

This year's IVETA International Conference is scheduled for 13 - 14 September, 2017, in Queenstown New Zealand. The venue is the Rydges Lakeland Resort Queenstown located on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, with some of the most beautiful scenery in the country. Queenstown is widely known as the Adventure Capital in New Zealand. The conference website is <http://www.worldtvvet2017.kiwi/>; Please bookmark this website. You'll surely want to make it to this conference. The call for presentation proposals is open until 28 February 2017. We strongly encourage our IVETA membership to submit proposals. For submission information, visit <http://www.worldtvvet2017.kiwi/presentation-submission>.

For conferences beyond September in Queenstown New Zealand, some preliminary discussions have begun, but we are still open for proposals for the 2018 International Conference. As well, the Executive Committee will be discussing other options for the annual conference held in the United States of America. Stay tuned. For further information, contact your Regional Vice President or myself. Speaking of regions, as always IVETA is strongly supportive of regional IVETA conferences. Many have been held in previous years, but it seems fewer in recent years. However in 2016 there was a successful gathering among the European membership.

Finally, this has been a transition year for the IVETA Journal. We apologize for the tardiness on getting this journal out to you. The editorship for the journal has transitioned from Dr. Davison Mupinga at Kent State University in Ohio to Dr. Robert Clark and Dr. Liz Richard from the Centre for Professional Development for Career and Technical Education at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, USA. I'd like to thank Dr. Mupinga for his many years of service editing the journal, and thank Drs. Clark and Richard for taking-on the responsibility. The journal website is <http://www.iveta.org/journal>; We expect to release the next issue of the International Journal of Vocational Education and Training in late January or early February, 2017.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing and continuing support of IVETA. I look forward to seeing this vibrant organization continue to grow and continue to contribute to the field of Technical Vocational Education and Training.

With warm regards,
Bob Mahlman
President, IVETA, 2017-2018

Message from the Past President

Carmel Thompson, IVETA Past President

By the time you receive this Hotline it will be the New Year and I will be in my new position of Immediate Past President on the IVETA Executive Committee. The two year Presidency term has flown by so quickly but when I reflect on what has been achieved I am so grateful to you all for allowing me to represent you at international forums. I have learnt so much and met so many wonderful new friends. Our industry is indeed an industry of champions and although sometimes we have to go through tough times what the IVETA family has shown me is that if we work together we can achieve much.

I particularly want to thank my Executive Committee who have generously given their time and expertise to grow our organisation in profile and reputation.

I would also like to welcome Bob Mahlman to the position of President of IVETA for 2017/2018 and trust you will all support him as you have me over the next 2 years. Bob will bring his own unique style of leadership to our organisation as other Past Presidents have and he has my full support.

Carmel Thompson
Immediate Past President

MIST Program

One of our IVETA members, Mr William Lee of Metalloy Consultant Services Pte. In Malaysia has developed a very innovative program called MIST. It is a blended TVET Higher Education and Training model for both working adults and engineering students that aims to produce technically competent workers for the manufacturing industry.

This program will train and equip our existing and future technical workforce with a sound industrial knowledge and skills to improve manufacturing quality and productivity for the world of today. This program could be especially beneficial for developing countries who are heading for industrialised status in the near future.

If you would like to learn more then the following link will take you to a paper Mr Lee recently presented at the National Life Long Learning Conference in Malaysia - [click here](#). Or you may email Mr Lee directly at training@metalloy.com.my.



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2017-2018 IVETA Officers

President Elect, Bob Mahlman, United States

Past President, Carmel Thompson, Australia

President Elect: Dato Baharudin Abdullah, Malaysia

Regional Vice Presidents:

- Vice President, Eastern and Western Africa: Shirley Ayonmike Chinyere from Nigeria
- Vice President East Asia and the Pacific: Javier Amaro from Australia
- Vice President East Europe and Central Asia: Hakan Kahramaner from Turkey
- Vice President Europe: Dr Brenden Tempest-Mogg from the United Kingdom
- Vice President Latin America and the Caribbean: Nigel Forgenie from Trinidad and Tobago
- Vice President Middle East and North Africa: Jaafar Abdulla from Bahrain
- Vice President North America: Dr John Gaal from the USA
- Vice President Southern Africa: Dr Ndione Chauluka from Malawi
- Vice President South Asia: Dr P T Rajan
- General Secretary: Margo Couldrey from Australia
- Executive Director, Mari Konturri, Finland

For more information on the officers, [click here](#).

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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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2017 IVETA International Conference - Queenstown, New Zealand

14-15 September

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