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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As the Executive Committee nears the end of its first year of activity since being elected I am pleased to report that everyone is actively involved in promoting IVETA and improving our products and services. I would like to express our appreciation for the support from our members, in particular several members who have taken on significant coordination roles for IVETA products and services including Chris Parkin, Awards Coordinator; Jack Mathews, Web Site Coordinator; Ernest Brewer, Journal Editor; and Davison Mupinga, Newsletter Coordinator. IVETA is a volunteer organization, and without the support of these and other members, the IVETA Executive Committee could not fulfill its role.

I would encourage others to volunteer their time to assist with other IVETA activities. For example, we are currently looking for a Coordinator for the Professional Micro Grant Program (PMGP) beginning in December 2007. The current Coordinator, Dr. Kerre from Moi University in Kenya, has left his post at the University and is running for Parliament in the coming elections. He cannot continue to manage the PMGP. Details of the PMGP can be found in the IVETA Members only portion of the web site, Operating Rules and Regulations, Annex III. One or two grants, up to USD 2000, are normally processed each year, and coordination would entail an average of 1-2 hours per month by a Member interested and knowledgeable about Grant management.

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IVETA 2007 ANNUAL MINI CONFERENCE



The 2007 IVETA annual mini conference is scheduled for December 12, in Las Vegas, NV. The theme for the conference is: *Sustainable Financing for Vocational and Technical Education (TVET, VET, CTE)*. A number of exciting presentations have been lined up. The agenda for the mini conference is on page 3.

To register for the conference and Awards Luncheon online, please visit: <http://sapphire.indstate.edu/~iveta/Regform.htm> or print and complete the "Registration for IVETA Program" form at: <http://www.iveta.org/mini.htm> or send an email to the IVETA Executive Secretariat at iveta@visi.com. Please note that no registration fee is required for IVETA members. Non-IVETA members pay \$10.00. The cost for the Awards Luncheon is \$32,00. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.iveta.org/mini.htm>. **Luncheon registration must be received by 5 December 2007.**

Special points of Interest:

- Conferences
- IVETA Awards
- Conference Report
- Member Services



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Year 2007 will end with a number of significant activities being completed. During the year we placed an initial focus on evaluating and refining existing products, services, and administrative procedures. We have: (a) initiated the first formal evaluation of IVETA products and services by members, (b) refined and formally adopted the first comprehensive set of IVETA Operating Rules and Regulations, (c) implemented an Africa Regional Conference in Mauritius, (d) printed and distributed a high quality IVETA brochure, (e) awarded two new PMGP Grants, (f) continued publication of the Newsletter and Journal (including a special issue on Evaluation of TVET), (g) reconstituted and developed affiliate linkages with the International Labor Organization, World Bank and European Training Foundation); and (f) organized a Mini Conference on Sustainable Financing of TVET - to be held in Las Vegas in December.

During 2008 we intend to continue with the refinement of products and services including, but not limited to: (b) updating and expanding our public and member web sites using the latest communication techniques and technology, (c) continuing to expand membership and build formal linkages with other affiliates, and (d) ensuring that our conferences and publications "add value" and respond to the needs of members and emerging trends in TVET. With regard to the latter there, are a number of emerging issues that I hope we can begin to selectively address in the coming year including, how TVET can become a fuller partner in lifelong learning, the changing and merging roles of secondary general and vocational education, how TVET can use new information communication technologies to become more cost effective and expand its impact, how to link TVET more directly with labor market needs – particularly in public institutions, how to finance and expand TVET in countries where there are limited institutional and individual resources, and how improve TVET's support for economic development, its ability to increase social equity, and reduce poverty.

We look forward to working with all members in the next year as we join together to strengthen IVETA's worldwide impact and respond to the needs of individual members.

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2007 CONFERENCE AGENDA

December 12, 2007

Las Vegas, NV, Hilton Convention Center, Pavilion 2

Theme: *Sustainable Financing for Vocational and Technical Education (TVET, VET, CTE)*

Program Chair, Bob Norton

8:00 – 8:30 am	<i>Registration</i>	Barbara Ann Hermann, Executive Secretariat
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	Dave Fretwell, President/Bob Norton, VP North America
9:00 – 10:00 am	Financing lifelong learning	Harry Patrinos, World Bank, Washington
10:00 – 10:15am	<i>Refreshment Break</i>	
10:15 – 10:45am	Financing TVET in Australia	Carmel Thompson, The Southern Cross Connection, Australia
10:45 – 11:30am	Financing TVET in Latin America	Regina Galhardi, ILO, Mexico City, Mexico
11:30 – 12:00am	Use of school financing for business services & development	Walter Kruse, Central Technology Center, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, USA
12:00 – 1:15 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Funding of vocational education & training in Scotland	Bill Harvey, Scottish Funding Council for Further & Higher Education, Scotland
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Funding mechanisms for TVET in Botswana	Abel Modungwa, Botswana Training Authority (BOTA), Botswana
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Financing & increasing the quality & attractiveness of vocational & technical secondary education in Turkey	Ilhan Gunbayl, Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<i>Refreshment Break</i>	
3:15 – 3:45 pm	Financing community colleges: Income sources, allocation patterns, trends & challenges	Davison M. Mupinga, Indiana State University & Joe R. Busby, North Carolina State University, USA
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Summary and Evaluation	Bob Norton/Dave Fretwell
	<i>Break</i>	
4:15 – 5:30 pm	IVETA Annual Business Meeting	Dave Fretwell, IVETA President
6:00 pm	<i>Reception</i>	Hosted by Jean and Bill Knaak



ACTE 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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December 13-15, 2007, Las Vegas, NV



If you are attending the IVETA Mini Conference, you will want to also sign up for ACTE. There are two ways to register for the ACTE conference. Online at www.acteonline.org or by mail on the registration form that is part of this newsletter. The online registration requires you to request a login and password before you can use the online login.

ACTE Membership

If you want to cut the cost of attending ACTE, you may do so by first becoming a member of ACTE. This costs \$60 per year. Below are the instructions for becoming a member and registering for ACTE.

1. First process your membership if you are not a current member. Use the form in this newsletter or go to <http://www.acteonline.org/join/membership.cfm>. If you join online, you will need to create a login and password.
2. Wait for your membership card and number to come by email. Once you have your membership card, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/> and click under "What's New" on [2007 Convention and Expo registration is now open!](#) Follow the instructions using your login and password.

Registration Fees

The price of registering for the ACTE Conference will be less for international members if they are ACTE members. Beginning this year, the ACTE Board of Directors has agreed to allow international members to belong for \$60 US per year. This is a significant reduction to the \$100 US they were charging in the past. If you are or become a member of ACTE, and you register for the ACTE Conference before November 9, 2007, the cost for ACTE members to attend the ACTE conference is \$305 US (non-ACTE members pay \$485). After November 9, 2007 registration fees go up to \$385 for ACTE members and \$ 565 for non-ACTE members.

Housing & Travel

ACTE currently has rooms booked at two hotels: the Las Vegas Hilton and the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel. Both hotels are next to the Las Vegas Convention Center. Please note that currently the Las Vegas Hilton is full, although you may secure a room at the Convention rates if a previous guest has cancelled. Information on travel and accommodation can be found at: http://www.acteonline.org/convention/housing_travel07.cfm

If you have any questions about ACTE or joining ACTE, email memberservices@acteonline.org.

FINAL CALL FOR 2007 IVETA AWARDS NOMINATIONS

IVETA will be giving awards to outstanding TVET educators, and others who provide special assistance to IVETA, at our December 12 Awards luncheon in Las Vegas. The nominees for those who should be considered for IVETA awards were due by the end of September, but will be accepted until **November 10, 2007**. Nominations for the Silvius-Wolansky Award - to an Outstanding Leader in Technical Vocational Education and Training, **not necessarily a member of IVETA, should be submitted through your Regional Vice President, or where necessary direct as below.** Nominations for the: Joel Magisos Exceptional Service Award for long-term individual achievement in support of IVETA, Robert D Cain Business/Organization Award for support to IVETA by a company or organization, Valued Supporter of IVETA Award 2007 for exceptional support during the current year, should be submitted direct to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, Christopher Parkin Details on the available awards can be found in the last IVETA newsletter at www.iveta.org. Please note that there is a cost for the Awards Luncheon, which will be held in Pavilion 3. Those wishing to attend the awards luncheon need to reserve by December 5 with the IVETA Secretariat, email: iveta@visi.com

Please send the late nominations to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, Christopher Parkin chparkin@msn.com Phone/Fax +44 1582 472173 to arrive as soon as possible after your receipt of this Newsletter.



REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION



The International Forum on Vocational Technical Education co-sponsored by the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO International Vocational-Technical Education Center (UNEVOC), UNESCO Asia Pacific Network for International Education and Values Education (UNESCO-APNIEVE) and Tianjin Municipal Educational Commission China was held in Tianjin, China on September 11-13, 2007.

Ms. Thompson

IVETA was represented at the forum by the Vice-President for East Asia & The Pacific, Ms Carmel Thompson.

The Central Theme was “Policy Framework, Joint Innovations and International Networking in the Context of Globalization and Market-Driven Economies”. All areas were considered important in assisting China to develop policy to support an industry led, demand driven and competency based vocational technical education.

The format of the forum consisted of numerous plenary sessions from speakers from Cambodia, Mongolia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Germany, Netherlands, Italy and Australia. There were also four round table committees and a site visit to Vocational Technical Education (VTE) schools in Tianjin.

I was involved in Round Table 2 where we focused on the challenges of VTE for Sustainable Rural Development in China and were asked to come up with some recommendations to be submitted to UNESCO for future funding.

Key Issues

An emphasis on economic production only will not fulfill development potential. This ignores social, environmental and cultural contexts. These also have economic benefits.

1. Values based learning is critical in determining teaching content for sustainable development because it links to local contexts in people’s lives. It will relate also to possible choices or opportunities for employment.
2. The rapid changes in the world of work means that learning must be continuous and that the work study link must be strengthened through entrepreneurship, enterprise and partnerships in order to be able to adapt to change.

Recommendations

1. Innovative work-study programs should be closely linked with highly relevant needs driven research (industry, community and/or academic involvement) on agricultural-rural employment to ensure relevance for the changing economy and workforce development needs of industry, particularly in countries in transition (often characterized by rapid urbanization).
2. Production of quality curriculum content and pedagogy (with particular reference to competencies, standards and modular based training) to ensure that changes to that content are responsive to changing local needs (related to values as well as opportunity) of the workforce, community and industry (importantly, small and medium enterprises).

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Recommendations (cont'd)

3. Production and revision of relevant courses materials and qualifications for industry partnership, entrepreneurship and self-employment and non-formal courses for improving skills (lifelong learning and mobilization of life skills). These must be accessible to the marginalized (illiterates, itinerant, migrants etc) rural poor, and provide pathways through adult and non-formal education (Education for All). This will assist in creating an enabling environment for community based leadership in TVET and expand the involvement of core stakeholders responsive to changing needs and priorities.
4. Ensuring closer linkages that strengthen teacher training (Hangzhou Declaration) and ongoing professional development (through teacher education and competency standards), institutional platforms and administrative and policy devised through relevant Ministries (Human Resources, Labor, Education, Rural/Agricultural). These linkages will ensure harmony between local and national scales and encourage intersectoral cooperation between key stakeholders. This is critical to ensure that TVET remains firmly centered with holistic educational reform.
5. International Cooperation needs to focus on issues that support these recommendations including supporting innovation in teaching through:
 - standards and competencies,
 - research,
 - international technical exchange and funding,
 - industry partnerships,
 - community based projects,
 - regional qualification frameworks, and
 - equivalency.

The Forum brought together over 100 hard working and passionate VTE practitioners who gave their knowledge and time generously. Their willingness to share their experiences produced a very successful outcome with recommendations that UNESCO can take forward to assist China to further develop its vocational education sector.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Professional Micro-Grant Program (PMGP) is available to assist individual IVETA members from developing countries to experiment, adapt, and develop new approaches in VET (vocational education and training) and disseminate the results to the international VET community. This grant is intended to strengthen IVETA's ability to foster and promote professional linkages, assist in the further development of VET as an international enterprise, and facilitate the worldwide dissemination of vocational education and training information. Individuals interested in applying for the PMGP grant, or who are interested in making a contribution or donation to the PMGP Fund, are requested to visit: <http://www.iveta.org/microgrant.pdf> for additional information and the application guidelines. Submit applications or email enquiries to Bonaventure Wanjala Kerre at: bwkerre@yahoo.com



IVETA 2007 MINI CONFERENCE

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REGISTRATION FORM

December 12, 2007 IVETA MINI CONFERENCE
Hilton Hotel, Las Vegas, NV USA

Conference Theme: Sustainable Financing for Vocational Technical Education and Training

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Title: _____

Preferred Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

FAX: _____

Cost: IVETA Members – none

Non-IVETA Members - \$10 material fee

Please indicate if you plan to attend the Awards Luncheon
The cost of the Awards Luncheon is \$32US.

_____ Yes, I will be attending the luncheon. I would like _____ (# of tickets) tickets.

_____ I would like a vegetarian plate.

Send the Registration Form to:

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EARLY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

June 24-28, 2008
Colombo, Sri Lanka

THEME: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) – PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL EQUITY.

SUB-THEMES:

1. *Innovative TVET Initiatives to Support Sustainable Economic Development and Poverty Reduction.*

How can TVET support small and micro enterprises, provide customized quick start training to support new enterprise investment, and help support the informal sector? What are examples of TVET linkages with economic development planning? Are there new methods of financing TVET, beyond government support, and linked with economic development? What are the linkages between skill development and income? What are the results of research and follow-up studies on the impact of TVET on poverty levels? What is the role of TVET in adult continuing education for second chance leavers?

2. *TVET Role in improving Social Equity:*

What is the role of TVET in supporting career guidance and information services for youth and adults? What is the role of TVET in addressing cultural and sex equity issues during training programs? How is the changing importance of secondary education, as basic education, impacting the design of secondary vocational education? What is the role of TVET in adult continuing education in addressing equity issues?



More information on the conference, registration procedures, and submission of presentations on the theme and sub-themes will be available on the IVETA Web Site: www.iveta.org, and on a special Conference web-site, in January 2008.

Please make plans to attend this international conference in Sri Lanka.



IVETA Journal, Newsletter and Membership



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The International Journal of Vocational Education & Training

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To submit articles for consideration, please contact the editor Ernest W. Brewer by email at: ewbrewer@utk.edu. For more information on ordering back issues and submission of articles, please visit: <http://www.iveta.org/journals.htm>



IVETA Newsletter

Do you have any news on vocational education and training that you want to share? Then, consider the IVETA Newsletter. The newsletter is published three times a year: February, May, and October. To submit items for the newsletter, please send these to the Newsletter Editor by the following dates:

- Jan 15, for February (vol. 1)
- May 15, for June issue (vol. 2)
- Sept 15, for Oct. issue (vol. 3)

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INTERESTED in JOINING IVETA ?

IVETA is an organization and network of vocational educators, vocational skills training organizations, business and industrial firms, and other individuals and groups interested or involved in vocational education and training worldwide. IVETA is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of high-quality vocational education and training wherever it exists and wherever it is needed

Therefore, consider becoming involved with an expanding, innovative organization that can help you reach out across international borders to assist in and be assisted by vocational education and training developments in many countries.



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