

Klaus Sodemann, IVETA President



IVETA President Klaus Sodemann previously served for two years as IVETA President Elect before assuming his current post of President in December 2008. Prior to that he served for two years as the IVETA General Secretary.

An IVETA member since 1996, he helped to organise the 2001 and 2004 IVETA International Conferences in Jamaica and Vienna.

He graduated from Johannes-Gutenberg-University in Mainz, Germany with a Masters in Vocational Education. After 13 years in the Vocational School System, experience in Teacher Training, Information Technology and School Management at hand, he joined GTZ, the German

Agency for Technical Cooperation, to take up a post in the Eastern Caribbean.

During more than 10 years in the region, he served German development Projects and European Union Projects in most of the English speaking Caribbean from Jamaica to Trinidad and Guyana. In 1999 he accepted a post as Project Coordinator Vocational Education and training in Albania, again for GTZ. In 2002 he joined the Vocational Education Department in GTZ Head Office in Germany with the responsibility for projects in the Arabian Gulf region and Iran.

Abel Modungwa, IVETA President Elect



Abel Modungwa previously served as the IVETA Regional Vice President for Africa. He is an educationist and trainer with a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Bachelor of Education. He has been trained in Leadership and Management through several short courses and workshops, notably among other is the Program for Management Development offered by Harvard Business School in the United States of America.

His 24 years experience has been spent in various capacities related to human resources development. He was a Trainer and later, a Principal in a Management Development Institute for 14 years. He served as a Human Resources Director and a Secretary to the Board at the Water Utilities Corporation of Botswana for six years before joining the Botswana Training Authority (BOTA) as a Chief Executive Officer, a position he has held since the year 2000.

At BOTA he coordinates the development and implementation of a quality Vocational Training System. The Vice President of IVETA for the African Region for the past four years, his support for IVETA started since 2000. He arranged for Botswana to host the IVETA Regional African Conference in 2005, and has been instrumental in annual IVETA African regional conferences.

Ike Goodine, IVETA General Secretary



Isaac Thomas Goodine, also known as "Ike" by friends and colleagues, has contributed to the globalization process by over thirty years of practical experience at the leading edge of international development, including comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of about sixty-five countries. His main fields of work include technical and vocational education, cross-cultural technology transfer through skills development, and economic diplomacy. He now holds part-time positions in several international bodies including membership in the Global Alliance for International Advancement; the Speakers' Bureau of the World Bank Group; Panel of Advisers of the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education; and as member of the Academic Council for the London Diplomatic Academy. His career history includes positions as Commanding Officer of the Eighth Canadian Hussars, Militia; Principal, New Brunswick Institute of Technology; Principal, Zambia Institute of Technology; Director, National Department of Technical Education and

Vocational Training, Republic of Zambia; Principal, Kenya Technical Teachers' College; Senior Technical/Vocational Educator, World Bank; First Secretary, Development, Canadian Embassy, Manila; Director, Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education; First Secretary, Development, Canadian High Commission, Bridgetown, Barbados; Managing Director, Knowledge Development Institute, Barbados. After 27 years abroad, Ike resettled in Canada and registered Isaac T. Goodine & Associates as a consulting business, based in Ottawa, Ontario. He joined IVETA in 2001.

Ingrid Trenner, IVETA Membership Secretary



Ingrid Trenner is serving her second term as IVETA Membership Secretary.

Ingrid Trenner's support for IVETA began as a member of the Organizing Staff at the IVETA Conference 2001 in Jamaica, and became a supporting member of IVETA 2002. In 2004 she was the Chair of the Organizing Committee at the IVETA Conference Vienna. Currently, Ingrid Trenner is the CEO of K.I.S.T. - Consulting - GesmbH, which specialises in the development, marketing and transfer of national and international Human Resources Development projects. She is an Economics graduate of Graz University, Austria, where she specialized in Marketing, Accounting and Human

Resources Development. Her 20 years experience in Vocational Education and Training have been utilized as a teacher and teacher-trainer covering the complete range of business and marketing activities. Her industry experience includes assisting a tax-adviser in the hospitality industry, and as the Austrian Customer Relationship Manager for a German publishing firm. She has specialised expertise in the Training Enterprise Concept. This concept is one of the most successful approaches world-wide to hands-on Business Training. In addition to extensive and wide-ranging assignments in Austria, her expertise has taken her to Germany, Serbia, Albania and Jamaica on Vocational Education Projects (as well as other projects mandated by The Austrian Ministry of Education and GTZ).

Saleh Al-Amr, Regional Vice President for Middle East and North Africa



Dr. Al-Amr is serving his second term as IVETA Vice President for Middle East and North Africa. He is the Vice Governor for Development of the General Organization for Technical Education and Vocational Training (GOTEVOT), where he is responsible for developing strategies for the development of technical education and vocational training in Saudi Arabia. Born in Jeddah Saudi Arabia in 1966, he obtained his B.Sc. Degree from King Saud University and M.Sc. and Ph.D. Degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Prior to his current post, he was Head of the Electrical Technology Department, Deputy Dean for

Students' Affairs at Riyadh College of Technology, and Director General for Curricula Design and Development at the GOTEVOT. He is a Senior Member of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and has served as Chairman of SaudiSkills and Official Delegate of Saudi Arabia in WorldSkills. He has published more than 70 papers in a variety of areas, including power systems planning and design.

Regina Galhardi, Regional Vice President for Latin America and Caribbean



Dr. Regina Maria A. Galhardi has worked for the International Labour Organization (ILO), a United Nations Agency, since 1991. She is Senior Employment and Skills Development Specialist with the International Labour Organization Office for Mexico and Cuba, working on issues relating to employment strategies and policies and VET institutions, systems, and financing. She is author of several publications on these subjects. She has the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sussex, UK. She was a presenter at the 2007 IVETA Conference in Las Vegas.

Raimo Sivonen, Regional Vice President for Europe



Raimo Sivonen, of Finland, is the previous IVETA Regional Vice President for Europe, appointed to complete the remainder of the term of Allan Lawrence, who was unable to complete his term due to the press of affairs. Raimo is Head of Department and International Coordinator for Kainuu Vocational College, Kajaani, Finland.

His prior work for the Finnish tourism industry included work as Project Manager for the Kokemäenjoki and Karvianjoki regions. His responsibilities include planning for regional vocational education, planning for the national funding system of special education, and management of international affairs for Kainuu Vocational College.

Before assuming these responsibilities, he served the College for four years as Senior Lecturer and part time international coordinator for tourism, business and entrepreneurship, becoming Manager of Tourism and Catering Education. His prior work for the Finnish tourism industry included tourism planning as Project Manager for the Kokemäenjoki and Karvianjoki regions, and teaching tourism, business and entrepreneurship for the North Lapland Business College in Sodankylä. Raimo was President of the Kainuu Tourism Association.

Robert Mahlman, Regional Vice President for North America



Robert (Bob) Mahlman is a Senior Research Specialist and the Director of the Center on Education and Training for Employment (CETE) at The Ohio State University. The Center on Education and Training for Employment is one of the United States' leading institutions for workforce and career-technical education and training and houses the United States' only UNEVOC Center. Bob received his master's degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology with a minor in Psychometrics from The Ohio State University. His current work focuses in

the areas of occupational knowledge and skill assessment for technical and vocational education and training, occupational certification, and personnel selection and placement testing for business, industry, and governmental agencies. In addition, Bob's work has also included program evaluation research. He has directed assessment and evaluation projects for various U.S. state departments of education, state and municipal government agencies, private industry, and various credentialing or certification agencies.

Dr. Patrick Nkanza, Regional Vice President for Africa



Dr. Patrick Nkanza has been the Director General of Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) for Zambia since 2000.

Prior to becoming Chief Executive Officer for TEVETA he was a National Expert for the United Nations Industrial Development Commission.

Dr. Nkanza's Zambian Technical Education, Vocational, and Entrepreneurship Training Authority is an organizational member of IVETA.

Kumar Pramod Shrivastava, Regional Vice President for South Asia



Kumar Pramod Shivastava is Assistant General Manager In charge and Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Research & Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), Bhopal, India (Established under Indo-German Cooperation project)

Previously, he served as Head of the Department of Production Engineering with S.V. Polytechnic College, Bhopal (from Aug.2006 to Jan. 2007), and Senior Manager and Head of Training Division, at the Centre for Research & Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), Bhopal (from Nov.2000 to July 2006). Prior to that he was Training Manager and promoted marketing services at CRISP from September 1998 to October 2000, and Expert Teacher, Polytechnic Development Unit, Bhopal (An Indo German Project) under the Directorate of Technical Education from *July 1992 to August 1998*. Prior to that he was Lecturer in

Electrical Engineering at the Government Polytechnic at Ambikapur, India from January 1987 to July 1992.

Olga Oleynikova, Regional Vice President for East Europe and Central Asia



Professor Olga Oleynikova is serving her second term as the IVETA Vice President for East Europe and Central Asia. She has been involved in international education both as practitioner and researcher since 1985. At the outset of her career she worked for the Russian Academy of Pedagogical Sciences initiating international exchange, unprecedented in scope and diversity, among Russian and western educators and policy makers. This exchange laid the foundation for building fruitful international education and VET discourse in Russia as well as for the ensuing education and VET modernization efforts in Russia.

In 1996, Ms. Oleynikova was appointed by the European Training Foundation leader of the National Observatory for VET (Centre for VET Studies) in the Russian Federation and has been head of the National Observatory since then. In the above position Ms. Oleynikova has been putting special effort into enhancing cooperation between NOs in the CIS countries and has initiated creation of a NO network aiming at exchanging information and best practices in modernizing VET systems. Ms. Oleynikova has initiated and lead several projects of European cooperation in VET supported by the European Commission under the Tacis programme of Technical Assistance to the Russian Federation.

Apart from practical aspects of promoting international cooperation in education, Ms. Oleynikova is a researcher and author of a comprehensive manuscript on comparative education, dozens of publications and articles on European and international VET published in Russia and abroad.

The recent major project Prof. Oleynikova has put in place in Russia is the development of occupational standards and the National Qualifications Framework. Professor Oleynikova is the current Vice President for Eastern Europe & Central Asia and has been a member of IVETA since 2004.

Carmel Thompson, Regional Vice President for East Asia and the Pacific



Ms. Carmel Thompson is serving her second term as the IVETA Vice President for East Asia and the Pacific. She is the Managing Director of The Southern Cross Connection.

Carmel was previously the owner of Achievers International College & Achievers Business College in Brisbane, Australia which offered courses in Business, Travel, Hospitality, Management and Information Technology to both local and overseas students. In 1994, Carmel

foresaw a shift in education and training out of the classroom into industry and high schools. She sold her colleges to the Educational Foundation Group of Japan and set up an international consultancy name of *The Southern Cross Connection*.

Carmel is a qualified Accountant who possesses a skill for getting the job done through the medium of collaboration and communication. She has had considerable experience in the international marketplace. This has resulted in the building of strong relationships with other leaders in this industry.

Carmel is a highly respected trainer specialising in Leadership Programs and also Teacher and Workplace Trainer Courses . She has a high profile in Australia and has served on numerous International and Australian educational boards and committees. She is also a much sought after speaker at national and international conferences focusing on Leadership and Engaging Learners in the Learning Process.

Carmel's credibility as a business consultant and trainer is enhanced by her business credentials, reputation and experience. She has been a member of IVETA since 2002.