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Worldwide Collaboration: From Idea to Reality

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What do vocational educators from the Bahamas, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Honduras, Jamaica, Liberia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United States share in common? At least one representative from each of these countries is a charter member of the new International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA).

IVETA was created on December 3, 1984 at the American Vocational Association's (AVA) Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana to accomplish four major purposes:

- + Foster and promote professional linkages among international vocational educators and trainers
- + Serve as a forum for the sharing of vocational education and training problems and solutions worldwide
- + Assist in the further development of vocational education and training as an international enterprise
- + Facilitate the worldwide dissemination of vocational education and training information

IVETA's birth is the culmination of a two-year gestation period. Planning for a special international conference was initiated at the 1982 AVA Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. AVA's International Programs Committee and the National Center for Research in Vocational Education cosponsored International Collaboration: New Horizons for Vocational Education and Training in conjunction with the 1983 AVA Annual Convention in Anaheim, California. Additional steps were taken at the 1983

conference to promote further the linkages established among the professionals in attendance. These steps included the appointment of Mr. Quince D. Francis (Jamaica) as temporary chair and the selection of nine additional steering committee members from Haiti, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Taiwan, Turkey, United States, Venezuela, and W. Germany. The steering committee met its charge by petitioning and obtaining section status in the New and Related Services Division of AVA; planning the 1984 convention program; and drafting a proposed constitution and by-laws.

Beginning at the International Section's organizational meeting on November 30, 1984, excitement and enthusiasm for the new association were evident. Attendance at the first general session exceeded the room's capacity with individuals crowding in to hear three outstanding presentations:

- + "Modernizing Vocational Education in Egypt: A Progress Report"—Dr. Robert E. Andreka, presenter
- + "Postsecondary Technical and Vocational Education in Turkey: A Short Survey of the Country's Needs and Expected Contributions of the Technician Training Project"—Dr. A. Vural Turker, presenter
- + "Curriculum Development for the International Client" Dr. William D. Kline, presenter

At the business meeting on Dec. 3, IVETA emerged as an official affiliate association with elected officers and an Executive Committee.

In addition, Dr. A. Vural Turker was named as the Acting Regional VP for Europe. The Executive Committee will appoint Regional VPs for Asia; Middle and Near East and North Africa: and for East Africa.

Because every organization benefits from established traditions and ceremonies, the following organizational trappings were introduced: a charter members' scroll and individual charter member certificates, certificates of appreciation, a flag stand, a President's gavel, and "International" ribbons. These articles served to heighten interest in the new association.

The second general session for international participants was equally well received. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the Vocational and Industrial Training Board of Singapore in a presentation by Mr. Jim Koon Juay Ho. "Curriculum Resources for International Vocational Education"—a presentation led by Dr. Jay Smink involving several presenters—provided participants with very useful information about data sources.

Other convention highlights for the new international association participants included a joint session with the American Vocational Education Personnel Development Association, the NRS Carousel, and the following corporate-sponsored events: a reception by Price Waterhouse, a reception by RCA, and an Executive Committee breakfast sponsored by HBJ International.

Membership in IVETA is off to a healthy start—113 individual charter members including 5 students and 8 institutional members. Membership in IVETA will assure your active participation in this dynamic organization and help keep you in touch with professionals around the world.

CORPORATE SUPPORT FOR IVETA APPRECIATED

IVETA got off to a great start at the AVA Convention due in part to the outstanding support received from several corporate sponsors. IVETA would like to express its appreciation to Price Waterhouse and RCA for hosting receptions for the membership which were exceedingly well attended and to HBJ International for hosting an Executive Committee breakfast. Much of the credit for helping sustain interest and enthusiasm for the founding of our new organization goes to these corporations. Thanks again, we all enjoyed the events.

IVETA OFFICERS

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Mr. Quince D. Francis
(Jamaica)

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Dr. A. Vural Turker
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the Caribbean:

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(Jamaica)

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Dr. Dave Fretwell
(United States)

IVETA logo

Most groups or organizations have a sign, symbol, or logo that is used to identify that group. IVETA needs to develop one to use on its stationary, newsletter, and other forms of communication. Send us your ideas and suggestions and in upcoming issues of the newsletter they will be presented to the membership in this publication. Later in the year or next year at the convention a final selection of a logo will be made by the membership and be included in future correspondence. Send publishable drawings or sketches and we will include them in later editions of the newsletter. You may want to include a short description of what the logo means or symbolizes. The more ideas the better.



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Membership in IVETA Growing

To most observers the number of Charter Members to the International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA) exceeded expectations. While early estimates projected an initial membership of 40 to 50 at the 1984 AVA Conference, the final total was more than twice that amount. A total of 110 regular members along with 3 student members, 1 for profit institution and 3 non-profit institutions became Charter Members. While the time is past for individuals to become charter members it is still a good time to join. As a member you will receive the IVETA NEWSLETTER with information on upcoming events and activities and be part of a growing international organization dedicated to improvements in Vocational Education and Training.

In an effort to enable institutional representatives to obtain necessary approvals for institutional memberships, the charter membership deadline for institutions is June 30, 1985. Don't delay, fill out the enclosed membership form and send it in today. Come GROW with us.

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 1985

Planning for the 1985 conference program is now underway under the continuing leadership of Dr. A. Vural Turker, Program Chair, and assisted by Dr. Valija Axelrod, Program Coordinator. Initial ideas promise to be of great interest to participants from both developed and developing countries. IVETA is new, young, and growing. Be an active member and participate. If you have program ideas, wish to present at the 1985 conference, or are willing to assist in any way please contact either:

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HATS OFF TO INSTITUTIONAL CHARTER MEMBERS

Support for IVETA has been shown by a number of institutions. As of Jan 31 the following organizations have become Institutional Charter Members.

NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS:

Consejo Asesor para el Desarrollo de los
Recursos Humanos de Honduras
Apartado 1599, 5 piso Edificio Quinchon Leon
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
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795 Peachtree St., NE
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Dr. K.M. Eaddy, Director VSAP

Waukesha County Technical Institute
Area Vocational, Technical & Adult
Education District
800 Main Street
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FOR PROFIT INSTITUTIONS:

Lab-Volt Systems
P.O. Box 686
Farmingdale, N.J. 07727

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.
Orlando, FL 32887

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From the

Editor's Desk

This issue of the IVETA Newsletter marks the beginning of what we all hope is a new era in communication between vocational educators worldwide. To make this effort a success will require the support of many people around the world. Support comes in many forms; it means being interested, concerned, involved, and taking a stand or expounding a point of view. For the organization and the newsletter to be a success we do not always have to agree, but we do all have to communicate. What this newsletter is and what it becomes will depend upon you. If you only participate by reading then the ideas brought forth and the views expressed could be controlled by a small group who may not view the world the same way you do or who have special

interests. To insure that a free exchange of ideas takes place you are encouraged to send your news and ideas to the newsletter so they can be shared with your colleagues around the world.

The IVETA Newsletter will strive to be an active communications tool for International Vocational Educators by printing news from your colleagues worldwide. In order to present the news it must first be gathered; that is where you come in. When something new is happening in your area let us know and we will keep the membership informed. Due to space limitations keep stories and articles brief, but do include as much information as possible. We would also like to hear from you to let us know what you like and dislike about the newsletter and what we can do to improve each issue. What could we include to make the newsletter more helpful to you and your work. Lets all work together to make the IVETA Newsletter a success.

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Reminder!! Institutions have until June 30, 1985 to become Charter Members. Show your support for international vocational education by becoming an institutional member of IVETA.

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* TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____ *
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*      _____ REGULAR (US$10.00 annual)      _____ STUDENT (US$ 5.00 annual) *
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*      _____ INSTITUTIONAL, _____ INSTITUTIONAL, *
*      _____ NON-PROFIT (US$50.00 annual) _____ PROFIT (US$100.00 annual) *
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* MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (ISSUED TO IVETA) TO: *
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