

Abel Modungwa, IVETA President



IVETA President Abel Modungwa served as IVETA President Elect from 2008 to 2010. Prior to that he was the IVETA Regional Vice President for Africa for two terms. 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 a number of short courses and workshops, notably among them is the Program for Management Development offered by Harvard Business School in the United States of America.

His 24 years experience have 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. Vice President of IVETA for the African Region for 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.

Olga Oleynikova, IVETA President Elect



Prior to becoming IVETA President Elect, Professor Olga Oleynikova completed serving two terms as the IVETA Vice President for East Europe and Central Asia. In November 2010 she was awarded the Silvius-Wolansky Award to an Outstanding Leader in TVET. 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 (NO) 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 has been a member of IVETA since 2004.

Klaus Sodemann, IVETA Immediate Past President



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

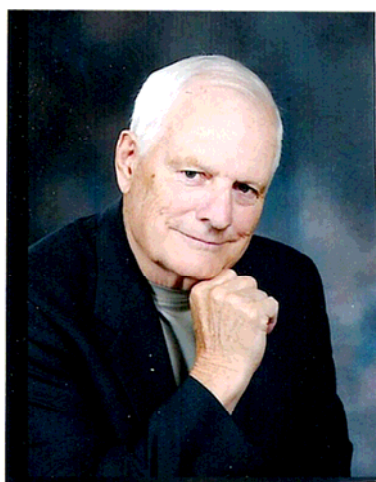
An IVETA member since 1996, he helped to organise the 2001 and 2004 IVETA International Conferences in Jamaica and Vienna.

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.

Claude DeGagné, IVETA General Secretary



Claude DeGagné is from Ottawa Canada. He has recently served as a Consultant in Hotel Management Frenchman's Cove Resort, Jamaica.

He holds a Masters from Central Michigan University – Community and Adult Education. He is originally from Canada and has been trained as a DACUM trainer and expert in curriculum development.

Mr. DeGagné served as Director of Operations for the Buffalo Point First Nation Development Corporation in Buffalo Point, Manitoba from 2004-2008. Prior to that time he was Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) employment and manpower consultant. He has been a member of IVETA since 2009.

Carmel Thompson, IVETA Membership Secretary



Ms. Carmel Thompson previously served two terms 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*.

She 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.

Wendi Howell, Membership Coordinator



Ms. Howell is the Program Director of International Affairs, Center on Education and Training for Employment (CETE), The Ohio State University (OSU). With over twelve years of experience in a Fortune 100 company, and seven years in public education, she serves as liaison between industry and career-technical education to create a globally competitive workforce. Currently, she is directing the international activities for CETE while completing her Ph.D. in Workforce Development and Education. A member of IVETA since 2009, she will help with IVETA membership in the United States.

Dr. Patrick Nkanza, Regional Vice President for Africa



Dr. Patrick Nkanza is serving his second term as IVETA Regional Vice President for Africa. He 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.

Shyamal Majumdar, Regional Vice President for East Asia and the Pacific



Prof. Shyamal Majumdar, Ph.D. has served as the Director General and CEO of Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education (CPSC), Manila, Philippines since 2007. He is concurrently serving as President of the Asia-Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) and has been recently nominated as Senior Research Fellow of UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET in Bonn. In 2009, Dr. Majumdar received an International Partnership Award from UNESCO-UNEVOC in his capacity as Director General of CPSC for leading an organization likewise recognized for its role in advancing the goals of UNESCO in TVET sector.

He has also served as Regional Vice President, Asia & Pacific Region for the International Vocational Education & Training Association (IVETA) from 2002-2005 while in the Indian government service as Professor in the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research Kolkata, India.

Dr. Majumdar has been involved in various programs & projects in the education sector in the last 20 years with his strong expertise and background in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Technical Teachers Training, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Total Quality Management (TQM). He had been appointed as Consultant in eight consultancy positions and implemented projects for UNESCO (Bangkok, Cairo, China), CPSC, ADB, GTZ, ADBI, COL, INRULED, World Bank, and FAO-UN; and had been engaged as author and editor in 20 international book publications.

Ilhan Gunbayi, Regional Vice President for East Europe and Central Asia



Dr. Gunbayi is currently a lecturer (Associate Professor Doctor) at Akdeniz University Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences in Antalya in Turkey. He completed his BA studies on English Language Teaching, MA on Educational Administration and Supervision, PhD. on Educational Administration, Supervision, Planning and Economy in Hacettepe University in Turkey and Post Doctorate Study on Qualitative Research Methods in Sheffield Hallam University in the UK. He is scholarly interested in Vocational and Technical Education, European Education Systems, Organizational Communication, Organizational Culture and Climate, Motivation at Work, Job Stressors and School Leadership. He has developed a number of publications in the field of Educational Administration, Supervision, Planning and Economy.

He has been a member of IVETA since 2007.

Mari Kontturi, Regional Vice President for Europe



Mari Kontturi holds a Master of Laws and is currently Manager of International Affairs in Luovi Vocational College, Finland, the largest special needs education provider in Finland. She is involved in the work of European Platform of Rehabilitation as a centre coordinator and active in several networks in Finland. Mari Kontturi has a qualification for teaching, too (vocational teacher). Before working in the field of vocational education and training Mari Kontturi worked as a lawyer in the labour administration and in the banking sector and she has also trained on the bench. She has also experience in

working in the field of organizational activities in the Pulmonary Association Heli. She has been involved in international cooperation since 1997 and taken part in numerous projects.

Mari Kontturi joined IVETA in 2005. Today, Luovi Vocational College is an institutional member in IVETA.

Reynold John, Regional Vice President for Latin America and Caribbean



Reynold John comes from Trinidad & Tobago, where he is training manager of Metal Industries Company, Ltd (MIC). MIC is an institutional member of IVETA. From inception, MIC was established to combine training with real work. Consequently, it adapted the 'Training Factory Concept' as its preferred mode of delivering Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET). This mode of training influenced the mission statement of the Training Division ("Training for Industry"), since this was a demand led model of TVET. Mr. John has been instrumental in the fulfillment of this mission.

He has been a member of IVETA since 2006 and has actively participated in ACTE and the IVETA annual conference.

Dr. Abdulaziz S. Al Amr, Regional Vice President for Middle East and North Africa



Dr. Amr is Director General for international cooperation of Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He holds a Ph.D. from Washington State University, Washington, USA in Materials Science. He taught at Riyadh Technical College prior to designing training programs for TVTC and becoming Director General.

He has been a member of IVETA since 2006. TVTC has been an institutional member since 2006.

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.

Kumar Pramod Shrivastava, Regional Vice President for South Asia



Kumar Pramod Shivastava is serving his second term as IVETA Regional Vice President for South Asia. He is Assistant General Manager In charge and Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Research & Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), at 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), in Bhopal (from November 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. Before that he was a Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at the Government Polytechnic at Ambikapur, India from January 1987 to July 1992.