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WORLD SKILLS INTERNATIONAL NAMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECT

KINGSTON, JAMAICA (October, 8th, 2010) – After six weeks of intense campaigning, the WorldSkills International General Assembly (GA) began the rigorous election process. The vote for President went to a second vote as there was not a clear majority among the three candidates. In an unprecedented occurrence, there was two tied elections! The GA postponed the election process until the next day to enable the two candidates to further dialog with the delegates. On Friday, October 8th, 2010, the GA reconvened and began the voting process again. This time there was a clear majority for the President and then all remaining positions were filled.

The new Board of Directors Elect will work closely with the current Board of Directors over the next year to learn from them until they take office officially after the WorldSkills Competition in London in October 2011.

The new Board of Directors Elect for 2011 – 2015 will be:

Simon Bartley (United Kingdom) – President Elect of WorldSkills International and Chair Elect of the Board of Directors

John Shiel (Australia) - Vice President Technical Affairs Elect/Chair Elect of Technical Committee

Timo Lankinen (Finland) – Vice President Strategic Affairs Elect/Chair Elect of Strategy Committee

Roberto Spada (Brazil) – Vice President Special Affairs Elect

Stefan Praschl (Austria) – Vice Chair Technical Committee Elect

Jos de Goey (Netherlands) – Vice Chair Strategy Committee Elect

Terry Cooke (Canada) – Treasurer Elect

Elfi Klumpp (Germany) – Ex-officio for WorldSkills Leipzig 2013

**note: An additional Ex-officio will be appointed to the Board in London in October 2011 to represent WSC2015*

WorldSkills International would like to welcome the new Board Elect, we all look forward to the future of the organisation. Simon Bartley, President Elect, aims to lead WSI in launching the future of the organisation and the Competitions.

“As we look towards WorldSkills London 2011 I am honoured to be named as President Elect of WorldSkills International. WorldSkills London 2011 will provide the global skills community with a real opportunity to engage international communities on the importance of effective skills and training in the current economic climate.”

– Simon Bartley, President Elect of WorldSkills International.

In the final year of service for the current Board of Directors, there are many challenges still ahead and a lot of work to be done. Having the two Boards working side by side for this upcoming year will solidify the synergy and ease the transition between the Boards.

“I would like to welcome to the incoming Board of Directors. I have been a part of WorldSkills for almost 30 years and have seen many changes and advancements. WorldSkills is now at a turning point in the organisation and the new Board is primed to lead WSI in an exciting new direction that will truly bring the WorldSkills movement to the global stage. My best wishes and good luck.”

- Tjerk Dusseldorp, current President of WorldSkills International

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WSI Board Elect: back row left to right: Jos de Goey(NL) Vice Chair of Strategy Committee Elect, Terry Cooke (CA) Treasurer Elect, Stefan Praschl (AT) Vice Chair of Technical Committee Elect, Roberto Spada (BR) Vice President Special Affairs Elect. Front row left to right: Timo Lankinen (FI) Vice President Strategy Affairs Elect, Simon Bartley (UK) President Elect, Elfi Klumpp (DE) Ex-Officio WSC2013, John Shiel (AU) Vice President Technical Affairs Elect.



WSI current Board and Board Elect: back row left to right: Timo Lankinen (FI) Vice President Strategy Affairs Elect, John Shiel (AU) Vice President Technical Affairs Elect, Terry Cooke (CA) Treasurer Elect, Stefan Praschl (AT) Vice Chair of Technical Committee Elect, Veijo Hintsanen (FI) Vice Chair of Technical Committee, Laurent Thibault (CA) Treasurer. Front row left to right: Jos de Goey(NL) Vice Chair of Strategy Committee Elect, Liam Corcoran (IE) Vice President Technical Affairs, Simon Bartley (UK) President Elect and Ex-Officio WSC2011, Tjerk Dusseldorp (AU) President, Elfi Klumpp (DE) Ex-Officio WSC2013, Roberto Spada (BR) Vice President Special Affairs current and Elect.

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BACKGROUNDER

WorldSkills International

WorldSkills International's (WSI) mission is to promote, through the cooperative action of 53 Members countries/regions, a worldwide awareness of the essential contribution that skills and high standards of competence make to the achievement of economic success and personal fulfillment. WSI provides a unique means of exchange and comparison of world-class competency standards in the industrial trades, information technologies and service sectors of the global economy. WSI works at all levels from grassroots to senior policy makers to affect change in training procedures, policy development and international standards. Through advocacy, education and Competitions, WorldSkills International is raising the level of competences throughout the world and bringing new awareness to these crucial sectors in the global economy. Without skills there is no economy.

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