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Welcome Cisco: 3rd Global Sponsor Partner!



Cisco joins Festo and Fluke in the exclusive club of Founding Global Sponsors. Cisco Systems, Inc. and WorldSkills recently entered into a sponsorship agreement. The sponsorship is an ideal matching of the mission of WorldSkills and the Cisco Networking Academy's strong philanthropic commitment to providing access to education for people around the world. "The Internet has changed the way people learn and has provided the opportunity for equal access to a quality educational experience," said Sylvia Allen, Senior Director for Corporate Responsibility at Cisco Systems and chairperson of Cisco's Corporate Citizenship Council. "Cisco is committed to continuing those innovations,

partnering with educators and others to develop the tools, applications, technology and curricula to make the Internet and education the great equalizers in the global economy. As a global sponsor partner of WorldSkills, Cisco is actively contributing to the WorldSkills mission to raise the status and standards of vocational skills and training worldwide – in an innovative and forward looking way." Through the Cisco Networking Academy program, Cisco prepares students for the demands and opportunities of a global economy by providing essential Internet technology skills. Launched in 1997, the Cisco Networking Academy is a comprehensive, global e-learning program that offers students an opportunity to pursue IT curricula through online instructor-led training and hands-on laboratory exercises. The Networking Academy Program is active in over 150 countries. Since its inception in 1997, over 1,000,000 students have successfully completed courses at more than 10,000 Academies located in high schools, technical schools, colleges, universities, and community-based

organizations worldwide. Cisco's contribution includes support to increase the visibility of the WorldSkills program and prizes for all IT medal winners at the 2005 competitions. Cisco began sponsoring WorldSkills in 2003 with an initial contribution for both the development of the WorldSkills website and awards at the 2003 Competition in St. Gallen. Additional information about Cisco and the Cisco Networking Academy program is available at: www.cisco.com/go/netacad



Sylvia Allen, Senior Director for Corporate Responsibility at Cisco Systems and chairperson of Cisco's Corporate Citizenship Council



Pictured is the Secretariat team in front of the office in Haarlem, the Netherlands

WorldSkills welcomes the new Secretary General

Jack Dusseldorp, President of the WorldSkills organisation shared the good news of the appointment of the new Secretary General by the Executive Board to the Delegates at the Technical Committee meeting in Helsinki. David Hoey started working for WorldSkills after the St. Gallen 2003 Competition as IT Consultant and was appointed Technical Coordinator in June 2004. "I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be SG. WorldSkills is an amazing organisation that more countries and people need to know about. Our role at the Secretariat is the implementation and management of the mission, policies and objectives of the organisation. We have a great team and look forward to being of service to members and non-members alike." David has a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, numerous IT course qualifications and is currently completing a Masters of Business Administration. He has worked as a Project/Systems Engineer, Sales Consultant, Technical & Sales Support, Training Consultant, Training Manager, National Manager and Owner/Manager of a consulting business. David initially specialised in industrial automation and control technology and then focussed on training and consulting and productivity solutions. David has worked for and consulted to large Multi-National Corporations as well as small businesses.

Meet the CIS team

Tommi Saarinen, Janne Ostrovski, Tapio Niemala, three IT students at the Häame Polytechnic in Finland are involved in the Competition Information System project, which is coordinated by both Peter Neate and David Hoey. Peter has been involved in the WorldSkills Competition for a number of years (Expert, Chief Expert in skill 9, Quality Auditor in 1999 and 2001) These three students have been involved in the preparation of the calculation system for the competition which will be held in Taitaja, Finland. This is where the CIS system will be tested for the International Competition in May in 2005. All three young men find this a wonderful opportunity and a major challenge to be involved in. *Pictured on the left is the CIS team. From left to right: David Hoey, Tapio Niemela, Janne Ostrovski, Tommi Saarinen, Peter Neate*



Improving VET in Jamaica

Jamaica will join WorldSkills as a Full Member as of January 2005 and will bring competitors to Helsinki in the following trades: IT Software Applications, Web Design, Ladies'/Mens' Hairdressing and Cooking. Grace MClean, Technical Delegate from Jamaica is very positive about the recent Technical Committee meeting held in Helsinki at the beginning of this month. "The meeting has been very informative to me. The experience I have obtained since last year when Jamaica joined WorldSkills as an Associate Member has been very helpful to our organisation. It has opened more possibilities in Vocational Educational Training in Jamaica. My colleague Delegates have been very helpful to me".

Jamaica has received a double number of applications (from 300 to 600) since they became a WorldSkills Member in comparison with the previous years. "Youngsters are very keen to participate in an international competition where they can become a World Champion in a particular skill".



The Ebony Park Dancers bring back the good old days of the Quadrille

For the national organisation, recently under the new name "Skills Jamaica", the Competition Information System as used in the WorldSkills Competition is a very good example of how Jamaica can work open and transparent in their national competitions. "There is still so much we can learn but we have already grown.

The national competition in Jamaica has a skill in entertainment, where youngsters show their skills in drama, speech, dance and music. "This is a potential skill for WorldSkills. As we have to deal with different cultures we should not focus on the type of entertainment, but on the talent of the youngsters".

The next national competition in Jamaica will take place on 30-31 March. Skills Jamaica is now working on a new website. You will be informed in the next issue-> Stay tuned.

Marketing the WorldSkills brand: Who is next?

The United Kingdom, Brunei and Belgium have added the WorldSkills logo with an active link to www.worldskills.org to their homepage. Are you the next one?

Welcome to our 40th member: Indonesia!

The Executive Board has warmly welcomed Indonesia to the WorldSkills family. Indonesia has started their membership as Associate Member, but are very keen on becoming a Full Member in short term.

Are you in contact with a non member country, who is interested in joining us, please let us know. For information on how to become a WorldSkills member, please [click here](#)



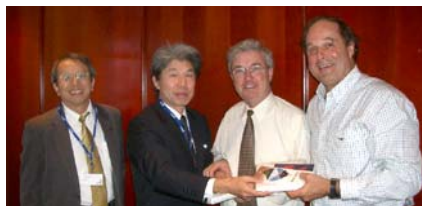
Mr. Gatot, Mr. Amin, Jack Dusseldorp, Ms Susilowati, Ms. Kartingdyah



Closing Ceremony of national competition in Iran

5th Iranian National Competition

Since Iran joined WorldSkills as our 35th member in 2000, we have 4 new country members, and more on the way. So every year the competition becomes more challenging, which simply reflects the competitive demands of the global economy; where no one can afford to be left behind. All over the world education standards are being benchmarked, newly developed and revised, and the WorldSkills competitions can be best seen as a distinctive part of this broader movement with a particular aim to focus on skills needed for modern day working life. WorldSkills is much more than just a competition. It's a means of transferring knowledge and high quality skill standards across countries and across the world. This adds real value to both the economic and social capital of the communities we live in. Whether you win a medal or not, every competitor benefits from participating in the competition, as do teachers, employers, community and country. In WorldSkills, everyone wins.



Japan Presentation at EB meeting in Helsinki

The Japanese Delegation gave a presentation to the Executive Board meeting and the TC meeting in Helsinki on their progress with regards to the preparations for the Competition in Japan in 2007.

Pictured from left to right: Mr. Hideo Ogawa, Mr. Nobuaki Oi, Liam Corcoran and Jack Dusseldorp

Ready for Helsinki! The 42nd Japanese National Skills Competition

The 42nd Japanese National Skills Competition was successfully held in Iwate Prefecture from October 22 to 25, drawing a record number of competitors - 1,068 from 47 prefectures in 42 skills categories. More than 129,000 visitors gathered to Iwate to watch this event, including guests from South Korea, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

This year's Japanese Competition added seven skills: Bricklaying, Restaurant Service, Car Painting, Refrigeration, IT PC/Network Support, Graphic Design and Telecommunications Distribution Technology. These skills were introduced in preparation for the WorldSkills Competition to be held in Helsinki next year, a step toward the 2007 WorldSkills Competition, which many speakers noted will be the third time for Japan to host a WorldSkills Competition. The 42 skills categories at Japanese event included Press Tool Making, Pattern Making, Construction Steel Work, Sheet Metal Work, Plastering, Fitting, Instrument Making, Conventional Turning and Conventional Milling. Some 30 competitors who qualified to represent Japan in Helsinki were congratulated and welcomed by His Excellency Mr. Eero Kalevi Salovaara, the Finnish Ambassador in Japan. He appeared on the screen at the awards ceremony, the climax of the event.



WorldSkills Technical Committee meeting in Helsinki

The Technical Committee meetings in Helsinki took place at the beginning of this month. This was one of the most successful meetings. Quite a number of major decisions were made. The Competition Rules were updated (first time since 1999). The Chairman of the Technical Committee has promised to the Technical Committee to update the Rules again 3 months after the Competition with the assistance of the Technical Delegates.

The amended Rules were proposed by the Chairman of the Technical Committee and were seconded by the former Chairman of the Technical Committee Franz Schropp. The decision was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Many new areas have been developed for Helsinki: a new Quality Management Manual for Experts has been updated by Anders Plesner from Sweden and his team.

A new discipline process has been proposed and accepted by Jean Marie Mean from Belgium for implementation at the Helsinki Competition. All of the Technical Delegates are committed that the 2005 competition will be the best ever! The three pillars integrity, fairness and transparency will be implemented both in substance and detail.

The Secretary General with the assistance of the Delegates has put together a new online test on the Competition Rules for experts. The Technical Delegates got a training on the Competition Information System in Hämeenlinna for the WorldSkills Competition in 2005. The Delegates were invited to a special organised reception and dinner by the Deputy Mayor of Hämeenlinna, Mr. Juha Isusuo.

Pictured on the right from left to right: Veijo Hintsanen (Vice Chairman Technical Committee), Franz Schropp (Technical Delegate), Liam Corcoran (Chairman Technical Committee). Franz being presented a gift of appreciation for his outstanding contribution.

Farewell to Technical Delegate and former Chairman of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee has requested WorldSkills to contact Franz Schropp's organisation to send him to Helsinki for training and support and to use his overall experience to help ensure the success of the Competition in 2005. Franz was warmly applauded by the Technical Committee for his enormous contribution to the WorldSkills Organisation in the past 30 years.



Portuguese nationals - also an opportunity to meet with their neighbour Spain

The 2004 Portuguese Skill Championships (9 -14 November) were held in the coastal city of Aveiro, famous for its ceramics and "moceiros" or gondola-like boats which were the motif of the Wall and Floor Tiling competition (pictured); just one of 30 skill categories and demonstrations which attracted over 15,000 visitors from all over Portugal. Guest competitors and experts from Brazil and Cape Verde Islands also participated in the Competition. The Competition took place in the Aveiro Vocational Training Centre, a state of the art facility built on the site of a large ceramics factory which was formerly at the industrial heart of the city. A special feature of the event was the inclusion of a cultural program of music, opera, photography, medieval skills demonstrations and a spectacular fireworks display. Fernando de Almeida Baptista, Vice President of IEFP, organisers of the Competition, also welcomed guests to a special symposium where an invited delegation of representatives from the adjoining Spanish regions presented papers on cross border cooperation concerning skills mobility



and labour market integration. WorldSkills President Jack Dusseldorp and Vice President Liam Corcoran were invited to attend the competition and also meet with the Spanish delegation to discuss Spain's possible return as a member to WorldSkills. Their invitation for Spain to send an observer delegation to the Helsinki Competition in May 2005 was warmly received. Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Jack Dusseldorp reminded the competitors that in 1950 a group of 12 Portuguese skilled youth set off for Madrid to participate in the first Iberian Skills Competition. "The spirit of challenge and achievement of those young people not only remains with you here in Portugal a half a century later, but has spread across the world to the 39 member countries of

WorldSkills, which was originally founded in 1953 as a result of the initiative of Spain and Portugal" he said. Liam Corcoran commended the organisers on the excellent technical set up of the competition and took the opportunity to meet with the Portuguese experts who will be participating in the upcoming WorldSkills Competition in Helsinki. Pictured is Jose Lourenco, an engineering teacher and judge at the Aveiro competition from Portalegre, who pioneered Polymechanics as a new skill category in the Portuguese Skills Championships following its inclusion within WorldSkills. Jose was an expert in Instrument Making in St Gallen where Portugal won the Bronze medal in CNC Milling, and Jose will now represent Portugal in Polymechanics in Helsinki.



Jose Lourenco

Events this month

- 3 - 5 Nov [Goldau, Switzerland EuroPaintingSkills](#)
- 9 - 14 Nov [Aveiro, Portugal Portuguese National Competitions](#)
- 22 - 26 Nov [CNFPC Esch/Alzette Luxemburg National Competitions](#)
- 25 - 27 Nov [Bozen Messe South Tyrol National Competitions](#)
- 25 - 27 Nov [Brussels Belgian National Competition](#)

Coming up for the 3rd time: the WorldSkills Leaders Forum!

Fast changing technology and toughening global competition are major challenges for the stakeholders in TVET worldwide. With its powerful networks, the WorldSkills Global Partners offer the opportunity to share best practices and innovate thinking in the WorldSkills Leaders Forum, promoting innovation, inspiration and networking towards the world class industrial skills essential to the achievement of sustainable industrial development and economic growth. This Forum will be an interactive event-"much more than just a conference!"-and networking platform for 150 participants. The event will take place on 25 and 26 May 2005. Interested in participating in this event? Please contact Sheila Ruigrok sheila.ruigrok@worldskills.org or dial +31 23 5311071.

Articles for next issue

The next issue will be published in December 2004. Please send your articles and photos to sheila.ruigrok@worldskills.org by 6 December 2004.



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