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Algeria to participate in WorldSkills

Thanks to a cooperation agreement, young technicians at Algeria's Institute for Electrical and Electro Mechanical Engineering will have the opportunity to train for a "guest" spot in the Team Mechatronics Competition in Helsinki next May which has attracted some 26 member countries.

WorldSkills President, Jack Dusseldorp, toured the Institute during a brief visit to Algiers at the invitation of Prof El-Hadi Khaldi, Minister of Vocational Education and Training to discuss Algeria's possible membership of WorldSkills. They agreed the best way to learn about WorldSkills was through the actual experience of the competition as well as participation in the Technical meetings and networking with other members.

The Minister informed Mr Dusseldorp that Algeria was already planning to conduct a first round of skill

competitions early in 2005, and will be sending an observer delegation to Helsinki. A key project underway in Algeria was the alignment of skill profiles, qualifications and workforce needs, and participation in benchmarking skills standards at the international level was an important complement to increasing the quality of training necessary for competitiveness in the global economy.

Festo, one of WorldSkills three global sponsor partners, has offered to support the preparation and training of a guest Algerian Mechatronics team to Helsinki, as part of its technical support agreement with the Algerian Ministry of Vocational Education and Training. Algeria is considering taking up Associate Membership in WorldSkills as a first step towards full membership in time for the 2007 Competition in Japan.



Jack Dusseldorp and Miloud Barkat, Institute Director



Belgian Team now identified...Helsinki, here we come!

The Belgian National Competition took place on 25 & 26 November in several Competence Centres located in the 3 regions of the country, featuring four categories of skills: construction, technologies (including metal work), artwork and crafts.

The event attracted a total of 110 competitors in 16 skills. The Awards Ceremony took place in the prestigious facility "AutoWorld" on 27 November. The Minister of Education for the Brussels Region, and representatives from the ministries for the Flemish and Walloon Regions attended the event. A concert closed the celebration. The next steps are some team building sessions at the sea- and countryside, and professional training sessions to prepare the team for the WorldSkills Competition in Helsinki in 2005. 'Needless to say, the winners require no motivational training; they're already at the top for the competition!'



How can we make WorldSkills more known to the world?

One of the answers is coming back in each issue: adding the WorldSkills logo with an active link on your homepages. In addition to this you could: publish the newsletter on your websites, send it to your board members and staff, to your (current and potential) sponsors and supporters, to all relevant government departments and government officials. Please feel free to further distribute the WorldSkills newsletter among your networks.

Who is next?

Both Korea and Norway have now added the WorldSkills logo with an active link to worldskills.org to their homepage. Which countries are next? For assistance please contact David Hoey at david.hoey@worldskills.org.

Brazilian national competition - an opportunity to meet with Latin American countries



The Chairman of the Technical Committee, Liam Corcoran visited the Brazilian National Competition, the "Olimpiada do Conhecimento", last August. He met with 23 people from 11 Latin American countries who were invited to experience a Competition in Brazil on a national level. These countries; Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Peru all expressed interest in WorldSkills.

Roberto Spada, the Technical Delegate from Brazil is intermediating

in assisting Latin American countries to join WorldSkills. Liam Corcoran complimented the Brazilian organisation on the excellence of the competitions stating clearly they were of world class standard. He also said he had seen a number of very good ideas that he would like to 'borrow' from the Brazilians and implement at the international level. Liam Corcoran particularly complimented Dr. Martins and Roberto Spada on having the national competitions running side by side with the South American conference on vocational education.

The President of Brazil, Mr Lula da Silva attended this event along with 7 government ministers. He was very grateful to SENAI as they had given him his first start in his professional life.

He was very emotional when he was shown the centre lathe that he worked



Pictured are Dr. Martins, Liam Corcoran and Roberto Spada.

on during his apprenticeship. President Lula da Silva addressed the Brazilian competitors with many words of encouragement emphasising that vocational education was a pathway to future success for him.

Global Skills Village – have you submitted your presentation and reserved your exhibition space?

The Global Skills Village will bring together WorldSkills members, vocational education professionals, teachers, those responsible for the vocational education and other interested parties from industry, the labour organization and government involved in enhancing vocational skills.

The core of Global Skills Village is the International Village, a meeting place, where WorldSkills Members can present e.g. their national vocational education systems and vocational skills competitions and all participants can exchange information and experiences.

There will be a stage for all WorldSkills Members and other participants to present different kind of programmes, targeted mainly to the wider public.

The aim of the stage programme is to bring a truly international atmosphere to the Global Skills Village, with music, dance and other kinds of presentations of different cultures. Interviews and short informative presentations or demonstrations are also welcome.

We already have reservations from many members for exhibition space to allow them to promote and showcase their culture and their training systems. Hurry and book now as we have limited space remaining.

We also have a number of proposals for

short seminars and presentations. How about you?

If you are interested in presenting a programme or organising a seminar in Global Skills Village, download the [invitation and instructions for contribution](#).

If you want to reserve exhibition space at the International Village, download the brochure that contains also other information about [services offered in the Fair Center](#).

Note that the deadline for programme proposals is 31 January 2005. For further information www.globalskillsvillage.com or contact Kati Lundgren from Skills Finland at kati.lundgren@skillsfinland.com

Image bank at

www.wsc2005helsinki.com

The Image Bank for Helsinki 2005 (www.wsc2005helsinki.com) provides details and resources for members on all aspects of terminology, logos, typography & colour palettes, and associated downloads. You can also download the updated graphical guidelines to ensure correct use of all elements.



What's new from our members?

Jamaica, one of WorldSkills newest members, has recently launched their new website.

The member organisation in Jamaica is the HEART Trust/NTA. It provides policy analysis, planning technical assistance, instructor training accreditation, funding, vocational curriculum development, and development of training and facilities standards.

[Click here](#) to visit their site.



Training session FI: WorldSkills Discussion Forums

Skills Finland recently ran a group training session for their experts and one topic was the use of the WorldSkills Discussion Forums. Experts, Technical Delegates, Jury Presidents, Workshop Supervisors and other associated or invited people use the WorldSkills Discussion Forums to communicate, collaborate and coordinate the development of the Test Project and the overall development of this skill category for the WorldSkills Competition.

The online forums are an important element of the increased focus on productivity and effectiveness, fairness and transparency of the upcoming Competition in Helsinki. Tommi Saarinen (CIS developer) conducted the training that was enthusiastically received by the experts. Skills Netherlands has also conducted group training for their experts to fast-track their knowledge and use of the forums.

Which member is next?

Interview with Henrik Willberg; will we see him competing at the WorldSkills Competition?

Henrik Willberg is an 18 year old student at Perho, a school for restaurant service in Helsinki. He has been interviewed about the profession of waiter by Aurora Lankinen, a second year student at the franco-finlandais school in Helsinki. Henrik is doing a course to become a waiter. The majority of the restaurants in Helsinki work with students from Perho. Henrik will participate in the competitions that take place at Perho. The selection of the 4 best waiters will take place in January 2005. It will then be decided who will represent Finland in this skill at the WorldSkills Competition in May.

"I really hope I may compete in the International Competition. I have chosen this profession because I like to be in contact with other people and

being of service to them. I have learnt lots about the different types of products.

Also about how to serve food and beverages, in which order, how to communicate and behave with a client and in which way to put the cutlery on the tables. My working hours are irregular. Sometimes a working day can be 12 hours.

I have worked in different restaurants: the Paloheinä Golf Big Horn Steak House and G.W. Sundmans, which is a very distinguished restaurant and I am training at Nokka at the moment."

When asked the question, "what are the advantages and disadvantages of this profession?", Henrik answers "I like it to deal with different situations and no day is the same. There are lots of good sides to this profession. I am very interested in everything that has to do with beverages. I like to organise a nice evening with good meals and

beverages. I think the bad side of this profession is that you work with shifts and you are never know far in advance how your schedule will look like. The most difficult things for me to learn were the words used in French."



Left: Miia Sironen, trainee, Right: Henrik Willberg; picture taken by Hanna Miettinen

Update on the WorldSkills Leaders Forum

The WorldSkills Leaders Forum is embedded into the Global Skills Village and WorldSkills Competition.

Conference objective:

For delegates to learn new strategies and methods from the five Leaders Forum themes, and to build partnerships and networks focussing on specific aspects of TVET with representatives from all stakeholders.

Target Groups

- European Commission Representatives

- Government bodies and ministries from industrial and developing countries
- Non Government and Private Sector Representatives
- Labour Market Organisations (Chamber of Commerce Representatives)
- International institutions and training organisations: CEDEFOP, Ecosocial Forum of Europe, EFVET, ETF, GTZ, ILO, ISESCO, IVETA, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, TVE, UNESCO, UNEVOC, UNIDO
- Financial institutions: ADB, AFDB, EBRD, IBRD, WorldBank.

The themes of the WorldSkills Leaders forum 2005 will be:

- Tackling the Challenges of Change and Global Competition;
- Strategies for Bridging Technology and Skills Gaps;
- Generating Wealth with Skills;
- The Importance of Human Resources for Sustainable Development;
- Transition from School to Work.

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Billboards all around Helsinki

Skills Finland has started serious promotion and marketing of the 2005 Competition to the Finnish public.

Pictured is one of the many billboards "Young. Skilled. Talented" appearing around the streets of Helsinki.

Posters and marketing material is available – contact Markku Lahtinen markku.lahtinen@skillsfinland.com at Skills Finland.



Articles for next issue

The next issue will be published in January 2005. Please send your articles and photos to sheila.ruigrok@worldskills.org by 10 January 2005.

Events January 2005

19 - 21 Jan	Worb, Switzerland
19 - 21 Jan	Turku, Finland
20 - 22 Jan	Nantes, France

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