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NEWS FROM WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL



Editorial

By: Michelle Bussey, Marketing and Communications, WorldSkills International

Welcome to the WorldSkills International Newsletter. The WorldSkills International Newsletter is one of the many informational and promotional tools that we use to inform Members, partners, volunteers and the general public about the latest activities and initiatives happening throughout the world as part of the WorldSkills movement.

We would like to increase the variety of articles that are in each issue. Each WorldSkills Member is doing wonderful things in their country/region and we would like to share that news. If you have a new project or initiative that you would like to tell the world about, please send a half page article, some pictures and a website link (if possible) to michelle.bussey@worldskills.org.

An upcoming WorldSkills International initiative is to gather and capture the international media attention that the WorldSkills movement receives throughout the world. Therefore, if you get local media attention (articles, news clips, radio time, etc...) please let us know by sending an email announcing it to michelle.bussey@worldskills.org. This will create a valuable resource for all WorldSkills Members to be able to draw crucial quotes, statistics and information from. It would be put on an accessible page of the WorldSkills International website (www.worldskills.org).

Together we can raise the awareness and profile of the WorldSkills movement throughout the world.



WorldSkills International News

Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture – Patron of 2007 WorldSkills Leaders Forum

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Yoshinobu Ishikawa, Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture, is the Patron of the 2007 WorldSkills Leaders Forum and he extends a warm welcome to everyone to visit the International Skills Festival for All in November 2007. Please visit www.worldskillsleadersforum.com for a video message from the Governor personally welcoming the world to Shizuoka.

The WorldSkills Leaders Forum is an integral component of the WorldSkills VIP Experience Program. For the Competition in Japan, WSI is providing a specialized program for leaders from around the world to come, explore, and participate in the WorldSkills VIP Experience Program. The VIP Experience Program is a customizable and flexible program designed specifically for leaders in government, industry, associations and education. To learn more please visit the WorldSkills Leaders Forum website: www.worldskillsleadersforum.com.



Mr. Yoshinobu Ishikawa - Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture.

Upcoming WorldSkills International Initiatives

Harnessing the Resources of Members

WorldSkills International would like to develop a library of resources for all Members to access and use. All Members create useful and innovative resources for education, promotion and marketing. Often Members are spending resources on the same things without knowing it. Therefore WorldSkills International would like to ask Members to please send any material that you have created to WorldSkills International and we will create a comprehensive resource section on our website for all Members to access and share. If you wish to send some material in please contact Michelle Bussey at michelle.bussey@worldskills.org.

Skills Xchange Program

If you're a WorldSkills Member, associated employer, former competitor or expert who is interested in learning more about the Skills Xchange pilot please contact Mikaeli Costello - mikaeli@dsf.org.au. Read on to find out more about this new WorldSkills International initiative which was endorsed by the Executive Board at its recent meeting in Bangalore India.

Following the WorldSkills Youth Forum held in Melbourne, Australia in May 2006, it was agreed among the 35 Youth Forum representatives from 16 WorldSkills Members that an international Skills Xchange program should be developed for Members of the WorldSkills International family to enhance the development of WorldSkills Champions into global skills specialists.

Ten WorldSkills Members have agreed to take part in a Skills Xchange Pilot Program that will be presented at the WorldSkills Strategy Committee Meeting held in Rotterdam, Netherlands in March 2007.

The Skills Xchange Program has been designed specifically to build greater post-Competition connections between WorldSkills International and the WorldSkills Champions, allowing WorldSkills Champions the opportunity to expand their skills base whilst working with people from different cultures in a foreign setting.

As the WorldSkills family is built upon a committed network of WorldSkills champions and exemplary employers and after considerable consultation with Members, a Skills Xchange pilot has been designed to provide equal benefits to both WorldSkills champions and participating employers. The pilot hopes to begin its initial stages in March this year.

Coming soon: A feature on WorldSkills Competitors and Skills Xchange.





A Review of the International Abilympics

By: **Michelle Bussey, Marketing and Communications, WorldSkills International**

The 39th WorldSkills Competition will be held in conjunction with the 7th International Abilympics under the overarching banner of "International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007."



The 7th International Abilympics (IA2007) aims to:

- Raise awareness among the general public and employers regarding employment of persons with disabilities
- Facilitate participation of contestants with various disabilities
- Increase the number of participating countries and regions
- Secure fairness and transparency in each contest

The WorldSkills Competition and the International Abilympics will share their Opening Ceremonies at the Granship in Shizuoka, Japan, although the two events are held in different locations. The WorldSkills Competition is taking place in Numazu City and the International Abilympics is taking place in Shizuoka City.

The International Abilympics group their skills into two broad categories: vocational skills, and leisure and living skills. The vocational skills category contains skills such as: computer programming, dress making, and furniture making. It also contains skills such as: photography, dental techniques and artificial limb making. When you take a look at the skills under leisure and living there are only four skills: embroidery, hand-knitting, painting and pottery. A trip to see the International Abilympics would be well worth the travel because it will give you a chance to see even more skills in action and to see highly skilled disabled people competing to be the best in their categories.

The International Abilympics share the same Opening Ceremonies as the WorldSkills Competition (November 14, 2007). The International Abilympics only have three days of competition (November 15, 16 and 17, 2007) followed by the Closing Ceremonies on November 18.

The International Abilympics also has an impressive amount of non-competition activities: International Symposium, Performing Arts Festival, and Demonstrations and Exhibitions.

If you are interested in learning more about the International Abilympics please visit their website: www.skillsfestival2007.or.jp/abilympics/en/.

STORIES FROM THE WORLDSKILLS MEMBERS



"Skillion" the WorldSkills Singapore mascot

Singapore's most skilful take centre stage

By: **Liang Hwee Ming, WorldSkills Singapore**

Muhammad Sufyan bin Zainalabidin, 19, did not expect to see a steady stream of visitors peering at him during the three days of the Finals of WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2006, organised by ITE with the support of the Polytechnics.

The Mechanical Engineering Drawing & Design CADD competitor from Singapore Polytechnic recalled, "There were visitors looking at me while I worked, but I did not let them distract me. Instead, I concentrated fully on the tasks I needed to do and was very focused." Sufyan's focus paid off, when he won the Gold Medal in his competition area. He was among the 130 finalists who pitted their skills at the WSS 2006 competition areas.

Held once every two years, WorldSkills Singapore enables technically-skilled Singaporean youths to meet and compete in their skill areas. Its aim is to promote the value of skills and raise the standards of skills excellence through competitions. The competition was officially opened by Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of State for Education and Manpower on 13 July



2006. President S R Nathan presented the awards to top winners at the Closing Ceremony on 20 July 2006.

Gold Medallists like Sufyan stand a chance to represent Singapore on an international platform – the 39th WorldSkills Competition, to be held in Shizuoka, Japan, in November 2007.

New Competition Areas, New Challenges

2006 saw the debut of two new competitions this year, namely Robotics and Telecommunications Distribution Technology.

For Ivan Khor Zhi Yuan of Nanyang Polytechnic, being the pioneer Gold Medallist of the Telecommunications Distribution Technology means a lot to him. Said Ivan: "Winning the medal is an affirmation that I can do well. I have always considered myself an average student, so it's reassuring to know that I am good in this area. It is challenging to be the first competitor to represent Singapore in this area, as we do not know what to expect at the international competition."

Networking with Past and Future Competitors

At the Opening Ceremony, Mr Gan announced the establishment of the WorldSkills Singapore Network (WSN) – a platform where past WSS finalists can come together to add value to the WSS competitions. Explained Mr Gan: "The WSN will provide a platform for all WorldSkills Singapore finalists – future and past – to network and promote professional interest. At the same time, they form the best resources to help Singapore raise the standards of training and preparation for the WorldSkills Competition."

Spearheading the WSN is Tan Kian Ann, Gold Medallist in Information Technology – Software Applications in Seoul, Korea, in 2001. Said Kian Ann, who is currently an undergraduate at the National University of Singapore: "I think people who have experienced the WorldSkills Competition are very special people, and I really want to see what can happen when they work together with past and present competitors! I also hope to be able to mentor more "WorldSkills quality" youth in Singapore."

For more information please visit:

http://www.ite.edu.sg/about_ite/infinite/infinite_85/85_3.html

<http://www.worldskills.sg/wsn/>



The 4th Guangzhou/Hong Kong/Macau Youth Skills Competition

By: External Relations Office, Vocational Training Council, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Vocational Training Council (VTC) played host to the 4th Guangzhou/Hong Kong/Macau Youth Skills Competition (GHMYSC) on 5 November 2006, with co-organizers, Bureau of Labour and Social Security of Guangzhou Municipality and Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau. The Competition, which aimed at promoting the exchange of vocational training among the three cities and enhancing the skill level of young people, was held at the Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre at Kowloon Bay and Hospitality Industry Training & Development Centre at Pokfulam with 42 young competitors from the three cities. There were five skills, namely: Western Cookery, Web Design, Mechatronics, Beauty Care, and Electrical System Installation.

Alongside the Competition, seminars were held with prominent speakers focusing on the latest updates on industries as well as information on career advancement. The Competition and seminars attracted many visitors from the industries, schools, vocational education and training practitioners, officials of government departments and non-government organizations of the three cities.

Technical Judges from the three cities concluded after the Competition that the skill level was greatly enhanced this year, which lead to a tight competition. The skill level was so great that in the Western Cookery trade there were two winners.

Both winners of the Western Cookery competition were from



the Hong Kong team and both were graduates from the Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre. Mr. Wai-ting Wong, who currently works in the Peninsula Hotel, attributed their success to the fact that Hong Kong was a multicultural city, and the dishes prepared by them were more trendy. Another champion, Mr. Kin-man LO, who worked in the Island Shangri-la, said the Competition enabled him to compare notes with counterparts from Guangzhou and Macau, who also updated him of the latest development in the industry of the two cities.



During the Prize Presentation Ceremony, the Honourable Andrew Leung, VTC Chairman, said that the Competition was a good reflection of the realities of the three cities. On the surface, the three cities look like competitors, yet in fact, they help, complement and inspire each other. Like the Bureau of Labour and Social Security of Guangzhou Municipality and Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau, the VTC shouldered the responsibility of enhancing the level of local manpower.



Dr NG Tat-lun, Leader of the Hong Kong Team, said the Competition promoted the exchange and development among the three cities, and helped publicise vocational education and training, which in the long run would benefit the economic development and employment of all.

Dr Carrie Willis, Executive Director of the VTC, was confident that building on the experience of the past and present, the future competitions would be even more successful. The event is held in Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Macau in rotation and will be held every other year hereafter. The next Competition will be held in Guangzhou in 2008.

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For more information:

Website of Hong Kong Youth Skills Competition
<http://youthskills.vtc.edu.hk>

Website of GHMYSC

http://www.vtc.edu.hk/it/gz_hk_mc/ghm.htm

(The websites are in Chinese)



“Skills for Life” Dinner in London with Olympics

By: Jacqui Henderson, CEO UK Skills

The “Skills for Life” Dinner is an annual dinner hosted by Phil Hope, the Minister for Skills in the United Kingdom, to celebrate the contribution made by businesses and business leaders towards helping their staff and others to improve their skills for life including reading, communications and numeracy.

Phil Hope made a significant reference to the importance of the UK’s success in winning the bid to host the 2011 WorldSkills Competition in London and in welcoming Tjerk Dusseldorp, David Hoey and Richard Walker to the dinner, remarking on the strong partnership between the three organisations (WorldSkills Calgary 2009, WorldSkills London 2011, WorldSkills International). The guest speaker was the writer Andy McNabb who spoke vividly of the way in which the Army helped him to overcome his own lack of confidence and ability in skills.



Richard Walker - President and CEO WSC Calgary 2009, Jacqui Henderson - Chief Executive Interim WSC2011 UK Skills, Tjerk Dusseldorp - President WorldSkills International, Phil Hope - Minister for Skills, David Hoey: Secretary General WorldSkills International.

For more information:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/>





His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan to act as Honorary President of Japan Organising Committee for the “International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007”

By: JOCISF

His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince Naruhito has assumed the office of Honorary President, Japan Organising Committee for the “International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007” (JOCISF). The term of office of Honorary President commences 18 January and lasts until 21 November 2007.

When the 1st International Abilitylympics were held in Japan in 1981, His Majesty the Emperor Akihito, then His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, also assumed the office of Honorary President, Japan Organising Committee for the International Abilitylympics. As part of his role during the 1st International Abilitylympics he attended the opening ceremony.

ISF2007 Mascots Visited Media in Tokyo!

On 18 January 2007, just 300 days before the opening ceremony of the "International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007" (ISF2007), Japan Organizing Committee for ISF2007 (JOCISF) visited the headquarters of 11 newspaper companies in Tokyo with "Skillson" and "Wazabee." The purpose of the visits was to announce the 300-day countdown campaign for the "ISF2007" in order to raise people's awareness and develop an atmosphere of excitement for the Competition. Skillson and Wazabee were designed in October 2006 as the official mascots for ISF2007. Skillson and Wazabee were enthusiastically welcomed by the media and they look forward to seeing you in November, 2007.



For more information:

www.skillsfestival2007.or.jp



Confederation of Indian Industry - Partnership Summit 2007

By: David Hoey, Secretary General, WSI

The 2007 Partnership Summit was held in Bangalore, India from 17-19 January. The theme for 2007 was “Emergent India: New Roles and Responsibilities” and the WorldSkills International Executive Board were invited as guests with the President Mr Jack Dusseldorp being a keynote speaker.

The Partnership Summit, which started as an event to mark the centenary of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), has become one of the most important international business events in India. It aims to further partnerships, to build ideologies based on shared dreams and visions that bind societies together in our knowledge driven world.

The Summit helps enhance India's image abroad by showcasing the Indian competencies and capabilities. The Summit has attracted names like Tony Blair, Prime Minister, UK; Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister, Singapore; Alexander Kwasniewski, President of Poland; Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of Italy (1998); John Major, Prime Minister, UK (1997), Jiri Paroubek, Prime Minister of Czech Republic (2006) and various others.

The Summit brings together Heads of States and Governments, ministers, senior bureaucrats, academicians and CEOs. Nations, states, corporate and individuals network and strategise to tap the power of ideas and forge mutually beneficial partnerships at various levels. The Summit is attended by CEOs, Managing Directors and other senior people from large industry houses; Government officials; international delegates.

Jack Dusseldorp, President of WorldSkills International presented alongside General SS Mehta, Director General CII, Chris Humphries, Director General City and Guilds UK and Su Guanng, President of Nanyang Technological University Singapore in the



session with the theme "Nurturing Assets: People." Each speaker addressed the audience with the following questions in mind "Is India heading towards the next thirty years of reaping demographic dividends or is it entering a phase when its biggest asset – people, would become its most debilitating liability? It is estimated that about 70 million people would be added to India's working age population every year for the next 5 years. How are they to be gainfully employed? What would be social manifestations of large scale unemployment? On the other hand, what can India achieve if this tremendous resource is well managed? The question is: is India ready for its people?"

Mr Dusseldorp's presentation focussed on "Skills: The New Global Currency" sharing the challenges and benefits of involvement in WorldSkills as a catalyst to mobilise a nation wide effort to raise skills standards and harness the support of all the key stakeholders in vocational education and training.

Click [here to download Jack Dusseldorp's full speech.](#)



Confederation of Indian Industry and WorldSkills International - Skills Summit 2007

By: David Hoey, Secretary General, WSI

On the 19th January 2007, the Confederation of Indian Industry hosted a Skills Summit with the theme "Making India the Skills Capital of the World." The event was co-branded with WorldSkills International and involved all members of the WSI Executive Board.

The inaugural session of "Skills Development is one of the most important global issues" featured Mr Jack Dusseldorp, President of WorldSkills International and Mr Shri Oscar Fernandes, Minister of State for Labor and Employment. Mr Fernandes and Mr Dusseldorp also had the honour of presenting prizes to the winners of the National Skills Competitions.

The second session was a presentation introducing WorldSkills International to the audience. David Hoey, Secretary General used slides and movies to give an overview of the international organisation and Competition and 3 members of the WSI Executive Board (Liam Corcoran-VP Technical Affairs/ Technical Delegate Ireland, Yoo-Bae Kim, Vice Chair Strategy Committee/Korea and Terry Cooke – Chairman Skills Compétence Canada/Board Member WorldSkills Calgary 2009/Official Delegate Canada) gave different perspectives on the benefits to their respective countries as Members of WorldSkills International.

The third session was focussed on "Skills Development in the Unorganised Sector: Role of Financial Institutions". Speakers addressed the role of private equity in building sustainable models and the role of micro finance institutions.

The fourth and final session was a panel discussion addressing the "Role of Stakeholders in Skills Development". The six panelists focussed on what the role of Government, Industry, Academia and Vocational Training Providers should be in an ideal Public Private Partnership.

The Skills Summit was very well attended and the enthusiasm from all participants was very evident as this amazing country looks at its growth opportunities, its roles and responsibilities nationally and globally and the corresponding challenges.





Team Australia 'Skillaroos' setting their sights on Japan

By: Josie D'Arino, National Marketing & Communications Manager, WorldSkills Australia

Team Australia has been announced! The 28 young Australians, who will be representing the country at the WorldSkills Competition in Japan in November 2007, were officially introduced to the public on November 23, 2006 at Doltone House, Sydney. Each competitor was announced by the Hon Gary Hardgrave MP, Federal Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.

The day was marked by Japanese Taiko drummer and flautist, Tatsuo Sekiguchi, who performed amongst media, board members, industry experts and VIPs. Minister Hardgrave MP officially introduced each Team Australia 'Skillaroo' competitor and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

Craig Dearden, a WorldSkills Australia International medallist, addressed the new Skillaroos and provided advice and his memories of the WorldSkills Competition in Helsinki 2005. Another past competitor and medallist from the Helsinki team, Jarrod Langdon, officially presented the team with the Australian flag, which was received by representative and Electrical Installation competitor, John Rudge. The flag is a gift that will be passed on to every Australian Team during each WorldSkills Competition.

The competitors have already shown commitment and dedication that exceeds the standards of many young Australians. Their preparation for the WorldSkills Competition will be intense and will test the dedication, skills, and strength of all competitors.

Competitors will team up with their category experts and face an arduous year of training and preparation. The next major step is the Training Camp from January 19-21 in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria. This will be a personal and intensive program where all the team mates and experts will meet and train together for the first time along with Team Leaders, Rachel Wallace and Dave O'Donnell.

Team Australia competitors will not only face the pressures of excelling in their categories, but also defending or beating Australia's current 9th place ranking in the world – a great legacy from the preceding Australian team in Helsinki, 2005.

For more information:
<http://www.worldskills.org.au/>



(l-r) Minister Hardgrave MP - Consular General for Japan, Sydney, Mr Tsukasa Kawada - Chairman of WorldSkills Australia, Mr Bob Puffett - AM and Mark Callaghan - Chief Executive Officer of WorldSkills Australia



Jarrod Langdon presenting flag to John Rudge



Mr Tatsuo Sekiguchi



Team Australia with Minister Gary Hardgrave MP

FOCUS ON NEW WORLDSKILLS MEMBERS

Estonia becomes the 47th Member of WorldSkills International

During the last WorldSkills Competition in Helsinki Finland in 2005, Estonia was able to send over some observers to better understand and see the WorldSkills movement in action. The chance to actually observe the WorldSkills Competition showed them the magnitude and the possibilities of the WorldSkills movement. Since then, they have been working with WorldSkills International to become Members.

Through the Foundation for Lifelong Learning Development Innove, Estonia has recently been accepted as the 47th Member of WorldSkills International. As part of their Membership application they write about the importance of vocational education training in Estonia. "A highly skilled labour force has become a decisive factor in influencing the ultimate survival and competitiveness of Estonian enterprises within the global economy. In a rapidly changing world of work, young people and adults have to make informed choices about choosing or changing careers, obtaining relevant knowledge and experience to be successful in the labour market. Foundation Innove was established to promote initiatives and activities of lifelong learning through Estonian and EU



programmes in the area of human resources development. The mission of Foundation of Lifelong Learning Development Innove is to offer experience, advice and support to the organisations providing vocational education and training, lifelong learning, and the learning members of society.”

Interestingly, Estonia has been holding Skills Competitions in their region for numerous years. The first competition was a farming competition in 1993. Every year since they have continued to host Skills Competitions and have continued to add new skills. They have held competitions in 23 different skills throughout the past 13 years. With their previous experience and their link to the vocational education and training in Estonia, they bring a lot of expertise and knowledge to the WorldSkills movement.

Please join us in welcoming Estonia to the WorldSkills International.

For more information:
www.innove.ee



Bricklaying competition, held in December 2006.



Bakery and confectioner / pastry cook competition, held in December 2006



Bakery and confectioner / pastry cook competition, held in December 2006

India becomes the 48th Member of WorldSkills International

For the past several years India has been observing WorldSkills International. Toward the end of 2006, India submitted an application for Membership with WorldSkills International and at the recent Executive Board Meeting in Bangalore, India, they were accepted as the 48th Member of WorldSkills International.

The organisation that will be the official Member is Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded over 111 years ago, it is India's premier business association, with a direct membership of over 6300 organizations from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 90,000 companies from around 336 national and regional sectoral associations.

As India's biggest employer association, vocational education and training has been a major mandate of CII. The CII is directly involved in the management of the Government lead Industrial Training Institutes (ITI).

In October 2004, CII conceived and launched its own Skills Development Initiative, with a vision to make "India the Skills Capital of the World". It took upon itself the task of being a catalyst in creating a skills movement in the country by "skilling a million Indians" in the 1st phase.

The CII has been running skills competitions within India for 17 years.

During the recent Skills Summit in January 2007 in Bangalore, India Tjerk Dusseldorp, President of WorldSkills International read a speech. Here is a part of his speech: "While India maybe WorldSkills 48th member; by size of its population alone, India more than doubles the potential of our global mission to reach young people everywhere. And I understand that since 1998, CII has been directly involved in the management of the government lead Industrial Training Institutes and now chairs 51 of the initial 84 Institute upgrades to centres of excellence.

Please join us in welcoming India to WorldSkills International.

For more information:
<http://www.ciionline.org/>



Upcoming WorldSkills Events

Do you have events that you want to see here? Send them to michelle.bussey@worldskills.org by the first of every month.

Date:	Event:	Website/Contact:
Nov. '06 – Mar. '07	Preselection Competitions - Belgium	www.skillsbelgium.be
Nov. '06 – Mar. '07	Preselection Competitions - Austria	www.worldskills.at
Dec. '06 - May '07	Preselection Competitions - Switzerland	www.swisscompetence.ch
Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2007	National Skills Competition – Taitaja, Finland	www.skillsfinland.com
Mar. 12 – 16, 2007	Portuguese National Competition – Portugal - Portalegre	www.iefp.pt
Mar. 15 - 17, 2007	Skills Masters - Netherlands	www.skills-netherlands.nl
Mar. 16 - 17, 2007	Strategy Committee Meeting - Rotterdam, Netherlands	www.worldskills.org
Mar. 28 - 31st, 2007	French National Competition – Amiens, France	www.cofom.org/
Mar. 20 – 24 & May 2007	National Skills Competition - Ireland	www.education.ie
Apr. – Oct. 2007	UK-wide Competitions - UK	www.skillschallengecompetitions.org.uk
Apr. 11 - 16, 2007	Technical Committee Meeting - Shizuoka, Japan	www.worldskills.org
Apr. 16 - 20, 2007	Skills Competitions as part of the International Industrial Hannover Fair – Hannover Messe, Hannover, Germany	www.hannovermesse.de
Apr. 17 - 21, 2007	1st CroatiaSkills Competition (National Competition) – Zagreb, Croatia	www.croatiaskills.hr
Apr. 23 – 27, 2007	1st "New" National Skills Competition – Madrid, Spain	www.mec.es/skills-spain
June 6 - 9, 2007	13th Canadian Skills Competition – Saskatoon, SK, Canada	www.skillscanada.com
June 25 - 29, 2007	43rd annual National Leadership & Skills Conference - USA	www.skillsusa.org/events/nlsc.shtml
August 2007	Olimpíada do Conhecimento Goiás - Goiânia-Goiás, Brazil	www.senai.br
Nov. 14 - 21, 2007	39th WorldSkills Competition – Shizuoka, Japan	www.worldskills2007.com
Apr. 2008	National Competition, Jamaica	www.heart-nta.org
Sep. 8 – 12, 2008	General Assembly & Leaders Forum – Vienna, Austria	www.worldskills.org
Sept 18 - 20, 2008	EuroSkills Competition – Rotterdam, NL	www.euroskills2008.nl
Sep. 2 - 5, 2009	40th WorldSkills Competition – Calgary, Alberta, Canada	www.worldskills2009.com
Oct. 6 - 9, 2011	41st WorldSkills Competition – London, England, UK	www.worldskills2011.com



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