Annual Report 2006

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worldskills international

Mission

To promote, through the cooperative actions of Members, a worldwide awareness of the essential contribution that skills and high standards of competence make to the achievement of economic success and individual fulfilment.

Executive Board

Tjerk (Jack) Dusseldorp (AU)
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Vice President Special Affairs & Treasurer

Yoo Bae Kim (KR)
Vice Chairman Strategy Committee

Veijo Hintsanen (FI)
Vice Chairman Technical Committee

Yoshika Okubo (JP)
Ex-officio (2007 host member)

Terry Cooke (CA)
Ex-officio (2009 host member)

Objectives

1. Market WorldSkills International by drawing on the global efforts of Member organisations.
2. Position the WorldSkills Competition as the premier world event for skills recognition and advancement.
3. Develop a new modern identity and a flexible structure to support the global activities of WorldSkills International.
4. Develop strategic partnerships with selected corporate, government and non-government organisations to further the aims of WorldSkills International.
5. Disseminate information and share knowledge about skill standards and WorldSkills International performance benchmarks, especially via the World Wide Web.
6. Facilitate networking among WorldSkills International Experts to develop new opportunities for skills development and innovation.
7. Encourage the transfer of skills, knowledge, and cultural exchange between participants in WorldSkills International and other young people across the world.

To achieve these objectives WorldSkills International will:

> Challenge young people, their teachers, trainers, and employers to achieve world-class standards of competence in commerce, services and industry, and to promote the status of vocational training.
> Conduct WorldSkills Competitions in alternate years.
> Promote the exchange of ideas and experience in vocational training through seminars, meetings and competitions.
> Disseminate information on world-class standards of competence.
> Seek to motivate young people to pursue further education and training relevant to their careers.
> Facilitate communication and contacts between vocational training organisations around the world.
> Encourage the exchange of young professionals among the Members.

Executive Board

Back row:
Terry Cooke
Laurent Thibault
Yoo Bae Kim
Veijo Hintsanen
Yoshika Okubo

Front row:
Marie-Thérèse Geffroy
Jack Dusseldorp
Liam Corcoran

President's Report

Tjerk (Jack) Dusseldorp

The dramatic growth in the membership of WorldSkills International (5 new countries in 2006) is a reflection of the fact that skills are now very much a highly valued global currency and that WorldSkills, in effect, acts as a gold standard for this skills currency.

A consequence of WorldSkills' rapid growth has been that more Member countries are interested in hosting the biennial world championships. This was evidenced by the hotly contested right to host our 2011 Competition. This was voted by our General Assembly in May 2006 where London UK were the winners and we now look forward to Worldskills London 2011.

The biggest improvements in the WorldSkills Organisation over the past couple of years have been two fold. Firstly, the level of service and information flow to our Members. This has been made possible by funding a full time secretariat staffed by young professionals with the skills needed to maximise the use of the internet and associated communication technologies.

Secondly, we conducted the first WorldSkills Youth Forum of past competitors alongside our 2006 General Assembly meeting. Some 34 past competitors from 16 of our Member countries met over a week and produced a wide ranging report full of insights and recommendations that we are progressively implementing. It was their idea to launch the Champions Exchange. From now on, Youth Forums will become a standard part of our organisational life to ensure we continue to deliver a truly competitive WorldSkills Experience to all our participants.

2007 will be a very busy and exciting year as we go to Japan for WorldSkills Shizuoka 2007 Competition. As well as ensuring that the Shizuoka Competition is the best ever, we have many initiatives and strategic objectives to focus on and continue to develop and deliver: WorldSkills Champions on the World Stage, WorldSkills Portal, WorldSkills Champions Exchange, WorldSkills Youth Forum, increased media engagement to name a few.

I would like to recognize the contribution of the Executive Board in leading the organization plus all the delegates who have actively participated in Working Groups. Board members and delegates contribute much personal time as do the hundreds, indeed thousands, of volunteers around the globe who make up the growing WorldSkills movement.

Secretary General's Report

David Hoey

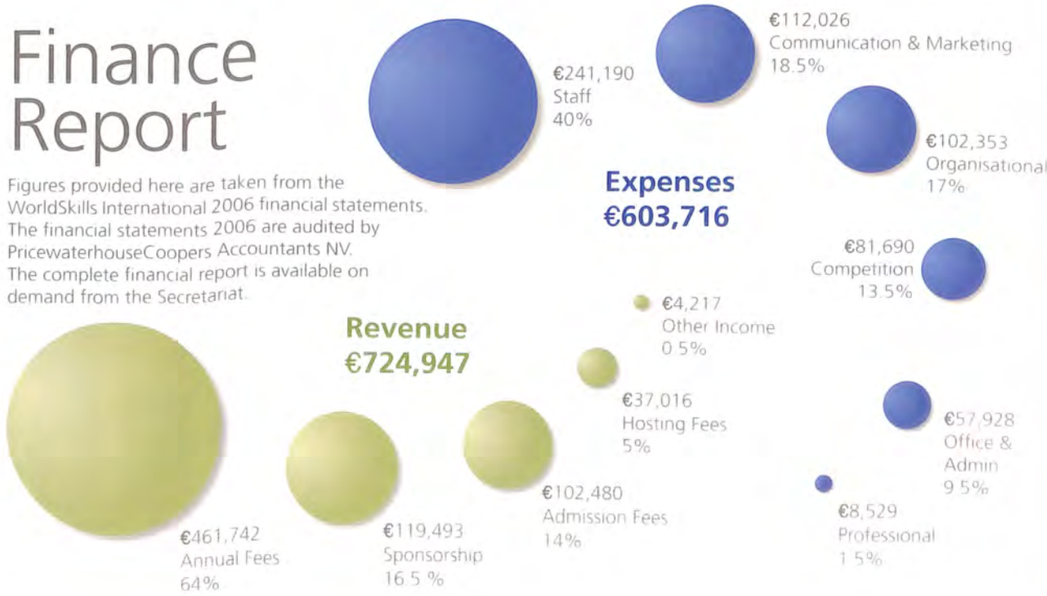
2006 was another exciting year for the organisation as briefly described in our President's report above. We continued to capitalise on the success of WorldSkills Helsinki 2005 Competition and harnessed a growing engagement with a wider circle of stakeholders. We achieved many operational and technical improvements while ensuring we also stayed focussed on the larger strategic opportunities and objectives.

The 2006 General Assembly was an important and successful series of meetings.

Through increased revenue we were able to host a number of working groups that provide an important focus to our ongoing development as an international membership organisation.

Finance Report

Figures provided here are taken from the WorldSkills International 2006 financial statements. The financial statements 2006 are audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants NV. The complete financial report is available on demand from the Secretariat.



2006 WorldSkills International Events

Date	Event
January 19–21, 2006	Executive Board Meeting, Madrid, Spain
May 6–10, 2006	General Assembly (Executive Board meeting, Technical Committee meeting, Strategy Committee meeting, General Assembly meeting), Melbourne, Australia WorldSkills Leaders Forum, Melbourne, Australia WorldSkills Youth Forum, Melbourne, Australia
July 13–14, 2006	Technical Working Group, London, UK
July 15–16, 2006	Competition Information System (CIS) Development Group Meeting, London, UK
September 17–22, 2006	Technical Working Group and Executive Board Meeting, Shizuoka, Japan
November 9–11, 2006	WS Calgary, WS London and WS International joint meeting, London, UK
November 13–14, 2006	Global Sponsor Partner Meeting, London, UK
November 16–19, 2006	Technical Working Group, Tokyo, Japan

2006 Web Statistics

Number of hits in non-competition year

Once again www.worldskills.org has reached a record number of visitors. During 2006 (a non-competition year) the website attracted over 5.5 million hits which is just a slight decrease from 2005 which was a competition year. We are expecting 2007 to be even higher due to added promotion and awareness-building in non-Member countries/regions.

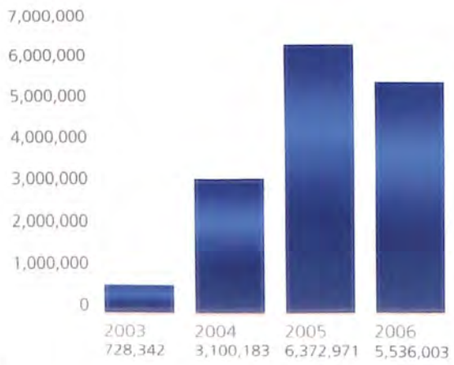
Record number of visitors from non-Member countries and regions

In 2006 we attracted more web traffic from non-Member countries and regions than any year before. This correlates with the record number of five new Members joining WorldSkills International in 2006. WorldSkills International has gained a significant web presence and more regions of the world are beginning to show their interest.

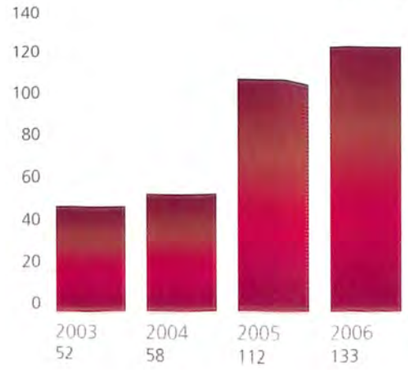
Record number of documents downloaded

While 2006 was a non-competition year, the number of documents downloaded grew by nearly 2,000 over the previous year to 93,155. This is clear evidence that the WorldSkills Members have embraced this technology for easy access to important information.

Growth of website traffic



Website visitors by country/region



Global Sponsor Partners

As Global Sponsor Partners, we strongly support the WorldSkills International mission of generating interest among young people worldwide in the skilled professions. We embody and promote the WorldSkills International mission and objectives in our respective global organisations and together we are helping to shape and further grow the WorldSkills movement worldwide. It has proven to be a mutually beneficial partnership for our organisations as we are able to reach more youth around the world with our corporate messages and WorldSkills International has been able to take full advantage of our global industry networks to advance their message to the corporate communities.

Global Sponsor Partners are a critical part of the WorldSkills International team. Together we are raising the awareness of high-quality skills by showcasing real examples of youth prospering and achieving worldwide industry standards in their areas of expertise. Encouraging worldwide youth to consider and choose skilled professions enables us to have a direct impact on their futures and on the world economy.

As Global Sponsor Partners, we are ensuring that the WorldSkills Competition is the benchmark of world-class industry standards by providing industry-specific skill audits to ensure that the Competition reflects the skills needed in today's businesses. WorldSkills Competitors are truly a global workforce at the leading edge of their fields, ready to become the leaders in our organisations and others throughout the world. We endorse and promote the campaign for high-quality vocational skills and training that are essential to business competitiveness.

We challenge other companies to join us in embracing the WorldSkills vision and recognize the high level of skills and training that WorldSkills Competitors obtain. By further developing the WorldSkills Leaders Forum we have enabled the Global Sponsor Partners and WorldSkills International to expand and connect a global network of government, industry, associations and education leaders, all striving towards social and economic success in their respective countries/regions.

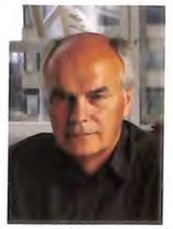
It is this mutually beneficial partnership with WorldSkills International that enables us to push ourselves and our corporate counterparts to do more for world youth. Together we are supporting and motivating the leaders of tomorrow in our organisations and our economies.

"It's a great opportunity for us to get to know the younger generation of craftsmen. They inspire us. And challenge us. We're able to hear about how they see tomorrow's demands, which will help us design the right products in the future. We help them by teaching the importance of protection for a long, healthy and productive career. This is working pride in action – from one professional to another."
Quote from Snickers Workwear brochure

Amy Christen
Director
Corporate Affairs,
Cisco Systems

Dr Theodor Niehaus
Managing Director,
Festo Didactic

Barbara Hulit
President,
Fluke Corporation



Matti Viio
Chairman of the Board,
Snickers Workwear

2006 Members' Milestones in WorldSkills International

WorldSkills International congratulate the following Members on reaching their significant milestones:

50 Years	45 Years	40 Years	25 Years	10 Years	5 Years
Ireland	Japan	Korea	Australia Brazil	Tunisia	Saudi Arabia

WorldSkills International welcome the following new Members in 2006:

Country/Region	Member Organisation	Website
Croatia	CroatiaSkills	www.croatiaskills.hr
Ecuador	WorldSkills Ecuador	
Hungary	National Institute of Vocational Education	www.nszi.hu
Mexico	The General Directorate of Vocational Training Centers	www.dgcft.sems.gob.mx
Vietnam	General Department of Vocational Training	www.molisa.gov.vn

Member Organisations & Delegates 2006

Listed in order of joining WorldSkills International.

Country/Region	Official Delegate	Technical Delegate
Portugal	Mrs Cristina Rodrigues	Mr António Caldeira
France	Mme Marie-Thérèse Geffroy	Mr Yvan Valentinuzzi
Germany	Mrs Barbara Fabian	Dr Christian Sperle
Switzerland	Ms Christine Davatz-Höchner	Mr Rico Cioccarelli
United Kingdom	Mr Chris Humphries	Dr Graeme Hall
Ireland	Dr Carl Ó Dalaigh	Mr Liam Corcoran
Luxembourg	Mr Aly Schroeder	Mr François Ortolani
Austria	Dr Peter Kranzlmayr	Mr Stefan Praschl
Japan	Mr Yoshika Okubo	Prof Koichi Nishizawa
Netherlands	Mr Loek Hermans	Mr Jos de Goey
Korea	Mr Yong Dal Kim	Dr Ui Seok Hong
Principality of Liechtenstein	Mr Stefan Anton Sohler	Mr Josef Nigsch
Chinese Taipei	Mr Chun-Lu Chen	Mr Wen Ping (Morgan) Chen
United States of America	Mrs Ada Kranenberg	Mr Don Hatton
Australia	Mr Bob Puffett	Mr John Shiel
Brazil	Prof José Manuel de Aguiar Martins	Mr Roberto Monteiro Spada
Macau SAR	Ms Noemia M F Lameiras	Mr Ling Biu Hung
New Zealand	Mr Albie J Lund	Ms Teresa McNamara
Finland	Mr Timo Lankinen	Mr Veijo Hintsanen
Canada	Mr Terry Cooke	Mr Shaun Thorson
Norway	Mr Espen L Amundsen	Mrs Elisabeth Lange
South Africa	Mr Ivor Blumenthal	Mr André Vermeulen
Malaysia	Mr Wan Seman bin Wan Ahmad	Mr Anwer Baig Bin Abd Kader Baig
Singapore	Dr Song Seng Law	Mr Guan Teck Heng
Thailand	Mrs Weena Pakawongse	Mr Santi Bumrungkunakorn
Philippines	Ms Alcestis Guiang	Mr Augusto Capio
Sweden	Mr Tommy Hellström	Mr Anders Plesner
South Tyrol, Italy	Mr Herbert Fritz	Mr Josef Lanz
Tunisia	Mme Dorra Cherif	Mr Fayçal Ammar
Hong Kong SAR	Dr Carrie Willis	Dr Kin-Keung (Michael) Fung
United Arab Emirates	Eng Hussain Al-Hammadi	Mr Yahya Mohamed Mahdi
Belgium	Mr Eric Robert	Mr Jean-Marie Mean
Denmark	Mr Jesper Juul Sørensen	Ms Pia Hegner
Morocco	Mr Chihab Sentissi	Mrs Fatiha Elalami
Iran	Mr Afshin Esmaeel Baygee	Mr Parviz Imani
Saudi Arabia	Dr Saleh A Aboreshaid Al-Amr	Dr Abdullah Alwehaibi
Venezuela	Mr Jorge Luis Diaz Ruiz	Mr José Manuel Osorio
Brunei Darussalam	Mr Hj Mohd Daud Hj Mahmud	Mr Denis M T Ho
Indonesia	Ms Susilowati	Mr Mustaghfirin Amin
Jamaica	Mr Kevin Mullings	Mrs Grace McLean
Spain	Mr José Luis Pérez Iriarte	Ms Soledad Iglesias Jimenez
Ecuador	Mr Santiago Y Mendieta	Mr Xavier A Mendieta
Croatia	Mr Davor Dinter	Mr Neven Males
Hungary	Mr János Jakab	Dr Zsolt Bartus
Mexico	Mr Genaro Guerra Zuñiga	Prof Esperanza Bañuelos
Vietnam	Dr Duong Duc Lan	Dr Hong Minh Nguyen

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