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## **Annual Report of Activities 2006**

An energetic year for IAEVG with a number of major professional events and projects launched, as well as further steps taken to modernise the organisation and plan its future growth and development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The highlight of the year was the launch of the IAEVG Credential EVGP in Copenhagen in August 2006. This credential will open up opportunities for obtaining international accreditation of guidance qualifications, for members in all parts of the world.

### **Liaison with international organisations**

Contact continues to be made with a wide range of international organisations including UNESCO, ILO, EU, OECD, and the Council of Europe. IAEVG members contributed to guidance programmes and attended meetings of our international partners, with some of them attending or taking part in IAEVG conferences. Continued partnership working, with other international organisations, is recognised by the Board as being central to the Association's visible collaboration and development.

### **The International Centre for Career Development and Public Policy (ICCDPP)**

The Centre continues to develop and IAEVG is supporting the ICCDPP through Vice-President Lester Oakes, who is a member of the governing body and who took part in ICCDPP's international symposium in Sydney, Australia in April 2006.

### **UNESCO**

IAEVG continues to have NGO status and works to co-operatively support UNESCO through its guidance related activities. Vice President Bryan Hiebert was invited to contribute to an UNEVOC guidance seminar for policy makers of Vocational Education and Training in Japan.

### **European Union**

President, Bernhard Jenschke, Vice President, Peter Plant, Board member Sasa Niklanovich and other IAEVG members represented IAEVG on the EU Experts Group on Lifelong Guidance. The commitment of the EU to guidance is of high importance for the international guidance community and this was demonstrated by the Finnish EU Presidency organising a guidance conference in

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November 2006, with member Raimo Vuorinen leading the organisation of the event. The conference was a follow up to the EU's 2004 Declaration of Guidance and the IAEVG Executive was represented at this Finnish conference by our three expert group members and other members from Europe, USA and New Zealand. During the EU Commissioners report he declared the 'experts group' to be a permanent European Guidance Forum, in which IAEVG will continue to have a voice.

### **Council of Europe**

IAEVG continues to hold NGO status with the Council of Europe. Graziana Boscato is still active as the IAEVG's representative on the Strasbourg based council and regularly takes part in its meetings.

### **International Labour Organisation**

Swiss member, Verena Flubacher, continues to represent IAEVG at ILO meetings.

### **National Board for Certified Counsellors (NBCC)**

During 2006 IAEVG worked closely with NBCC, who are our key collaborative partners on the EVGP credential process. Most notable was the launch of the EVGP credential during the IAEVG Copenhagen conference. IAEVG have also supported NBCC's project for the World Health Organisation.

### **Publications and Communication**

#### **International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG)**

2006 was the first full year of electronic access to the Journal and feedback from members has generally been positive, with almost all members now accessing the Journal electronically. Three issues have been published in 2006: Volume 6 No. 1 was mailed earlier in the year; No.2. No. 3 will be delivered in January 2007. Although the flow of good manuscripts and texts has been increased the editor, Board member Raoul van Esbroeck ([Raoul.Van.Esbroeck@vub.ac.be](mailto:Raoul.Van.Esbroeck@vub.ac.be)) appreciates any submission of manuscripts. Details of how to have an article published in the Journal can be found in Journal Vol. 6 No. 1.

#### **Newsletters**

3 copies of the Newsletter, numbers 54, 55 and 56, were published in 2006, with every issue available in English, German, French, Spanish and Italian. Now that the Newsletter is available electronically it has been possible to increase the number of articles published and the increase ease of distribution has made it a valuable information and marketing tool for IAEVG. In contrast to the refereed Journal, with its scientific recognition and research contents, the Newsletter provides the reader with brief reports on events in member states and on actual professional developments. The Newsletters is sent directly to all members and can also be viewed at the website [www.iaevg.org](http://www.iaevg.org) Articles and letters are always welcome and should be sent to Editor Peter Plant or [pepl@dpu.dk](mailto:pepl@dpu.dk)



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## **Website**

The website [www.iaevg.org](http://www.iaevg.org) has been further developed and managed by Canadian Board member Michel Turcotte. The member's only site is regularly used and enables members to view publications as well as update their own contact details. It is now possible to view the IAEVG Statutes on line and to access partner websites. Feedback from the recent Members Forum has indicated that they would like to see our website services developed further.

## **Glossary**

The IAEVG Glossary of guidance terms continues to be available in CD format at a cost of \$10.00 from the Treasurer Lyn Barham at [lynbarham@easynet.co.uk](mailto:lynbarham@easynet.co.uk)

## **The Archive**

The IAEVG archive centre is housed in Mannheim, Germany. All 2006 conference, publications and minutes of meetings are now available there for reference. Details of how to access this resource are available from the Secretary General.

## **IAEVG Conferences**

Two major IAEVG conferences took place in 2006, in April at the University of Morelos, Cuernavaca, Mexico and in August at the Danish University of Education, Copenhagen. There was also an affiliated Latin American conference at the University of Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela in July 2006.

The meeting in Cuernavaca followed a seminar in Mexico City in 1984 and was the second IAEVG Conference to be held in Mexico, being attended by 320 delegates from 21 countries. The theme was Counselling and Guidance – Support Alternatives for Human Development, with a concentration of presentations and debates focussing on an analysis of alternative aspects of career development and the presentation of alternative methods of delivery guidance programmes. The welcome for the international delegates, many of whom came specifically from Latin American countries, was extremely warm and inclusive. Thanks go to Daniel Pellycer of the University of Cuernavaca for hosting this important conference in this region of the world.

Later in the year the Nordic Association welcomed around 250 delegates from 29 countries to Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden for a conference themed “Crossover: Guidance in Transition”. The conference, through workshops, keynote speakers and professional excursions explored the concept of crossover phenomena in careers guidance and career development, recognising that guidance faces the challenge of being increasingly cross-national, cross-cultural and operates across a variety of media and communication methods. Thanks go to Vice-President, Peter Plant and Fleming Christensen, for leading and facilitating this event.

In July 2006 another important Latin American conference – affiliated to and co-sponsored by IAEVG - was held by the University of Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela. Under the theme “The training of



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counsellors and the new concept of education” it dealt with the training of counsellors and was organised by Omaira Lessire and Board member Julio Gonzales.

## **Meetings**

### **Board and Executive Committee**

The Annual Board Meeting was held in Copenhagen in August 2006. The Executive Committee met in April 2006 in Mexico and in August in Copenhagen. Full notes of all meetings were prepared and circulated to Board or Executive members and brief reports were published in the Newsletter in four languages.

Some of the key areas of business in 2006 were as follows:

- **EVGP Credential Progress**

The work on the Educational and Vocational Guidance Practitioner (EVGP) Credential represents the work of members over some eight years, beginning with the development of international competences approved by IAEVG in Bern 2003. It was finalised during summer 2006, when the credential was launched in Copenhagen. The EVGP Credential will provide an opportunity for practitioners to gain international recognition for the competences they have acquired locally in their respective countries. In future it is intended to also provide a standard of training modules aligned to IAEVG competences.

- **IAEVG Strategic Plan**

Over the past year Board and Executive members spent time reflecting on the work of the last fifty years and looking ahead to strategically planning for the organisation’s future. At the August Board meeting members were asked to consider the Executive’s draft strategic plan and to make an assessment of what they believe should be the priorities for the organisation over the next 5 years. The six agreed priorities were:

**IAEVG to:**

- Have a clear goal and mission for the organisation
- Ensure membership communication is excellent
- Encourage all Board members to be active and take on specific roles and responsibilities that further the strategic plan
- Ensure membership and recruitment processes promote diversity and membership from all continents
- Initiate and contribute to national and international research projects
- Improve administrative and organisational efficiency

Now that much of the day to day administration is undertaken by the Ottawa administrative base, the Executive took the opportunity to streamline a number of areas of organisational efficiency. These included issues around legal status and Board and Executive expenses. Due to pressure of work, Lester Oakes resigned from his position as Vice President of IAEVG, prior to the meeting in Copenhagen. He remains as a Board member. Michel Turcotte was elected to the Executive Committee, replacing Lester until June 2007. He has a special interest in shadowing the Treasurer’s role.



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## **Membership**

Membership numbers continue to be buoyant and at the beginning of December the total figure was 21,128.

The first Members Forum was initiated at the August conference in Copenhagen. The purpose of the meeting was to understand what members wanted from IAEVG and to encourage them to get the most out of membership. It was a dynamic and successful event and the proposals put forward will be taken up by the Executive at their next meeting. A report of the Forum can be obtained from the Secretary General, Linda Taylor at [lindataylor@connexions-southlondon.org.uk](mailto:lindataylor@connexions-southlondon.org.uk)

## **Obituary**

It was with sadness that we received the news early in 2006 that the last 'founding father' of IAEVG, Dr. Alec Knook, had passed away. He was a supporter of IAEVG throughout his life, using his capacity as a lawyer, a reporter, a psychologist and a globe trotter. He was awarded Honorary Membership of IAEVG in 1995.

The Association also mourns the loss of another colleague, one of our former leading personalities. Professor Dr. William C. Bingham, who died 26 August 2006. His career was marked by many professional leadership roles at a national and international level, where he served as President of the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance IAEVG 1987-1991 and as President of NCD (National Career Development Association, USA). His specialist area was the study of working behaviour and its meaning in relation to the career paths of individuals and groups. We are grateful for the long-lasting and enthusiastic commitment of them both, to guidance and IAEVG.

## **Acknowledgements**

Over the year many organisations have supported the activities of IAEVG through the generous donation of the time of their employees who serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and also by offering financial help via office support. This help is greatly appreciated.

**Linda Taylor**  
**Secretary General**

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