### Association Internationale d'Orientation Scolaire et Professionnelle AIOSP

# International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance IAEVG

### Asociación Internacional para la Orientación Educativa y Profesional AIOEP

### Internationale Vereinigung für Schul- und Berufsberatung IVSBB



Founded in 1951

"Maximising the World's Potential through Guidance"

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#### What is IAEVG?

The International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) represents individuals and national and regional associations concerned with educational and vocational guidance in all continents.

#### The Mission of IAEVG

#### Aims of Guidance

The aims of educational and vocational guidance are to assist students and adults in making their personal decisions about learning and work. This is achieved by helping people to:

- understand and appreciate their skills and abilities
- relate effectively with others
- explore career alternatives
- develop appropriate plans for educational and career management
- promote better vocational qualifications at all levels
- contribute to equal access for girls and women in education and work
- integrate successfully in society and the labour market

#### Therefore, the Mission of IAEVG is to:

- advocate that all people who need and want educational and vocational guidance and counselling can receive it from a competent and recognised professional
- recommend a basic quality standard of service to be provided to students and adults
- recommend the minimum training and other qualifications that all counsellors in educational and vocational guidance should have
- promote training and continuing education programs for counselling and guidance practitioners
- assist in the preparation of appropriate and effective methods and materials for guidance
- develop methods of evaluation of counselling and guidance
- promote the adoption and enforcement of a code of ethics for counsellors and for guidance services

#### What do we do?

#### The objectives of the Association are:

- to promote and improve communication between people and organizations active in educational and vocational guidance
- to encourage the continuing professional development of ideas, practice and research in the field of guidance and counselling
- to collect and disseminate information on the latest educational and vocational guidance practice, study and research

#### **Publications**

As well as regular newsletters in English, French, German and Spanish IAEVG publishes a professional journal "The International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance". Other national associations of counsellors throughout the world have followed IAEVG's ethical standards during the development of their own standards.

#### Research and other Activities

IAEVG completed, and UNESCO published, a study of guidance services for girls and women in technical and vocational education in 10 countries representing five regions. The report is number 6 in the UNEVOC/UNESCO Studies in Technical and Vocational Education and titled: "Vocational Guidance for Equal Access and Opportunity for Girls and Women in Technical and Vocational Education". Number 1 in the series ("Policies and Programs for Educational and Vocational Guidance") was written by a past vice president of the Association.

## Also for UNESCO, a positional paper has been prepared on educational and vocational guidance in the new millennium.

The General Assembly of IAEVG has approved the development of an International Guidance Counsellor Qualification standard. Work on this will begin in 2000 and will lead to internationally recognised standards for guidance counsellors.

#### Meetings

IAEVG and its association members hold annual conferences and seminars. The following international conferences are planned: August 2000, Berlin, Germany; November 2000, Valencia, Venezuela; March, 2001 Vancouver, Canada; September 2001, Paris, France. In addition, member associations have their own national or regional conferences.

#### Membership of IAEVG

Membership is usually via national association and currently there are approximately 300 individual members worldwide. There are also member associations representing a further 20,000 counsellors. In some countries, Ministries of Education and Labour are also members.

#### **Board of Directors**

Members of the Board are elected for a four year term of office. At present they represent the following countries: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Slovenia, Spain, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom, and The United States of America. The Board meets at least once a year.

#### **Officers**

Members of the IAEVG Executive Committee are elected by the Board of Directors for a period of four years. The current Executive Committee comprises: Dr Bernhard Jenschke, President, Germany; Dr Bryan Hiebert, Vice President, Canada; Dra Elvira Repetto, Vice President, Spain; Dr Peter Plant, Vice President, Denmark; Ms Lyn Barham, Treasurer, UK; Mrs Linda Taylor, Secretary General, UK

#### How to Join

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