International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training

SKILLS FOR EMPLOYABILITY AND CAREERS

6 - 8 June 2018
Winterthur, Switzerland

Platform for decision-makers and experts from the fields of politics, business and science to strengthen VPET in an international context

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Welcome

The International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) offers a platform for the players in international cooperation in VPET to engage in open dialogue and share good practices. The congress provides global networking and expertise transfer opportunities, promoting bilateral and multilateral cooperation and the status of VPET throughout the world.

The 3rd International Congress on VPET will be held from 6 to 8 June 2018 in Winterthur, Switzerland, under the motto **Skills for Employability and Careers**.

Faced with constant change in the world of work, both individuals and companies must constantly reassess. What form has a VPET system to take so that it is agile and able to respond to developments in the economy, while at the same time ensuring constant quality of its training opportunities and provide young people with good career prospects?

The 2018 congress will look at the challenges in adapting to the needs of the labour market in a rapidly changing and digitalised world, vertical and horizontal system permeability, lifelong learning and curriculum development in VPET.

You can benefit from exchanges with international key players in politics, business and science – be a part of this global knowledge transfer and make valuable new contacts from around the world at the 3rd International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training!

We look forward to welcoming you to Winterthur in June 2018.
Programme 6 - 8 June 2018

Welcome event with greetings from representatives of the city of Winterthur

Official opening by member of Swiss government

Presentations by key players from politics, business and science
- Digitalisation: Skills for the Future of Work
- Careers and the Importance of Skill-Based Lifelong Learning
- Good Practices in Implementing Apprenticeship Reforms
- Preparing VPET for Industry 4.0
- System Flexibility and Skill-Based Curricula as Response to Structural Change
- Coping with Technological Change: Challenges and Opportunities for VPET

Apprentice meets CEO: VPET as a basis for careers

Panel discussion on the guiding theme of Employability and Careers: Dealing with Opportunities and Limits for VPET

Skills village: Marketplace with apprentices and information stands

Gala evening

Workshops on specific topics (options)
- Training Content: Agility and Quality Assurance for Employability
- Training Opportunities: Increasing Flexibility in VPET Systems
- Focus on Curricula Development in the Framework of the Situation-Based Approach
- Focus on Situational Didactics: Implementation of the Situation-Based Approach in School
- Permeability and Tertiary-Level Professional Education: Best Practices from Denmark and Singapore
- Career Guidance, Social Media and Digitalisation of the Working World
- Transnational Transfer of Dual-Track Systems: Learnings from the Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India SVETII

Tour of host companies and vocational schools (options)
- Health
- Production
- Commerce / Finance

Additional offering: Cultural programme with tours of Winterthur and excursion in Switzerland

Latest information can be found at www.vpet-congress.ch and in our newsletter.
The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme.
«Too often vocational training is seen as a second choice compared to academic studies. We need to change this and to show how it can lead to exciting and rewarding careers in all types of fields that you might never imagine – from movie makers to fashion designers, from pilots to medical assistants. The International Congress in Winterthur will put a wealth of opportunities and experiences in the limelight and show that VPET and apprenticeships are a great first choice.»

Marianne Thyssen, 
EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

«In a world where technological innovation – especially digitalisation – new industries and globalisation constantly change the work environment, having highly qualified and skilled employees is key for economic growth, global competitiveness and success.»

Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, 
Swiss Federal Councillor
Noel Ginsburg,
CEO Intertech Plastics & CEO CareerWise Colorado

«The International Congress on VPET is an incredible opportunity to meet with world leaders in vocational education and learn about others’ implementation experience from around the world.»

Stanley Chui,
Programme Director (Academic and Student Affairs), Hotel and Tourism Institute, Chinese Culinary Institute and International Culinary Institute of Vocational Training Council, Hong Kong

«Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) has helped drive economic growth in many countries. Investment in VPET is a way to increase economic competitiveness and reduce poverty.»
Winterthur regularly occupies a top position in rankings on quality of life and education opportunities. The town is also known as a centre for vocational and professional education and training, and not without reason: as early as 1850, the Sulzer company, now a global corporation, was the first industrial enterprise to establish a training centre for young people. Today, vocational training opportunities in Winterthur focus on training specialists for the (digital) future. For those who want to continue their education after completing vocational education and training, the ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Winterthur offers a huge choice of skills training. It now has eight departments, including in health economics, architecture, journalism, management and law, and engineering. The University of Zurich and Zurich’s first-class Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) are also a stone’s throw away from Winterthur, and easily accessible thanks to the town’s excellent transport links.
Secure your place!
Registration is open now at www.vpet-congress.ch.
Please note that the number of participants is limited.

Registration fee: CHF 500 (VAT will be added, transport and accommodation costs not included)
Languages: English (main language)
German, French (simultaneous interpretation)
Workshops will be held in English only

Main venue: Winterthur Theatre, Switzerland

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