

Forthcoming Events

- The APQN member, JABEE - Japan, has just listed an event on the APQN website. This is considered a non-APQN event as APQN will not be opening registrations on its website or offering financial support for attendance in the usual manner. Registrations are welcome directly to JABEE at the link below.

The event is called: JABEE Symposium / Workshop 2006, and the details are available at http://www.apqn.org/events/non_apqn/ and http://www.jabee.org/english/OpenHomePage/symposium_workshop2006.htm

- **Commonwealth Education Ministers -- Stakeholders' Forum – 10-14 December 2006**
A Stakeholder's Forum is being held in parallel to the 16th triennial Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CCEM), from 10 - 14 December 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa. The conference theme is: "Access to quality education: for the good of all." Delegates to the Stakeholders' Forum and the other parallel events will share some plenary sessions and question and answer sessions with the Ministers, and will also have opportunities to meet at lunches and other social events. <http://www.16ccem.com/registration/frameset.htm>
- **2007 Conference and AGM**
The next APQN Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being hosted by Lembaga Akreditasi Negara (National Accreditation Board) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of the conference is 'Emerging Challenges, Emerging Practices: Sharing a Global Vision of Quality Assurance in Higher Education'. The program and registration form are available at <http://www.apqn.org/events/>. To view the Call for Contributions document see [Call for Contributions - Malaysia](#)
- **Two-day EAIR Seminar on the European Standards and Guidelines, Athens 22-23 March 2007**
This seminar is intended to explore the new Standards and Guidelines in the context of the Bologna process and to provide explorations of how they can be used, with examples from both institutions and a quality assurance agency. Peter Williams of QAA (UK) will be a key note presenter. For more details see: <http://www.eair.nl/seminar/2007/>
- **Building Quality into Online Professional and Technical Degree Programmes, The Pyle Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison – 26/27 March 2007**
For information see http://www.inqaahe.org/docs/quality_online_flyer.pdf
- **'Polifonia' seminars: first announcement**
The 'Polifonia' project is preparing various seminars that will present the findings of the 'Polifonia' working groups to a wider audience. The seminars, which will be accessible to all AEC member institutions, will address 3rd Cycle Studies in Music (Karlsruhe, 29-30 March 2007), Lifelong Learning & Employability (Groningen, 9-11 March 2007), Teaching and Professional Integration in Chamber music (Jyväskylä, 4-6 May 2007) and the connections to other arts disciplines (Tallinn, 26-27 April 2007). More information can be found in the section on project events on the 'Polifonia' website www.polifonia-tn.org.
- **12th International Conference on Education, 21-24 May 2007, Brunei Darussalam**
Hosted by the Sultan Hassanal Bolkhiah Institute of Education, Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Theme: Changing Contours of Education: Future Trends
<http://www.ubd.edu.bn/news/conferences/12ice07/>
- **3rd International Conference on Open and Online Learning (ICOOL2007) 11-14 June 2007, Penang, Malaysia** Organised by the VCILT, University of Mauritius in partnership with the School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia

➤ **The fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF5), 13-17 July 2008, University of London, UK**

The fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF5) to be held under the auspices of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) will take place in London in 2008. The announcement was made by Sir John Daniel, COL's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Sir Graeme Davies, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, earlier this month in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, during the fourth biennial PCF. Sir John and Sir Graeme will be Co-Chairs of PCF5.

<http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/3027>

<http://www.london.ac.uk/pcf5>

Items of Interest

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- The first newsletter of the 'Mundus Musicalis' project can be downloaded in English, French and German versions at www.aecinfo.org/mundusmusicalis. The 'Mundus Musicalis' project studies issues on international cooperation in professional music training with partners in the US, Canada, the Far East, Latin America and Australia.
 - A Bologna Handbook of the European University Association (EUA) has been published by Raabe Verlag. The Handbook contains various articles related to the Bologna Declaration Process, including an article by AEC Chief Executive Martin Prchal entitled 'Bologna & Music: Harmony or Polyphony?'. More information can be found at www.bologna-handbook.com/.
 - The EU has published the results of a long-awaited study on the links between education and culture, which has been realised by the University of Nancy. The study can be downloaded at www.ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/sources_info/studies/educult_en.html. The AEC will formulate a response to this study during the coming weeks.
 - The International Conference on Student Participation in Quality Enhancement, organised by NAAC in collaboration with APQN, was held on 16-17 September 2006 in Bangalore, India. The APQN website has just been updated with information from this event, including presentations, photographs, conference report and more <http://www.apqn.org/events/past/> and click on Student Participation in Quality Enhancement.
 - The latest edition of COL's newsletter has been published. Here are some highlights from this 16-page issue (Vol. 11, No. 3; October 2006): <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/102>
 - For news on Virtual University Develops Learning Content, CFTC Contributes to VUSSC, PCF4 Focuses on Achieving Development Goals and Commonwealth Computer Navigator's Certificate see <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4149>
 - COL's Plan to Achieve Learning for Development <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4157>
 - "COL in the Commonwealth 2003-2006: Country reports" is now available. Intended as a companion text to "Learning for Development", the Commonwealth of Learning's Three-year Plan for 2006-2009, this compendium reviews COL's work over the last triennium country by country. <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/741>
 - COL is pleased to announce two new staff appointments:

Dr. Sreedher Ramamurthy will join COL as Director of the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) on 1 February 2007. <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4219> and Mrs. Frances J. Ferreira (formerly Mensah) joins COL as Education Specialist, Basic Education and Open Schooling, on 22 January 2007 <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4218>
 - Two employment opportunities are currently available at COL:
"Education Specialist - Governance" (application deadline 21 December 2006) and
"Education Specialist - Media" (application deadline 15 January 2007).
<http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/1015>
 - The Commonwealth Secretariat is inviting governments, NGOs and academic institutions to submit project proposals that can help bridge the digital divide. The call for projects comes on behalf of the Commonwealth Connects Programme, an initiative to improve information and communication technology (ICT) skills in the Commonwealth and use them as tools for development. Projects proposals need to be submitted by 5 January 2007. [commonwealth calls for ideas to further developments www.commonwealthconnects.net](http://www.commonwealthconnects.net)
 - For information on the new Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General visit <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4152>
 - The final version of COL's Three-year Plan, 2006-2009 is now available: <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/3939>
 - COL invites proposals for its Poverty Reduction Outcomes Through Education Innovations and Networks (PROTEIN) programme. COL-PROTEIN aims to support innovative uses of open and distance learning (ODL) to address poverty alleviation in rural and peri-urban areas. <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/3082> <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/4150>

