



**INQAAHE News**

➤ **INQAAHE Members' Forum 2008**

The INQAAHE Members' Forum, held in even years, is an opportunity for discussion of practical issues of direct relevance to QA agencies. In July, the Board will begin to plan the 2008 Forum. The 2008 Members Forum will be hosted by CONEAU and held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 14-16 May 2008.

If there are any specific topics that you would like to have included in the work program of the Forum, please let the Secretariat know by e-mail to [inqaah@hetac.ie](mailto:inqaah@hetac.ie) by 30 June 2007. If you can suggest the name of anyone who can lead a workshop or give a practical presentation on a particular issue, that would also be useful to know.

**Forthcoming Events**

➤ **The seminar 'The new professional for the knowledge society: results from a European study will be held on June 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Madrid**

The Seminar is jointly organised by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science and the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA), with the technical support of the Centre of the Study of Higher Education Management, of the Valencia University of Technology.

This meeting constitutes a suitable framework for reflection, where experts in Higher Education coming from different countries will debate taking into account the first results obtained from "The Flexible Professional in the Knowledge Society: New Demands in Higher Education in Europe (REFLEX)", a project financed by the European Union's Sixth Framework Programme. The debate will focus on achieving a common vision about the university graduates' required skills to face the new challenges in the Knowledge Society. Contact Eduardo García, Innovation Coordinator [jornadas.reflex@aneca.es](mailto:jornadas.reflex@aneca.es)

➤ **3 day conference on 'Perspectives on Technological Entrepreneurship', 11-14<sup>th</sup> July 2007, Ostuni (BR), Italy**

Appealing to practitioners, consultants and academics alike, the conference will match theory-driven plenary sessions with discussion and panel sessions. For further information send an email to [summerschool@ebms.unile.it](mailto:summerschool@ebms.unile.it). or see <http://www.ebms.it/experience/summer/Summer2007/home.html> Please note that places are limited and available on a first come first served basis.

➤ **Online registrations for AUQF2007--Evolution and Renewal in Quality Assurance--to be held in Hobart from 11 to 13 July 2007, are now open. The preliminary program can be viewed on the website at:**

<http://www.auga.edu.au/auqf>.

➤ **2nd International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa, 4-6<sup>th</sup> September 2007, Tanzania**

The UNESCO Harare Cluster Office, in collaboration with the Open University of Tanzania, the Tanzanian National Commission for UNESCO and other partners within and outside Africa, is pleased to announce the Second International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa. The conference web site where information updates can be received is located at <http://www.viheaf.net/ICQAHEA-2007>.

➤ **ECA Conference on Learning Outcomes, 3-4<sup>th</sup> September 2007, Zurich**

'Defining and measuring learning outcomes in higher education. Follow this link for detailed information on the programme, the venue, the speakers, the social programme, and to submit your registration: [http://www.oaq.ch/pub/de/Conference\\_LO.php](http://www.oaq.ch/pub/de/Conference_LO.php)

➤ **CANQATE's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 9-11<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Jamaica**

The conference is 'Transforming Tertiary Education to meet Global Challenges'. Information on this conference can be viewed at <http://www.cangate.org/Default.aspx?tabid=61>

➤ **SRHE Annual Conference 2007, 11-13<sup>th</sup> December 2007, Brighton, Sussex**

The conference website is open for registrations and the submission of abstracts and you will find all the

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information about the SRHE Main conference and the SRHE Postgraduate and Newer Researchers conference at this address <http://www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2007>

### Items of Interest

- The new network, **ANQAHE**, Arab States network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education has been launched, the network is in connection to the Association of Arab Universities (AArU). The President of the network is Saleh Hashem, Secretary General of AArU, Nadia Badrawi, Head of Pediatrics Department, Cairo University and a member of the INQAAHE Board is General Secretary and Professor M. Badr Aboul-Ela, Director of the Commission for Academic Accreditation Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, United Arab Emirates, who is also an observer on the INQAAHE Board is vice President.
- AUQA has released the Annual Report for 2006. It is available at the following link: <http://www.auqa.edu.au/aboutauqa/annualreports/>
- The APQN Board has approved a minor amendment to the definition of the APQN region. Please go to <http://www.apqn.org/membership/region/> for further details.

APQN has developed a new category of membership called Institutional Member. This new category was passed by special resolution at the AGM on 7 February 2007. The approved version of the Constitution is version 6.1. The changes can be seen in the following sections (at [http://www.apqn.org/virtual\\_library/](http://www.apqn.org/virtual_library/)): The membership criteria for this new category is available at <http://www.apqn.org/membership/criteria/>.

- The following documents/links have been added to APQN's virtual library:
  - \* Good Practices for Accreditation Councils in Pakistan ([http://www.apqn.org/virtual\\_library/good\\_practices/](http://www.apqn.org/virtual_library/good_practices/))
  - \* Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Quality Education Area ([http://www.apqn.org/virtual\\_library/good\\_practices/](http://www.apqn.org/virtual_library/good_practices/))
  - \* Quality Assurance in Higher Education: A Shifting Paradigm ([http://www.apqn.org/virtual\\_library/articles/](http://www.apqn.org/virtual_library/articles/))
  - \* SEAAIR Electronic Newsletter March 2007 ([http://www.apqn.org/virtual\\_library/newsletters/](http://www.apqn.org/virtual_library/newsletters/))