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News from the Secretariat

Register now: INQAAHE-ENQA conference: Internationalisation and QA

From 30 November until 2 December 2011, INQAAHE and ENQA organise a joint conference "Internationalisation and QA: Connecting European and Global Experiences". The conference takes place in Brussels, Belgium at the [Metropole Hotel](#).



The first day (30 November 2011) is organised by INQAAHE and is entitled "Quality of International Education in the Professions". During this day INQAAHE will pay a tribute to Dr Marjorie Peace Lenn, one of the founders of INQAAHE in 1991, who sadly died last year. Marjorie's main interests, the various forms of international higher education and its relation with the professional accreditors will be explored through presentations and workshops.

The second day (1 December 2011) 'Connecting European and Global experiences' is jointly organised by ENQA and INQAAHE. Attention will be paid to (recently) established European and International disciplinary accreditation initiatives and their relation to (national) QA systems. Also during this day mutual recognition in Europe, Latin-America and the Asia-Pacific region will be addressed.

The third day (2 December 2011) 'European Quality Labels and Quality Assurance' is organised by ENQA. During this day the nature of so-called quality labels in terms of their aims and objectives will be analyzed.

Visit the [Conference website](#) for registration and more information!

Membership Mutations

INQAAHE welcomes the following new members:

Full Members:

- Agency for the Quality of the Higher Education (Qualitas), Chile
- Federation of Mexican Private Higher Education Institutions (FIMPES), Mexico
- Council on Higher Education, Lesoto
- Secretariat of the Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA), Fiji

Affiliates:

Julie Furst-Bowe, United States

Website Makeover

We're pleased to inform you that the INQAAHE website has undergone a major makeover.

In order to increase the user friendliness of our website a revision of the content and online applications has been carried out during the last months. Please visit <http://www.inqaah.org> to experience our new website!



President's message

Dear friends,

You are just now reading the latest INQAAHE Bulletin – thank you for taking the time to keep in touch. I just hope that the next bulletin not also has you as a reader, but also as a contributor. We want to hear from you, to learn how the Network can best serve your needs and interests, what we can learn from your experiences.

This edition of the Bulletin carries with it an invitation to attend the INQAAHE – ENQA conference on 'Internationalisation and Quality Assurance: Connecting European and Global Experiences', which will be held in Brussels, from November 30 to December 2. This conference is organized as a tribute to Dr. Marjorie Peace Lenn, a founder of INQAAHE and a very active member of the network who sadly passed away last year. The conference brings together significant experts from different parts of the world, and addresses the quality of the professions in an international perspective – two themes that were a significant part of the contribution Marjorie made to quality assurance and to higher education. We hope to see you there, but if you cannot attend, please check the presentations, which will be published in our newly revised website.

Do visit our website. You will notice that we have a new logo, in different colors, and a completely renewed format, which we hope you will find friendlier and more informative.

In the last bulletin, I highlighted what are going to be the themes that we want to address in the next Melbourne Members' Forum, in April 2012, and invited network members to send us their thoughts on any of them. I hope you have not forgotten about this, and are now preparing your contribution, which we are certainly looking forward to.

Members Forums are meetings restricted to full and associate members of the network, and are expected to provide ample room for discussion of relevant issues. We hope to make this forum really useful to all of us, and we can only do that with your help.

We have been working on the improvement and the dissemination of many of the services offered by the network to its members. One of these is the development and publication of the Guidelines of Good Practice (GGP); we invite you to check them out in the website and we call your attention to the members that have recently been recognized as being aligned with them. Another is the Graduate Qualification in Quality Assurance, which University of Melbourne is offering, based on INQAAHE written materials; we are now reviewing applications for scholarships, which will be announced shortly. The good practice database and the query service – both of which you will find clearly described in the website – are also good examples of the ways in which collaboration among members can improve the way we work and do things.

Maria José Lemaitre
INQAAHE President



News from Other Networks



20 More experts added to the Database of Consultants

Twenty more experts from the Arab region have been added to the Database of Consultants since Sep. 1, 2011, which is the result of cooperation between the Arab Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (ANQAHE) and the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN). Currently the database includes 78 experts. The Database is available at: <http://www.apqn.org/services/consultantsdb/>

In addition on 1 September 2011, APQN and International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) jointly launched the next round of expansion of the Database. The heads of quality assurance agencies of the two networks have been requested to nominate experts for the Database by Sep. 30, 2011. Those who have already been included in the database have been asked to update their details.

APQN-INQAAHE Workshop on Good Practices in Quality Assurance 25 October 2011, Tokyo



In order to strengthen the capacity of quality assurance agencies to develop and assess good practices in quality assurance, APQN and INQAAHE are jointly organizing a workshop. The workshop aims at giving APQN members an opportunity to share their good practices in quality assurance. The workshop is sponsored from GIQAC funds and there is no registration fee. The workshop will be held in Tokyo on 25 October 2011. NIAD-UE, an APQN member, will host the event. The event is for APQN members only.

The focus of the workshop is for the participants to share and discuss their organisations' good practices, i.e., practices that are already being applied by the member agencies as part of their external quality assurance responsibilities. All types of practices are permissible as long as they relate to the participating agencies quality assurance activities. It is a requirement for participation that each member agency submits at least two good practices in writing prior to the workshop and agrees to submit these for review for inclusion in the INQAAHE database for Good Practices in Quality Assurance (GPQA). If the practice is approved by INQAAHE, it will be uploaded onto the INQAAHE GPQA and be a resource for the international quality assurance community.

Central Asian Network on Quality Assurance and Accreditation (CANQA) established



The Central Asian Network on Quality Assurance and Accreditation (CANQA) has been created within the Tempus project. The project has been initiated and organised by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) and the Education Network Association (Central Asia www.ednet.edu.kg). The long-term goal of the project is the development and implementation of quality assurance and quality culture in the higher education of Central Asia. The project involves 32 members from Belgium, Poland, Spain, Holland, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan.

On 30 November 2010 during the members' seminar of the project consortium CANQA was established in Almaty, Kazakhstan, by the support of 17 Higher Education Institutions, 3 partner organizations and 3 ministries of education. Members of CANQA are the Education Network of educational establishments EdNet (the Kyrgyz Republic), the Center for progressive technologies in education (the Republic of Tajikistan), and the Kazakh National University.

One of the main goals of the CANQA project is to develop internal and external quality assurance systems in Central Asia, together with the development of accreditation agencies in partner countries, particularly in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. Recently two agencies for quality assurance and accreditation were established in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

From 29 to 31 August 2011 CANQA organised an international seminar in Kyrgyzstan on internal and external quality assurance systems and accreditation of higher educational institutions. Questions on how to prepare a self-assessment report, the conduction of accreditation procedures in the university and about the experiences in attracting students to participate in accreditation procedures were discussed in the seminar.

During the seminar, participants were able to meet with Dr. Achim Hopbach (President of the ENQA), who presented them the latest trends in higher education in Europe. Achim also shared his experience of quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area and the various ENQA activities in which he has been involved.

2011 AQAN Seminar and Roundtable Meeting



The 2011 AQAN Roundtable Meeting will be hosted by the Brunei Darussalam National Accreditation Council (BDNAC) in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei from 4 until 6 October 2011.

The theme for the annual gathering for 2011 is *'Building Regional Confidence towards Harmonizing ASEAN Higher Education'*.

The program will start with one day seminar and followed by the 4th Roundtable Meeting in which, among others, the proposed AQAN constitutions will be tabled to the member countries for its adoption.

News from Members

Results of Japan University Accreditation Association



The Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) currently performs Certified Evaluation and Accreditation in 5 fields (universities, junior colleges, law schools, professional graduate business schools and professional graduate schools of public policy). JUAA has finalized the results of accreditations for 2010.

On accepting applications for University Accreditation from 63 universities, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit have been conducted by the University Accreditation Committee with more than 170 subcommittees/panels and approximately 680 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to award accreditation to 56 universities satisfying the JUAA *University Standards*. The names of those accredited universities can be found at:

http://www.juaa.or.jp/en/images/index/fy2010_results_of_accreditation.pdf



Upcoming Events

Graduate Certificate in Quality Assurance 2012



The LH Martin Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Management, at the University of Melbourne send greetings to readers of INQAAHE News.

The GCQA offers a comprehensive academic program for the training and professional development of quality assurance professionals. This one-year, part-time online graduate program has been developed in close consultation with the International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) and is awarded by the University of Melbourne for professional recognition internationally.

Being a fully online program, it offers maximum flexibility. Participants follow two compulsory modules after which they choose one of two electives. Program staff are international experts in quality assurance and higher education policy and management.

The program features a fully online program, developed according to current state-of-the-art online teaching methodologies, supported by extensive program resources. It offers integrated learning via theory, case studies, moderated discussion boards, virtual teamwork, webinars and work-based assignments.

2012 will be the third year the GCQA is offered, with the program being continuously upgraded based on participant feedback. Our GCQA students have hailed from 23 countries, across all continents. Interested and successful students may carry credit from the GCQA into a masters program.

INQAAHE will support the GCQA by providing six scholarships worth US\$5,000 each for GCQA candidates from the least developed countries. The deadline for application has been closed and selected participants will be informed in the coming weeks.

Please visit our GCQA 2012 website to learn more, register your interest, and enrol in the program: <http://www.lhmartininstitute.edu.au/postgraduate-award-programs/51-graduate-certificate-in-quality-assurance-2012>

Online applications close 5 December 2011. For further information on GCQA program, please contact Associate Professor Leo Goedegebuure, Deputy Director, at leo.g@unimelb.edu.au or + 61 3 8344 0619.

For access to the demo site for the GCQA program, contact Dr. Chinh Nguyen, at chinhn@unimelb.edu.au or + 61 3 8344 3158.



**International education: the next 25 years?
Australian International Education Conference
11-14 October 2011
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia**



We invite you to join us in Adelaide in October for the Australian International Education Conference. 2011 marks the 25th anniversary of two significant events: the introduction of the full fee-paying international student program in Australia and the first Australian International Education Conference, now the third largest international education conference in the world.

International education in Australia has also faced many challenges, particularly in recent years. The 25th anniversary provides the ideal opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved so far and to consider future directions and priorities.

This year's conference will look back on the journey so far, reflect on the lessons learned, critically examine the current state of play, and build on the breakthroughs achieved in the landmark 2010 AIEC.

For more information visit the [conference](#) website.

**The social dimension in European higher education
Academic Cooperation Association (ACA)**



**14 October 2011
Brussels, Belgium**

Is European higher education accessible for students from more vulnerable socio-economic backgrounds, for students from migrant families, with disabilities or with family obligations? Do our universities and governments have the right policies and instruments in place when it comes to access and retention? Do we provide enough funding to make participation in higher education socially balanced, and do we use the funds wisely? Do we provide enough - and the right - student services

This ACA European Policy Seminar presents a mix of the latest research results, new policy approaches and successful institutional strategies in the social arena.

For more information visit the [seminar website](#).



**Promoting International Student Mobility: Giving Credit for
Coursework, Recognizing University Degrees
German Rectors' Conference
8-9 November 2011
Bonn, Germany**



This conference will address various topics concerning credit transfer and degree recognition and present possible solutions. The objectives are to promote best practices in line with the Lisbon Recognition Convention and offer solutions to existing problems, thereby contributing to the improvement of international student mobility.

The following topics will be addressed:

- Reference systems for the comparison of learning outcomes
- European cooperation agreements regarding credit transfer
- The ECTS Label
- Recognition of coursework and examinations as an aspect of quality management
- Learning outcomes and quality assurance
- Degree recognition
- Legal frameworks

For more information please visit the [conference website](#).

**Innovations in Teaching- Learning, Research and Unique
Practices in Higher Education
Kristu Jayanti College
17-18 November 2011
Bangalore, India**

The conference creates a platform for Academicians, IQAC coordinators, Management of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI), Research and Consultants to study the innovative methods to be adopted in framing agenda (curriculum, teaching-learning techniques and research) for higher education and to promote unique practices in diverse fields.

The subthemese of the conference are: Innovation in Curriculum, Innovative Teaching-Learning Techniques, Innovations in Research, Innovations in Consultancy, Rankings of institutions by media and their relevance, Case Studies in HEI, Innovations and Flexibility in Higher Education, Managing constraints in Higher Education and Making Teaching as an exciting career.

For more information and registration please contact the Conference secretariat at:
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Internationalisation revisited
Academic Cooperation Association (ACA)
2 December 2011
Brussels, Belgium

What do we truly mean when we talk about internationalisation today? What kind of activities and ambitions are now at the core of internationalisation? Are they the same as ten, twenty years ago, or have they tremendously changed? Was/is there a shared understanding of internationalisation at all, or should we rather use the plural when referring to this phenomenon? And more importantly, what are the implications for the years to come? What kind of internationalisation do we want and need for the future?

We find it timelier than ever to ask these questions and encourage a general reflection around this central concept. This seminar - Internationalisation revisited - will provide a venue for this pressing debate, in the company of a host of highly-inspiring and extremely knowledgeable speakers from around the world.

For more information visit the [seminar website](#).

Accreditation and the future: What's known? What's next?
Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) 2012 Annual
Conference
23-26 January 2012
Capital Hilton, Washington D.C.



Make your plans to attend the largest yearly meeting focused exclusively on higher education accreditation.

Read the full [Preliminary Program](#), which includes conference registration and hotel reservation information.

Register now to take advantage of the special early-bird rate for both the CHEA Annual Conference - including the Eighth National Accreditation Forum - and the International Seminar.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the national conversation on accreditation and its future. We look forward to seeing you in Washington!

Ps: Don't forget [to register](#) for the INQAAHE-ENQA Seminar Internationalisation and QA!