



# INQAAHE Bulletin March 2013

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## News from the Secretariat

### INQAAHE Conference 2013

We are now in the final stage of preparing the 2013 Conference, which will be held from 8 until 12 April 2013 in Taipei, Taiwan. We would like to thank everyone who has registered. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our biennial Conference.

#### Program

On Monday 8 April the pre-Conference Program will take place. There are 4 Workshops led by several Quality Assurance experts. Please consult the Conference [website](#) for more details about the Workshops.

From Tuesday 9 April until Thursday 11 April the Conference will take place. On Tuesday we kick off with an opening ceremony, led by our President, Maria José Lemaitre. After that, several presentations on different subthemes take place. Please note that due to practical reasons, we switched subtheme 1 and 2. The presentations related to subtheme 1 will take place on Wednesday and those related to subtheme 2 take place on Tuesday. You can find an overview of the Conference Program [here](#). For those who will be presenting their paper or poster, [here](#) you will find a schedule for the presentations.

On Friday 12 April, the final day of the Conference, there will be a Regional Networks meeting.

#### Funding

INQAAHE provides funds for Least Developed and Low Income Countries to attend the biennial Conference.

This year the following INQAAHE Members will receive a grant of 2,500 USD to be able to attend the Conference in Taipei: David Kavanamur (Papua New Guinea), Zakari Lire (Burkina Faso), Emran Hossain (Bangladesh), Mokaeanne Polaki (Lesotho), Mehari Yimulaw (Ethiopia), Mervyn Extravour (Trinidad and Tobago) and Sanaa Abou-dagga (Palestine).

**We are looking forward to meeting all Conference participants next week in Taipei. We are confident that the Conference will be both enriching and enjoyable!**



## New Secretariat

INQAAHE is delighted to inform you that the Secretariat will be hosted at [CAA](#)'s office in Abu Dhabi! The Secretariat will be hosted in the United Arab Emirates from 1st of July.

**CAA, Congratulations!**



## Board elections 2013

The terms of the current INQAAHE Board members end in April 2013. Hence there were elections for the new Board. All Full and Associate Members had the chance to vote for the nominees.

The following candidates received the most votes:

<i>Carol Bobby</i> (President)	CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs), United States
<i>Ganesh Hegde</i>	NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), India
<i>Susanna Karakhanyan</i>	ANQA (Armenian National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance), Armenia
<i>Yvonne Marshall</i>	UCJ (the University Council of Jamaica), Jamaica
<i>Michal Neumann</i>	CHE (The Israeli Council for Higher Education), Israel
<i>Erika Soboleva</i>	AKKORK (Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Career Development), Russia
<i>Mieczyslaw Socha</i>	PKA (Polish Accreditation Committee), Poland
<i>Pauline Tang</i>	THE-ICE (The International Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Education), Australia
<i>Iring Wasser</i>	ASIIN (German Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in Engineering, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Mathematics), Germany

The new Board will be officially installed during the General Assembly on Tuesday 9 April 2013.



## The host of the INQAAHE Conference in 2015

We are delighted to announce that we received three bids for hosting the INQAAHE Conference in 2015.

The three applicants will give a short presentation during the General Assembly in Taipei. After that, all Full and Associate Members have the opportunity to vote.



## Membership mutations

INQAAHE welcomes the following new Members.

### Full Members:

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Division (QAAD) – Bhutan

Agencia de Calidad del Sistema Universitario Vasco (Unibasq) – Spain

Comités Interinstitucionales para la Evaluación de la Educación Superior, A.C. (CIEES) – Mexico

International Accreditation Council for Global Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI) – Germany

### Associate Members:

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) – Ghana

Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University / Directorate of Quality Assurance and Accreditation – Pakistan

Isra University – Pakistan

Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies (SIMS) – India

Qatar University, College of Arts and Science (QU-CAS) – Qatar

### Affiliate Member:

Mr. Kodjo Menka – Ghana



## President's message

Dear friends,

We are approaching the date of our 2013 conference which, as you know, will be hosted by the Higher Education Evaluation & Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT). I hope to see many of you there, and have the opportunity to share your views on the theme of the conference: Managing diversity: Sustainable Quality Assurance Processes.

This conference also will be the occasion for many changes: we have elected a new President, and it is my great pleasure to welcome Dr. Carol Bobby to this position. Carol has served on the board before, and for the last two years she has been a valuable support to our work in her role as Vice President. We have also appointed a new Secretariat. After many years of very effective and efficient work, NVAO is leaving this position and is replaced by the Commission for Academic Accreditation, in the United Arab Emirates. We thank NVAO for their wonderful contribution to INQAAHE, and are sure that the CAA will do a great job as well.

The Board is also changing. Guido Langouche, Richard Lewis, Horacio O'Donnell, Florence Lenga, Rafael Llavori, Colin Peiris and David Woodhouse are leaving the board. They have all been valuable contributors, and while I want to express my personal thanks to each of them, I am sure that I represent the Network in doing so. I also hope that we will not lose touch, and that they will continue to collaborate with the new board and with INQAAHE.

Susanna Karakhanyan and Iring Wasser will continue as board members, together with Badr Aboul-Ela, who will be in charge of the Secretariat. They, together with President Bobby will provide the needed continuity to the work of the Board.

And of course, I want to welcome the new members: Ganesh Hegde, Michal Neuman, Mieczyslaw Socha, Pauline Tang and Yvonne Marshall. They provide the board with an interesting geographical and substantive balance, they bring in new faces and new ideas, and I can only look forward to their contribution in the coming years.



During this conference we shall be presenting our strategic plan for the next four years. It has four main goals, which we hope to achieve with your active contribution:

- To maintain and enhance INQAAHE's role as world leader in quality assurance
- To develop a global quality assurance community
- To advance knowledge to ensure the continued effectiveness of quality assurance
- To promote the concept of quality assurance as a key element for the continuous improvement of tertiary education

We shall be sending each of you a copy of the Strategic Plan after the discussion in the General Assembly, and I invite you to look at the ways in which you can help as reach our goals.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your support during my time as President. It has been a wonderful – and quite busy – two years, and I have enjoyed every minute of them.



President Maria José Lemaitre



## News from other networks

### **CEENQA involved in numerous TEMPUS projects as it prepares for a workshop and the annual general assembly**

With the active participation of CEENQA Board member Boris Curkovic, CEENQA is involved in, or applying for several TEMPUS projects. Most advanced in the participation process is BIHTEK, whose main objective concerns the introduction of benchmarking methodology in Bosnia and Herzegovina universities as a modern management tool and the most effective quality enhancement method. The consortium is composed of eight public universities in the country, three European universities, the Bosnian Agency for Higher Education and Quality Assurance, the Higher education Accreditation Agency of Republika Srpska, the country's four ministries for education and CEENQA. The project will run for three years. [Here](#) you can find more information about BIHTEK.

Other projects foresee the involvement of CEENQA's member agencies in Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Lithuania, and Poland as well as partners including Armenia, Kazakhstan and Russia.

CEENQA will hold a workshop on 31 May 2013, followed by its annual general assembly on 1 June. The events are being hosted by the Romanian quality assurance agency ARACIS and will take place in Bucharest. Further details will be posted in the [CEENQA website](#).







## News from ECA: Update on the Certificate for the Quality of Internationalisation (CeQuInt)

Although the [CeQuInt](#) project just started, it has already received widespread publicity. Some are more supportive than others. Most observers look forward to hear more about what we are doing, which is great. And in the current project phase, everyone is explicitly invited to take part in our project by giving feedback on the draft methodology.

**Current project phase: stakeholders' consultation methodology:** Since the start of the project, the project partners have dedicated most of their work to establishing the CeQuInt assessment methodology. The partners have now produced a draft methodology to assess the quality of internationalisation. This methodology consists of three distinct documents: the assessment frameworks, the guidelines for applicants and the appeals procedure.

All stakeholders and interested partners are asked to provide feedback through the consultation e-form available on the CeQuInt website.

**Stakeholders Group Meeting:** The Stakeholder Group will meet to discuss the draft methodology on 15 March 2013. This group consists of fifteen institutions from all over Europe and stakeholder organisations, such as the European Students Union, BusinessEurope, Nuffic, CHE Consult, DUO and DAAD. The Stakeholders Group is chaired by ACA's Bernd Wächter.

The project consortium will test the developed methodology in pilot procedures. Each quality assurance agency in the consortium will therefore undertake one procedure. Since the last newsletter was sent out, programmes and institutions have been able to present themselves for one of these pilot procedures through the pilot-candidate-forms on our website. Although initially not planned, the project partners have decided to also include procedures at school-level. This can refer to a school, department or faculty with a limited number of programmes. These programmes, schools and institutions are now in the process of scheduling their procedure with one of the CeQuInt partners. In addition, these programmes, schools and institutions will be involved in the CeQuInt project in other ways too. They can take part in a good practices workshop, contribute to the newsletter, help finalise the methodology and participate in the CeQuInt conference.

**Expert panels and training:** The experts in the assessment panel play a crucial role in the evaluation of the quality of internationalisation. In addition to the regular expertise and experience, all panels will include experts that have an unquestionably international profile. Over the last months quality assurance agencies have proposed these experts and from that list, the CeQuInt partners are now composing a core group of twelve experts. These twelve experts will take part in several of the pilot procedures and help to improve consistency across all procedures. On 3 May 2013, all of them will be trained in audit techniques and intercultural competencies by AQ Austria.





## **DIES ASEAN-QA Training Workshop: External Quality Assurance Track (Phase III)**

Following the ASEAN-QA Training Workshop in Potsdam, Germany, 15 participants from the national accreditation bodies of 9 Southeast Asian countries met again for the Third Phase of the ASEAN-QA Training Workshop – External Quality Assurance (EQA) Track in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The training was hosted by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency ([MQA](#)) from 25 February 2013 to 1 March 2013.

The training workshop was jointly conducted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), and the University of Potsdam, Germany together with partners from Southeast Asia and Europe, i.e. the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN), the ASEAN University Network (AUN), the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), and the Southeast Asian Ministries of Education Organization Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED).





## News from Members

### HAC looks forward to external review for renewal of ENQA membership

The Hungarian Accreditation Committee is preparing for its third external review. Following an evaluation by an external team in 1999/2000, the [HAC](#) was reviewed in line with the European Standards and Guidelines in 2007/08 and has now agreed on the Terms of Reference with ENQA to again renew its full membership in the association. The HAC has submitted its self-evaluation report in mid March.

Meanwhile, the HAC has launched its upcoming round of institutional accreditation procedures, with self-evaluation reports to be submitted in the coming weeks. The disciplinary accreditation of programs is still under discussion between the HAC and the Ministry of Human Resources, the government authority in charge of education.

### Call of interest to host the ninth European Quality Assurance Forum, November 2014

Since 2006, the European Quality Assurance Forum ([EQAF](#)), co-organised by EUA, ENQA, EURASHE and ESU, has become **the premier event for quality assurance (QA) in Europe** with some 400 participants from across Europe and beyond. The Forum provides a unique platform for the higher education and QA communities to monitor, shape and anticipate developments in the area. The main purpose of the Forum is to foster a dialogue on QA that bridges national boundaries and leads to a truly European discussion on QA in higher education, and to create a common European understanding of QA through discussions and networking among different stakeholder groups. Forum participants usually consider this event an opportunity for professional development and updating their knowledge.

Following a series of successful European Quality Assurance Forums, **the Forum organisers are looking for a university to host the ninth EQAF in November 2014**. We would like to offer you the opportunity to help us continue to make EQAF a memorable and useful experience for a large number of stakeholders in European higher education, while gaining visibility for your own institution. The Forum organisers would particularly like to encourage applications from universities located in regions where the Forum has not previously been held. The university should be a member of EUA.

The deadline for expressions of interest is **28 May 2013** and should be addressed to [I. Juraga](#).



## Upcoming events

### ACTT's first International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education

30 April – 3 May 2013

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago ([ACTT](#)) will be hosting its 1st International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA), Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from April 30 – May 03, 2013. Under the theme 'Quality in Higher Education: From Best Practice to Next Practice', papers will be presented on the following strands:

- Higher Education Offerings and Labour Market Trends
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Higher Education
- The Student Experience in Higher Education
- Funding Higher Education
- Innovative Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies
- Redefining the role of Research in Higher Education
- Ethics and Integrity in Higher Education

Key note and plenary speakers are among the leaders in the field of Quality Assurance in Higher Education and include:

- Dr Sylvia Manning - President, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association
- Joel Simon - Vice President for Public Sector Services for the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL).
- Franz Gertze is the Chief Executive Officer of the Namibia Qualifications Authority
- Professor Madhulika Kaushik - Education Specialist, Higher Education for the Commonwealth of Learning





## AQA Conference and Workshop

30 April – 1 May 2013

The Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities, AQA (formerly the New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit) is pleased to confirm they will be holding a Support for Quality conference at the Holiday Inn, Auckland Airport.

The conference is open to all interested individuals and organisations, and will focus on academic activity themes of the Cycle 5 Framework.

The conference will be preceded by a Cycle 5 workshop focused on self-review in the afternoon of Tuesday 30 April at the same venue. The workshop is primarily designed for New Zealand university staff closely involved in preparation for academic audit.

Please visit their [website](#) for more information and registration.



## EURASHE's 23rd Annual Conference

9 – 10 May 2013

[EURASHE](#) is pleased to announce that its 23rd Annual Conference will be held in Split (Croatia) on 9 and 10 May 2013. The Conference Theme will be '*Higher Education – Making the Knowledge Triangle Work*'.

It will be held under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic of Croatia, prof.dr.sc. Ivo Josipović.

[Here](#) you can find the details of the Conference.



## EASPA's first Annual Conference

21 May 2013

the European Alliance for Subject-Specific Accreditation and Quality Assurance ([EASPA](#)) is very pleased to invite you to its first Annual Conference

on the topic of *"Subject-based Quality Assurance and Accreditation and its contribution to quality development and mobility"* on Tuesday, 21st May 2013 at The International Association Center in Brussels, Belgium.

The conference will be a great opportunity to hear high-level speakers on all aspects of the topic. Robert Wagenaar will familiarize you with the latest developments in TUNING, which has spread to practically all parts of the world. The director of the American ASPA, a group of around 70 field specific Quality Assurance Agencies, will give an overview over the latest developments in disciplinary QA from the United States, you will hear about the example of developing sectoral standards in the ICT field, get an update on the role of professional cards in Europe and how they are related with accreditation issues and also be acquainted with the final conclusions of the Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes (AHELO) project and its repercussions for the future. There will also be a lot of room for discussion with the participants as well as for learning about the aims and objectives of EASPA.

Find out more about the Conference on EASPA's [website](#).

## The Australian International Education Conference

8 – 11 October 2013

This year's [AIEC](#) will focus on the **key global, regional and local drivers** that influence and shape international education.

What impact do these drivers have and how can we respond to them most effectively? Conversely, what impact does international education have on the world around us globally and locally? How do local realities affect our ability to respond to global imperatives and opportunities? How do we achieve balance between global imperatives and local realities? How will international education influence and shape the future of the nation and the world?

These questions will be discussed during the Australian International Education Conference on 8 – 11 October in Canberra. [Here](#) you can find more information.







## EADTU's Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference 2013



24 – 25 October 2013

The Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference 2013 is kindly hosted by FIED and the Ministry for Education and Research in Paris (F) on the 24th and 25th of October. Following the latest developments in policymaking and university strategies, this year's conference scope is about "*Transition to open and on-line education in European universities*".

The conference board is now looking for paper proposals. They will select papers submitted for all the conference themes listed according to the [schedule](#).

Please visit the Conference [website](#) for more information about the themes, Program and other information.

## Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning

2 – 6 December 2013

COL's Seventh Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning ([PCF7](#)) will be held in Abuja, Nigeria from 2 - 6 December 2013, in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN). The Forum will address "*Open Learning for Development: Towards Empowerment and Transformation*" through five themes: "*Girls' and Women's Education*", "*Skills Development*", "*Promoting Open Educational Resources (OER)*", "*Innovation and Technology*" and "*Institutional Development*".



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