



INQAAHE Bulletin

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INQAAHE News

➤ INQAAHE Secretariat

Please note during the month of August messages to the Secretariat should be sent by e-mail to inqaah@hetac.ie we will be working from a remote location during the holiday period. Should you need to contact INQAAHE by telephone, messages will be dealt with by Andrea Durnin, in our absence, at the INQAAHE number +353 1 6314550.

- INQAAHE members who have yet to complete the questionnaire form (available in MS Word here... [Questionnaire](#)) are urged to do so as soon as possible. The new format information will be published as an "Agencies Directory" in time for the 2006 workshop.

While we request that you answer as many of the questions as possible, completion is not a mandatory requirement for inclusion in the directory. Should you have any queries in relation to the form please contact the secretariat at inqaah@hetac.ie

The form should be completed and returned by e-mail to Ann Graves in the INQAAHE secretariat at inqaah@hetac.ie

- **The INQAAHE QA Newsletter** – Issue Number 26 has been circulated to all members and is available to download from the publications section of the network's website at www.inqaah.org or here... [QA Issue 26](#)
- **INQAAHE Guidelines of Good Practice**
Comments on the Guidelines, circulated in hard copy to all members, should be sent by e-mail to Ann Graves at the INQAAHE secretariat (inqaah@hetac.ie) to be received, not later than, Friday 26 August 2005. The Guidelines of Good Practice are also available to download from the website or here... [GGP](#)

Forthcoming Events

➤ CARIBBEAN AREA NETWORK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN TERTIARY EDUCATION (CANQATE)

"QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION IN SINGLE MARKET ECONOMIES: CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS"

The CANQATE International Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago, **November 28-30, 2005**, in collaboration with the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago. A Pre Conference workshop will be held. The conference will bring together policy and decision makers, educators and professionals within the Caribbean to share ideas and experiences in the area of quality assurance in tertiary education. Sub themes for the conference are:

Regional standards in tertiary education – Reciprocity of Recognition; Regional articulation; Regional Accreditation

International Accreditation - partnering with international bodies; recognition of International bodies

International quality systems – Total Quality Management; Self-assessment; Student and peer evaluations

Quality assurance – Distance education and e-learning; Offshore delivery sites; Course delivery

Teacher Education—Standards, Challenges, Issues

Further information available from: Joanne Suban, Executive Assistant, Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago, Telephone: (868) 628-7333 e-mail: canqatetnt@yahoo.com

➤ ECER 2005 – DUBLIN

The next European Conference on Educational Research will be held at University College Dublin on 7-10 September 2005. The Postgraduate and New Researchers' Pre-Conference will take place on 5 & 6 September.

Further information is available on the EERA website at www.erra.ac.uk or click here... [ECER 2005](#) to open the booklet with further information on ECER 2005, including important dates and registration information, in PDF format

➤ **Call for submissions: Commonwealth of Learning (COL) "Knowledge Series" 2006**

COL invites authorship proposals from qualified distance education practitioners and consultants for its fifth suite of Knowledge Series guides, an ongoing series of introductory guides to topics in distance education practice and delivery.

Potential topics for publication in 2006, that are open for authorship proposals, include:

- Acquiring accreditation in distance learning
- Adapting learning materials for distance learning
- Designing learning objects for online learning
- Knowledge management strategies for distance learning

Interested parties are encouraged to obtain writer's guidelines from COL prior to submitting a proposal. COL accepts topic suggestions for future consideration, although only proposals related to the provided topic list will be considered for 2006 publication.

Proposals must be received by September 16, 2005 and should include the author's contact information and a structural outline of approach. COL expects to respond to all proposals by the end of October 2005. Publication of the series is anticipated for mid-2006.

Please direct writer's guidelines requests, proposal submissions and general series-related enquiries to Grace Chin, Knowledge Series editor, at grachi@telus.net.

The 21 currently published Knowledge Series titles are available from www.col.org/knowledge.

Items of Interest

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- **Bologna Follow Up Group**
From 1 July 2005 the UK has taken over responsibility for the Secretariat to the Bologna Follow Up Group and its Board. Their aim is to provide information and news about developments in the Bologna Process and about how the work programme will be taken forward over the next two years prior to the next Ministerial Summit in London in May 2007. The new website is located at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/bologna/>

 - **ESIB's Bologna Analysis 2005** is the world of the Bologna Process in the eyes of students in Europe. The Bologna Process has reached half time. This provides a good framework for taking stock of how and how far the implementation of the various action lines has reached the national and the institutional level. The analysis document is available to download from the ESIB's website at www.esib.org or by clicking here [ESIB analysis](#)

 - **OECD Education Policy Analysis 2004**
The 2004 edition contains state-of-the-art reviews of policy issues and international developments in the role of non-university institutions in widening access to tertiary education and in making it more diverse and relevant; how countries can gain educational returns from their investments in educational ICT; the challenges that lifelong learning poses for schools; and how tax policies can help to foster lifelong learning. The 2004 edition also includes a summary of recent major education policy changes across a wide range of fields in OECD countries. The document is available to download from the OECD website at www.oecd.org or by clicking on the following link ... [OECD Ed Policy 2004](#)

 - **Accreditation in the European Higher Education Area - Different Paths to Internationalisation**
More than 150 participants from over 30 countries, representing Higher Education Institutions, Rectors' Conferences, State Authorities, Quality Assurance Agencies and Higher Education Research accepted the invitation by the Quality Assurance Project of the German Rectors' Conference to discuss the role of accreditation in the emerging European Higher Education Area on 7th and 8th July in the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences in Berlin. Special focus was laid on the outcomes of the ministers' meeting in Bergen in May 2005. Speakers presentations and documents are available on the German Rectors' Conference website at www.hrk.de or at the following link ... [Presentations](#)

 - **Michael Smith, director of the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation**, has taken up a new position in helping to establish the new American University of Nigeria in Yola, Nigeria. Dr Badr Aboulela along with Dr Singh will continue on as Commissioner.
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