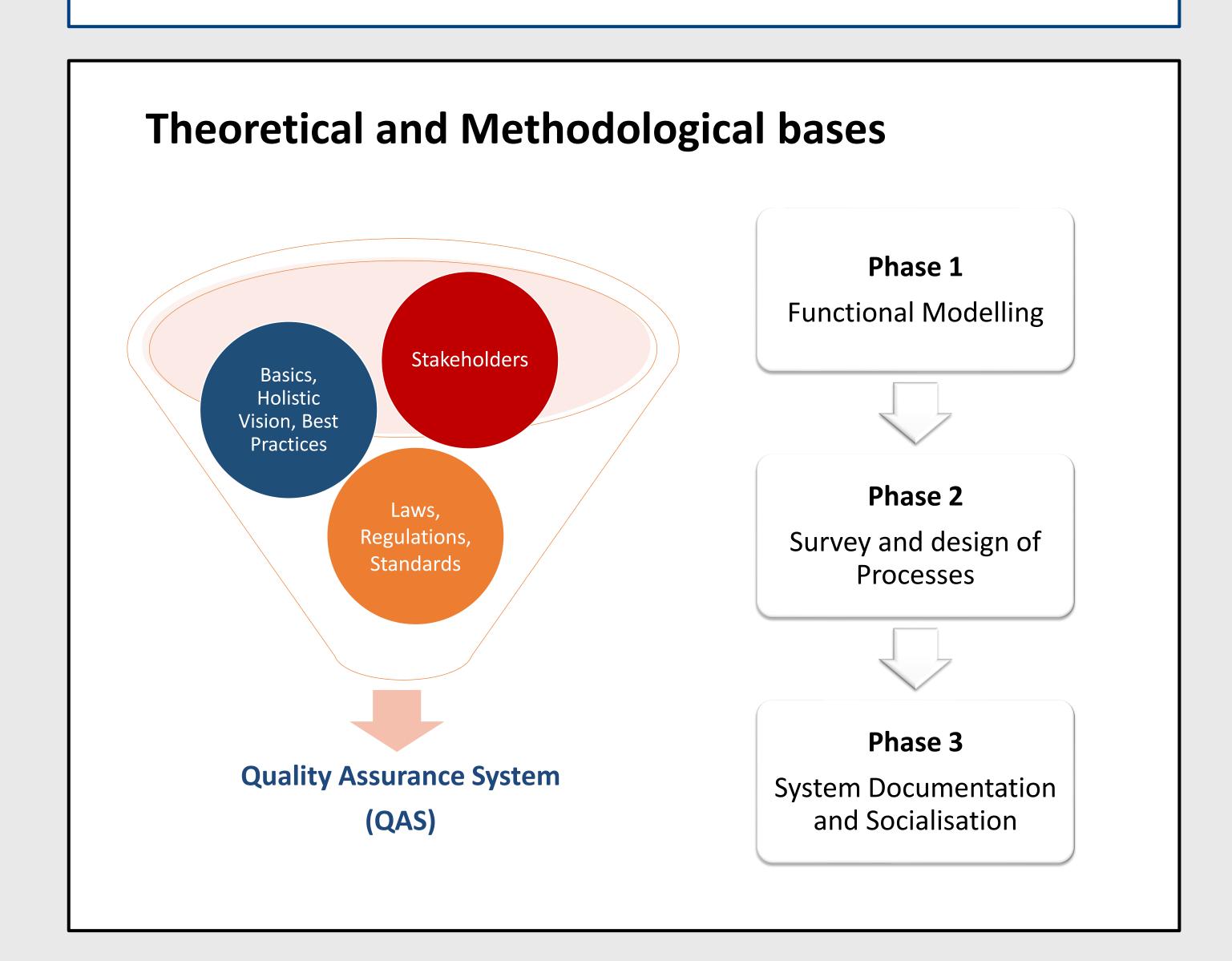
The Development of a Quality Assurance System (QAS) as an Innovative Practice for Strengthening Tertiary Education.

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Introduction and motivation

- The introduction in 2018 of a new Higher Education (HE) Law in Chile.
- The Global Pandemic, which forced the virtualization of academic and administrative activities in HE.
- The incorporation of new criteria and standards for quality accreditation in HE.
- The need to systematize quality management in our University.

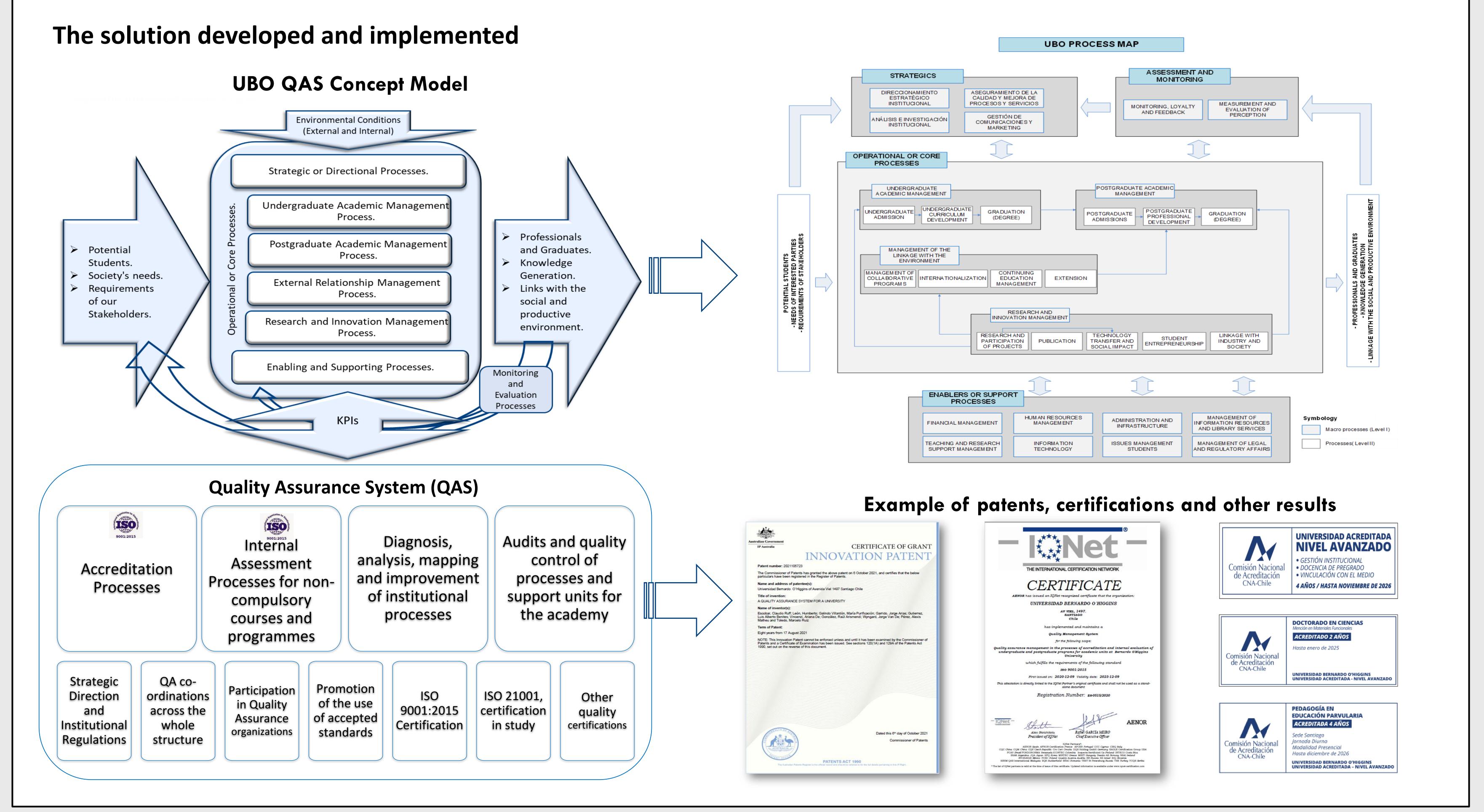


Results

The SAC has been presented in 2 institutional accreditation processes and in X undergraduate and postgraduate processes.

In addition, its action has guided the development of:

- 20 ISO 9001:2015 certifications;
- 31 internal audits for process improvement;
- 24 internal assessment processes for degree courses and programmes and;
- 7 patents for innovation in management processes.



Conclusions

The Bernardo O'Higgins University QAS (Chile), arises from the accreditation process of 2015, when it was observed the need to have a systematization of the different processes and mechanisms of quality assurance at the University, to evaluate their results and integrate procedures and mechanisms for permanent improvement over time, already incorporated into the duty to do and in the being of quality management at the university.

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