









Transforming Society: Social Responsibility through Quality Assurance of Tertiary Education

AGENDA

June 10 - 12, 2024 Bucharest (Romania)

Proudly hosted by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) at the National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest







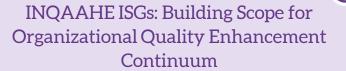
FROM 9.00 TO 16.00 HOURS

Forum Registration

FROM 9.30 TO 12.00 HOURS



WORKSHOP 1



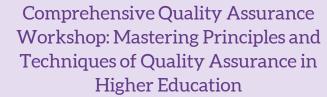
Facilitated by

Dr. Susanna Karakhanyan,

Dr. Anna Prades and

Dr. Ariana de Vincenzi

WORKSHOP 2



A Practical Workshop: The context of quality assurance

Facilitated by

Dr. Mary Catharine Lennon and
Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro

WORKSHOP 4



A force for good? Exploring critical approaches to quality assurance in the Global South

Facilitated by Eduardo Ramos

FROM 12.00 TO 13.00 HOURS

Lunch

















FROM 13.00 TO 15.30 HOURS

WORKSHOP 3

Comprehensive Quality Assurance Workshop: Mastering Principles and Techniques of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

A Practical Workshop: Practical applications in quality assurance

Facilitated by **Dr. Mary Catharine Lennon** and **Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro**

WORKSHOP 5

Quality Assurance as a Catalyst for Refugee and Displaced Student Integration in Tertiary Education

Facilitated by

Amir Radfar (TVET, UNHCR) and

Fabrice Hénard



FROM 15.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 16.00 TO 17.30 HOURS

II Global Study on Trends in Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education: a regional perspective

Intended for regional networks and open to all participants.

FROM 18.00 TO 20.00 HOURS

Cocktail











FROM 8.00 TO 16.00 HOURS

Forum Registration

FROM 9.00 TO 10.00 HOURS

Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks: ARACIS President - INQAAHE President - Romanian Ministry of Education - UNSTPB rector

FROM 10.00 TO 10.45 HOURS

Session 1 Keynote

Breaking barriers: bridging the gap to quality education for all

Facilitated by Prof. Olusola Bandele, OYEWOLE - Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (Ghana)

FROM 10.45 TO 11.15 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 11.15 TO 12.45 HOURS

Parallel Sessions



Design-thinking workshop

Sharing ideas and practices to enhance equity in Tertiary Education

Facilitated by
Dr. Anna Prades
(AQU Catalunya), Spain and
Dr. Eva Fernández de
Labastida
(UNIBASQ), Spain

Design-thinking workshop

Quality assurance for digital education and micro-credentials

Facilitated Mag. Diane
Freiberger, MBA and Michael
Stephan, M.A.
(FIBAA), Germany

Roundtable



SWITEX (Swiss Index for Teaching Excellence) - A hands-on approach to improving didactic performance

Facilitated by **Prof. Dr. Michael Derrer** (HSLU Lucerne University for Applied
Sciences and Arts), Switzerland

Roundtable



How transnational education can serve to widen access to quality international education

Facilitated by **Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro**(Ecctis), United Kingdom

Roundtable



Incorporating criteria for social inclusion in the framework of ESG

Facilitated by **Prof. Siyka Chavdarova-Kostova** (NEAA),
Bulgaria















FROM 12.45 TO 13.30 HOURS

Lunch

FROM 13.30 TO 14.15 HOURS

Session 2 Keynote

Embracing relevance: designing curricula for societal impact

Facilitated by Dr. Juliette E. Torabian - Deputy-coordinator H2020 PIONEERED, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Parallel Sessions

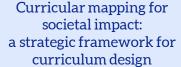
FROM 14.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Roundtable

Harmonizing
heterogeneity:
ensuring quality in
interdisciplinary
programs offered through
a 'multiversity'
framework

Facilitated by Samah Gamar, PhD., Qatar Foundation, Qatar

Roundtable



Eglantina Hysa; Prof. Dr. Marius Gabriel Petrescu and Prof. Dr. Mirela Panait (Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti), Romania

Facilitated by **Prof. Dr.**

Roundtable



Facilitated **by Mazen O. Hasna, Ph.D.** (NCQAA),

Qatar

Roundtable

From goals to gains: embedding social impact and sustainability literacy into the curriculum

Facilitated by Scott G. Blair, PhD (Sulitest), France and Dr. Kerr Castle (QAA), United Kingdom

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Academic integrityartificial intelligence nexus

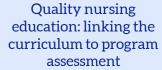
Design-thinking

workshop

Facilitated by Assoc. Professor Fernando F. Padró (UniSQ), Australia

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Design-thinking workshop



Facilitated Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF and Keri Nunn-Ellison, EdD, MSN/Ed, RN, CNE (ACEN), United States of America

FROM 16.00 TO 16.30 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 16.30 TO 17.30 HOURS

FROM 19.00 TO 00.00 HOURS

Panel Discussion

Greening higher education: Social responsibility and quality assurance at systemic and institutional level

Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Simona Lache** - Member of the Institutional Commission of ARACIS/ Vice-Rector at Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania; and INQAAHE Board Director Panelists from UNESCO (Dr. Francesc Pedró), Tertiary Education Institution (Prof. Olusola Bandele, OYEWOLE), Quality Assurance Agencies (Renato Barnet, CNA Chile), Romanian Ministry of Education (Marioara DOBRESCU, PhD, Counsellor), and Student representative (Horia Oniță, ESU).

Gala Dinner













FROM 9.00 TO 9.45 HOURS

Keynote

Keeping tertiary education functioning and improving in conflict-affected areas: resilience and development Facilitated by **Dr. Francesc Pedró** - Director of the UNESCO Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (Venezuela)

FROM 9.45 TO 10.30 HOURS

Session 3 Keynote

Empowering education: fostering civic engagement

Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Kinser - Pennsylvania State University (United States of America)

FROM 10.30 TO 11.00 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 11.00 TO 12.30 HOURS

Parallel sessions



Design-thinking workshop

How can quality assurance agencies promote civic engagement to have a greater impact on society?

Facilitated by Sophie Guillet and Amélie Bensimon (Hcéres), France

Design-thinking workshop

From INQAAHE GGP to ISGs:
how HEEACT translates
International Goals into domestic
higher education institutions'
practical actions

Facilitated by
Prof. Dr. Chia-Yu Chang,
Prof. Angela Yung-Chi Hou and
Dr. Chun-Chi Chih (HEEACT and
National Chengchi University),
Chinese Taipei

Roundtable

Promoting civic engagement in higher education via the assessment and accreditation of tertiary institutions

Facilitated by **Prof. (Dr.) Ganesan Kannabiran** and **Dr. Vinita Sahu** (NAAC), India

Roundtable



Ensuring inclusive and diverse teaching approaches within quality assurance protocols.

Facilitated by
Petrișor ȚUCĂ (National
University of Science and
Technology POLITEHNICA
Bucharest), Romania.

Roundtable



Program advisory committees supporting ready, informed and engaged students

Facilitated by
Karen Belfer, PhD and Sylvie
Mainville, M.ed. (OCQAS),
Canada















FROM 12.30 TO 13.30 HOURS

Lunch

FROM 13.30 TO 14.15 HOURS

Session 4 Keynote

Qualifying lifelong Learning: fostering opportunities for all ages

Facilitated by Professor Romiță IUCU, Ph.D. - President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest (Romania)

FROM 14.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Parallel Sessions



Roundtable



Access, transfer and progression for learners and the role of quality assurance agencies

Facilitated by **Bryan Maguire** (QQI), Ireland

Roundtable



Aligning upskilling and reskilling training programmes to the needs of the industry and staff

Facilitated by **Dr. Rabie'e Al-Rashdi**, Sultanate of Oman

Design-thinking workshop



Bridging HEIs and the society for promoting the Lifelong Learning: a case in Japan

Facilitated by **Akinori Matsuzaka** and **Miharu Kato** (JUAA), Japan

Roundtable



External quality assurance mechanisms to support the quality of blended and distance learning in tertiary education to foster learning opportunities for individuals of all ages. The Romanian approach

Facilitated by Iordan Petrescu, Prof. CEng, PhD; Prof. Dr. Mircea NEAGOE; Alexandru CHIŞ, PhD. Assoc. Prof., and Florin MIHAI, PhD. Prof. (ARACIS), Romania

FROM 16.00 TO 16.30 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 16.30 TO 17.00 HOURS

Forum Takeaways

Facilitated by **Vicki Stott**, CEO of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), INQAAHE Board Director and chair of the INQAAHE Forum 2024 Working Group

Closing Remarks

Facilitated by Dr. Deb Adair - CEO of Quality Matters (QM) and INQAAHE President

FROM 17.00 TO 18.00 HOURS

INQAAHE General Assembly Meeting #2 of 2024









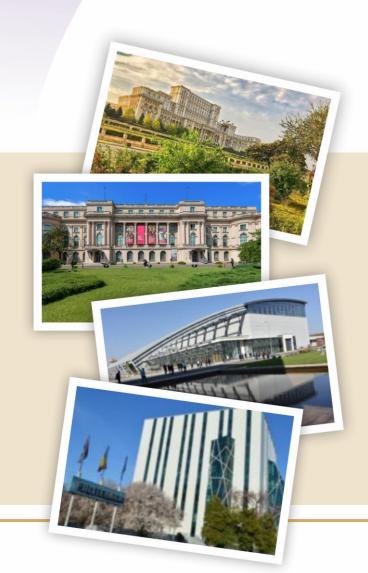








- Palace of Parliament Tour
- Old city Tour & visit to the National Museum of Art of Romania
- Extreme Light Infrastructure Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) Laser facility visit
- Visit to the campus and research centres of the National University of Science and Technology
 Politehnica Bucharest





If you have any question about the event, please do not hesitate to contact **INQAAHE** and/or the **Forum host, ARACIS**.

For more information, please refer to the **FORUM** website.





