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## COMPETENCY AREAS:

- Quality Management: Assurance, Enhancement and Creating Culture
- Evaluation and Reviews (On site & Online)
- Accreditation & Standards (Institutional & Program Level)
- Policies & Procedures & Compliance
- Higher Education Leadership & Management
- Internationalization of HE (Strategic & Operational Planning)
- Partnerships & Collaboration
- European Union (EQF & MRPQ) and World Bank (Employability) Projects on Higher Education
- T & L in Business & Management & Tourism courses at all cycles

## EXECUTIVE BOARD / ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

- **YÖDAK** (Higher Education Accreditation & Evaluation Council), [N.Cyprus](#), **Executive Board Member**
- **CEENQA** (Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in HE), [Germany](#), **Executive Board Member**
- **AQAIIW/IQA** (Association of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Islamic World), [Indonesia](#), **Executive Board Member**
- **BAC** (British Accreditation Council), [United Kingdom](#), **Accreditation Committee Member**
- **NAQA** (National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance), [Ukraine](#), **Advisory Board Member**
- **FIJET ACADEMY** (World Federation of Travel Writers and Journalist), [France](#), An **Affiliate member** of [UNWTO](#)
- **AcreditAccion**, [Chili](#), **International Advisory Council Member**
- **QM** (Quality Matters), [USA](#), **International Strategic Council Member**
- **PRP** (Peer Review Portal), [Australia](#), **International Advisor**

Where building his experience on the quality assurance and improvement activities of the member agencies as well as Higher Education Institutions around the globe.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERT / REVIEWER / EVALUATOR:

- **AAQ** (Agency for Accreditation and Quality Assurance), [Switzerland](#), **International Expert**
- **AQAS** (Agency for Quality Assurance), [Germany](#), **Evaluator/Reviewer**
- **QAA** (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education), [United Kingdom](#), **Review Panel Member**

## PROFILE

**An international expert** and a lifetime learner on higher education studies for 29 years of experience; mainly in **internationalization, policy & development, accreditation, and quality assurance** areas.

**An international reviewer and an evaluator** on internal and external quality assurance and accreditation processes for program and institutional level, serves in many quality assurance agencies globally. Also, an expert on **online evaluation** and **virtual site visits** for institutional as well as program levels.

In addition, exploring a new venue for; **Micro-credentials & Digital Badges** during post pandemic.

**As a project expert**, actively involved in **ISO 9000 Standards, European Union (EQF, MRPQ) and World Bank projects (Employability)** on Higher Education, **ESG 2015 Principles and Applications (EU-CEENQA)**

**As a faculty member**, participated actively in delivering **Business &**

**Management as well as Tourism & Hospitality** related courses at all levels from short cycle to a PhD. Also, served as an advisor for learners, supervised projects and thesis at Masters and PhD level. Actively involved in committee works on, alumni relations, industrial training, internship, employer relations, international collaboration, events, conferences etc.

**As a research scholar**, participated a few joint projects and funded projects, supervised many postgraduate thesis (MSc, PhD), published articles, conference presentations, book chapter contributions, panel speakers etc.

**As a management team member**, actively experienced all the levels of academic and managerial positions at the higher education namely from serving as the Head of Department to a Rector & CEO of a university globally.

Always eager to explore new challenges and contribute to Higher Education institutions with **29 years** of teaching, research, accreditation and quality assurance experiences and networking in global higher education in **Europe, Mediterranean, Middle East, Far East and in the USA.**

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- **FIBAA** (Foundation for International Business Accreditation), [Germany](#), **Country Expert**
- **SQAA / NAKVIS** (Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency), [Slovenia](#), **International Reviewer**
- **THEQC** (Turkish Higher Education Quality Council), [Turkey](#), **International Evaluator**
- **UK NARIC - TNE QB**, [United Kingdom](#), **Reviewer**
- **PEQAB** (Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board), [Canada](#), **International Expert**
- **ARACIS** (Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance), [Romania](#), **International Evaluator**
- **MFHEA** (Malta Further and Higher Education Authority), [Malta](#), **Peer Reviewer**
- **AIKA** (Quality Agency for Higher Education), [Latvia](#), **Evaluator**
- **EAPAA** (European Association for Public Administration Accreditation), [Netherlands](#), **Evaluator**
- **SAAHE** (Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education), [Slovakia](#), **Reviewer**
- **QAAHE / ASCAL** (Quality Assurance Agency for HE), [Albania](#), **Reviewer**
- **IAAR** (Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating), [Kazakhstan](#), **Reviewer**
- **BAN-PT** (National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education), [Indonesia](#), **International Expert**
- **NAQAAE** (Egyptian National Authority of Quality Assurance in Education), [Egypt](#), **International Expert, Project Member**
- **BQA** (Bahrain Education & Training Quality Authority), [Bahrain](#), **Reviewer**
- **AACSB** (Association of Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business), [USA](#), **Volunteer Evaluator**
- **AALHE** (Association for the Assessment of Learning in HE), [USA](#), **Volunteer Expert**
- **QM** (Quality Matters), [USA](#), **Evaluator**
- **AccreditAccion**, (International Accreditation Agency) [Chili, Latin America](#), **Peer Evaluator**
- **EQUAA** (Education Quality Accreditation Agency), [Peru, Latin America](#), **Volunteer Reviewer**
- **AAC** (Accreditation Agency Curacao), [Netherlands Antilles](#), **International Expert/Evaluator**
- **SACSCOC** (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges), [USA](#), **Evaluator**

➤ **ICHRIE member since 2005/ EUROCHRIE President (2010)**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **YÖDAK-Higher Education Council, N.Cyprus / Executive Board Member (Current Job)**

2018 + Second Term

2014-2017 First Term

Responsible from the Licensing, Evaluation and Accreditation as well as quality assurance of the Higher Education Institutions. Also, coordinates international relations and memberships.

### **University of South Florida, USA / Visiting Scholar - 2020**

Responsible from the project on "Comparing the accreditation systems and procedures between USA and Europe".

### **European Leadership University, N.Cyprus & Netherlands / Rector & CEO**

2017-2018

Responsible from the opening activities of the university including academic, financial and legal issues.

### **Girne American University, N.Cyprus / Vice-Rector**

2011-2014

Responsible from Internationalization, quality assurance and accreditation

### **Emirates Aviation Academy, Dubai-UAE / Dean – Head of Department**

2005-2010

Responsible from the Research and Business Development of the Faculty of Business as well as Managing the Department of Tourism activities.

### **Skyline University College, UAE / Head of Department**

2003-2005

Responsible from Academic and administration activities of the Tourism Department

### **Eastern Mediterranean University, N.Cyprus / Visiting Professor**

2001-2003

Delivered courses at the Department of Tourism, organized conferences & panels and carried out research work & projects

### **Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey / Assistant Director for Graduate School**

1997-1998

Responsible from the admin issues as well as the quality assurance

### **Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey / Deputy Head of Department**

1992- 2001

Supported the HoD for Tourism and responsible from academic activities.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **University of Dokuz Eylul, Turkey**

PhD-Management & Tourism (1993-1998)

### **University of Surrey, UK**

MSc-Business and Tourism (1990-1992)

### **University of Uludag, Turkey**

BSc-Tourism and Hospitality Management (1985-1989)

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