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Erika's research interests lies in the areas of quality evaluation and quality assurance in education, e-learning quality evaluation, quality criteria, quality assurance systems in different countries and their comparison. Erika has published more than 60 works on quality assurance.

Being selected second time will give me more opportunity to promote INQAAHE values and quality principles in Russian Federation. Erika would like to continue working with Guidelines for Good Practice in terms of their promotion as a reference point and solid base for international quality assurance agencies. Also another theme would be bringing Russian Universities familiar with international QA practice through INQAAHE membership.