

## Biographical Note of Candidate for INQAAHE Board

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Dr Craig Thompson, based in the Netherlands, is the Deputy Chair of THE-ICE, a not-for-profit international accreditation agency specialised in the field of tourism, hospitality, leisure, events and culinary arts (TH&E) education. He is a highly-qualified external quality assurance auditor, with extensive experience in the assessment and accreditation of cross-border higher education programmes.

Prior to his appointment in 2010 as the Director of Stenden Hotel Management School (NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences), the Netherlands, Europe's largest hotel school, Craig held senior executive positions in several countries including New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and as Academic Director of the Swiss Education Group in Switzerland. He contributed to the development and accreditation of a suite of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the UK and has served and is serving as invited specialist to a number of accreditation panels in New Zealand and Australia. In recognition of his vast experience in QA, Craig is a popular invited keynote speaker in numerous high-profile international conferences and forums.

Craig is a fellow of the Institute of Hospitality, and the Higher Education Academy, and a member of the editorial board for the Journal of Research in Hospitality Management and Journal of Tourism Futures. In 2015 Craig was appointed to the Board of Directors of THE-ICE, a full member of INQAAHE since 2011, and to the position of Deputy Chair in 2017. In this capacity, he works closely with the NVAO (Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders) and is an active participant of the European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education (ECA).

Craig holds a Masters degree in Tourism Management and a PhD, focused on entrepreneurship in the hospitality sector, from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.