

## Note from the President

Dublin, 14 December 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The ENQA Board held its last meeting of 2016 on 30 November. Decisions from that meeting have been summarised below, but please note that official minutes from the Board meetings, once approved, are archived on the ENQA website in the [Members' Area](#).

### 1. Membership and administrative issues

The Board is pleased to announce that long-time affiliate, the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR, Kazakhstan) has successfully undergone an ENQA Agency Review and has been granted membership. On behalf of the association, I would like to wish our Kazakh colleagues my sincerest congratulations. With this addition, ENQA's membership now totals 49 agencies from 27 countries.

The ENQA Board also renewed membership for the Central Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation (ZeVA, Germany) and Quality Assurance Netherlands Universities (QANU) and granted the Accreditation Agency Specialised in Accrediting Degree Programmes in Engineering, Informatics, the Natural Sciences and Mathematics (ASIIN, Germany) "member under review" status. The reports and other materials relating to the reviews are available on the [Review Reports and Decisions page](#) of the ENQA website.

The Board approved several affiliate requests, whose additions are warmly welcomed: the Russian Register, the International Association for Management Development in Dynamic Societies (CEEMAN), the Eurasian Universities Union, and the Accreditation and Nostrification Office of Azerbaijan. Our 53 affiliates now represent 31 countries.

The November meeting was the first for ENQA's newest Board member, Eva Ferreira García (Unibasq, Spain), who was elected for her first term of three years during October's General Assembly meeting in Gloucester. Board members have decided not to exercise the right of co-option, as the current Board is satisfied that its composition is appropriately representative.

Dr. Ferreira García will replace former Board member Salvador Rus Rufino on Review Committee B, and Núria Comet Señal (AQU Catalunya, Spain) will replace Aurelija Valeikienė (SKVC, Lithuania) on Review Committee C. Responsibilities will shift within the Secretariat as well, with Paula Ranne replacing Maria Kelo on the European Quality Assurance Forum's (EQAF) Steering Committee; ENQA Vice-president Caty Duykaerts (AEQES, Belgium) remains ENQA's other representative on the EQAF Steering Committee. I would like to extend my gratitude to these colleagues for their past work in these areas.

## 2. Events and activities

Registration will be opening soon for ENQA's 7<sup>th</sup> Members' Forum (4-5 May, Oslo, Norway), which will be hosted by the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT). The programme and further information will be updated on the [event webpage](#).

## 3. ENQA meetings and events


While the dates for some meetings and events are still to be determined, please find an updated calendar below for those activities which have been already fixed:

12-13 December 2016	Athens	TeSLA seminar on the social dimension of e-learning
13-14 February 2017	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
3-4 May	Oslo	EQUIP focus group for QA agencies on the ESG 2015
4 May 2017	Oslo	ENQA Board meeting
4-5 May 2017	Oslo	ENQA Members' Forum
20 June 2017	Brussels	ENQA networking event
21 June 2017	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
13 September 2017	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
25 October 2017	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
26-27 October 2017	Sèvres	ENQA General Assembly
TBD November 2017	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
23-25 November 2017	Riga	12 <sup>th</sup> European Quality Assurance Forum

Kindly be reminded that members and affiliates that are interested in hosting an ENQA event in 2017 are requested to contact the [ENQA Secretariat](#). Also, if you have not already done so, please also take the opportunity to [comment on the ENQA newsletter](#); the last issue of 2017 will be published in a few days.

As 2016 nears its close, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Yours sincerely,



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President of ENQA