

Note from the President

Bern, 9 August 2019

Dear colleagues,

This note contains a summary of the decisions taken during the June Board meeting. Kindly note that the more detailed minutes from the Board meetings, once approved, are available on the ENQA website in the [Members' Area](#).

1. Membership and affiliation decisions

During its June meeting, the ENQA Board granted membership to the National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR, Italy). The Board also renewed membership for the following six agencies: Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES, Portugal), Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria), Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur (CTI, France), Evaluation Agency of Baden-Württemberg (evalag, Germany), the National Centre of Public Accreditation (NCPA, Russia) and Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI, Ireland).

The review reports, which form the basis for the decisions, are available on the ENQA website on the [Review Reports and Decisions page](#).

In this meeting, the ENQA Board granted affiliate status to the Agency for Control and Quality Assurance of Higher Education (ACQAHE, Montenegro) and the Association of Transnational Higher Education Accreditation (ATHEA, Austria).

2. ENQA Agency Reviews

The Self-Assessment Report for ENQA Agency Reviews 2019 has been published on the [ENQA website](#). This final version was drafted by the ENQA Self-Assessment Group and took into consideration the many forms of feedback we have received over the last year as well as the valuable input from our members and affiliates during the ENQA Members' Forum in Tallinn this past April.

The review panel will conduct a site visit to the ENQA Secretariat office in September 2019. Their report is expected to be approved by the end of 2019 and will thereafter be published on the ENQA website.

3. Projects

As part of the [TeSLA project](#), ENQA, together with EQANIE and AQU Catalunya and with the support of external experts, developed a [Framework for the Quality Assurance of e-Assessment \(FQAeA\)](#). The framework was designed to accommodate the specific characteristics of e-learning and e-assessment in particular, with the main objective of improving and enhancing educational standards in the various

different forms of e-assessment. It is applicable to all online and blended learning environments that include e-assessment, with the ESG functioning as the core document for the framework.

The objective of the FQAeA is to increase consistency and transparency in all forms of e-assessment applied in evaluating and measuring learning outcomes. It seeks to provide minimum standards that can be integrated into general quality assurance practices and guide users to address the specific characteristics of e-assessment.

4. ENQA meetings and events

Registration is now open for the [10th ENQA General Assembly](#) that will take place on 17-18 October 2019 in Yerevan, Armenia, and be hosted by the National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA). Participants arriving early to Yerevan are welcome to attend a facultative pre-event programme entitled “Discover Armenian culture with ANQA.” The programme will take place on Wednesday, 16 October from 15:30-21:00. For the first day of the General Assembly, participants are invited to [submit a proposal](#) – the deadline for which is Sunday, 1 September 2019 – to share ideas and experiences in two thematic poster sessions. ENQA members are also invited to [nominate members for the ENQA Board](#); the deadline for nominations is Friday, 6 September 2019.

Registration is also open for the [second seminar for recently reviewed agencies](#) that will take place on 1-2 October 2019 in Porto, Portugal, and be hosted by the Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES). The seminar is open by invitation to ENQA member agencies that have recently undergone an external review against the ESG 2015 (ENQA Board decisions between October 2017 and September 2019). The seminar aims to support development of the agencies inviting them to share post-review progress and good practices. Participants will also have an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges in meeting the expectations of the ESG 2015 and exchange ideas on how to approach the identified challenges.

Lastly, registration is now open for the [2019 European Quality Assurance Forum \(EQAF\)](#), which will take place on 21-23 November 2019 in Berlin, hosted by the Technische Universität Berlin. Under the heading of “Supporting societal engagement of higher education”, this year’s Forum will explore how external and internal quality assurance processes can support engaged higher education institutions in developing activities that meet the expectations and needs of all stakeholders and demonstrate their value to society.

The dates for other meetings and events may be seen in the following table and on the [events webpage](#):

19 September 2019	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
1-2 October 2019	Porto	ENQA Seminar for recently reviewed agencies
16 October 2019	Yerevan	ENQA Board meeting
17-18 October 2019	Yerevan	ENQA General Assembly
21-23 October 2019	Vienna	ENQA Leadership Programme – Seminar 1
21-23 November 2019	Berlin	European Quality Assurance Forum
28 November 2019	Brussels	ENQA Board meeting
11-13 December 2019	Bucharest	ENQA Leadership Programme – Seminar 2
4-6 March 2020	The Hague	ENQA Leadership Programme – Seminar 3

You may look forward to the next Note from the President following the General Assembly in October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Grolimund', written in a cursive style.

Christoph Grolimund
President of ENQA