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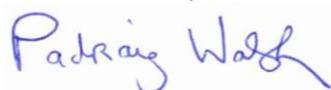
**Subject: Reconfirmation of membership of AQAS in ENQA**

Dear Mrs. Herrmann,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 4 May 2017, the Board of ENQA agreed that AQAS met the necessary requirements for reconfirmation of ENQA Membership for five years from that date. The ENQA Board concluded that AQAS is in substantial compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015). The Board would like to receive a follow-up report on the recommendations in the panel report (as outlined in the annex attached) within two years of its decision, i.e. by May 2019.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat. Please accept my congratulations for the re-confirmation of membership of AQAS.

Yours sincerely,



Padraig Walsh  
President

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ESG 3.1: AQAS should formulate requirements that define the distinction between accreditation and consultation, between ESG and non-ESG activities and between AQAS and AQAS ARCH in the form of a fundamental decision.

ESG 3.4: AQAS should develop a concept describing how the reflective reports are composed in future. One analysis performed previously should be published on the agency's homepage.

ESG 3.6: AQAS should expand the existing Share Point server to the extent that the quality management processes display the requirements of the PDCA cycle.

ESG 2.5: The criteria for international institutional accreditation should be published.

ESG 2.6: AQAS should improve the search options on its website for review reports of international procedures.

AQAS should look for solutions together with the Accreditation Council and the personnel responsible for the database in order to resolve the entry problems in the central database. The disputed function restrictions and data losses should be documented.

ESG 2.7: The terms in the appeals and complaints procedure should, on occasion, be clarified in relation to the ESG.