

Prof. Evangelia Varella  
President  
European Chemistry Thematic Network Association (ECTNA)

Dublin, 28 November 2013

**Subject: External review of ECTNA and decision on membership in ENQA**

Dear Professor Varella,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the ENQA Board discussion of 28 October 2013 regarding the external review of ECTNA, coordinated by ENQA with a view to apply for ENQA Associate membership.

The Board received and considered the ECTNA review report, the first report submitted from a subject professional association for the purpose of applying for Associate membership. While the report demonstrates that ECTNA is a professionally managed and operating international organisation, well serving also quality purposes of chemistry programmes all over Europe, it also provides sufficient evidence to conclude that ECTNA is overall partially compliant with the ENQA membership criteria/ESG.

As substantial compliance with the membership criteria is required to be Associate member of ENQA, the Board regrets not being able to grant ECTNA Associate membership at this moment.

If ECTNA is dissatisfied with this decision, it may file an appeal according to the procedures outlined in article 38 of the Statutes of ENQA.

The ENQA Board advises your Association to carefully follow and implement the panel's recommendations before re-applying for ENQA membership, should you wish to do so in the future.

In the meantime, the Board would welcome an application from ECTNA for Affiliate status, which is not a membership category but represents a formal relationship with ENQA. For more information about this possibility, please visit the ENQA website at <http://www.engq.eu/affil.lasso> and do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ENQA Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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