

## RIACES WORK PLAN 2006

### Strategic axis 1

<b>Strength of the network agencies action towards its external recognition</b>
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#### **1<sup>st</sup> Component: Development of the quality assurance mechanisms of the region.**

##### **Activities compromised:**

- Meeting with the most experienced agencies in the region: Seminar of Institutional Evaluation and Accreditation
- Design of criteria and guidelines for the self-evaluation of the agencies.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Component: Establishment of a regional information office.**

##### **Activities compromised:**

- Gathering and edition of the actually active agencies materials.
- Identification of materials, of other countries interest, for its incorporation to the files.
- Improvements in the glossary, combining the RIACES with the INQAHE existing ones (portended to it Spanish materials)
- Complete studies concerning join certifications based on the OEI, with the purpose of explore possibilities of mutual recognition treatments
- Recollection of criteria and procedures for the distance programs and postgraduate programs evaluation.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Component: Development of the technical professional staffs.**

##### **Activities compromised:**

- Ten technical staff exchanges personnel in any of the quality assurance agencies more develop of the region.
- Elaboration of four specific projects in assessment and counseling for the agencies with less relative development.

## Strategic axis 2

### *Contents and actions of the agencies toward integration*

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Component: Development and training programs

##### Activities compromised:

- Organization of workshops for the homologation of criteria and the integration of regional accreditation processes for some programs:
  - **Agronomy:** MERCOSUR y Asociados, Pacto Andino, Centroamérica –IICA
  - **Medicine:** MERCOSUR y Asociados, Cuba, Perú y Colombia
  - **Engineering:** MERCOSUR y Asociados, ECA (Proyecto Piloto ANECA-CTI) y Centroamérica

#### 5th Component: Training of evaluation peers

##### Activities compromised:

- Organization of a workshop of formation and training of evaluation peers of distance and presence post degree programs.
- Mutual knowledge of the national experiences. Review of the state of art in the matter
- Sharing of the quality criteria most used.
- Elaboration of an international external evaluation peers registry for post degree careers.
- Participation of evaluation peers in evaluation and accreditation experiences in other countries of the region.