



INQAAHE

International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education

Minutes of the INQAAHE General Assembly

31 March 2009, 17.00 – 18.30 h

Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

1. Opening and welcome

David Woodhouse, President of INQAAHE, welcomed the delegates to the General Assembly.

2. Minutes meeting General Assembly, 15 May 2008, Buenos Aires

The Minutes were accepted by the General Assembly.

3. President's Report

The President presented his report to the General Assembly outlining the many activities of the working groups, the Board, the meetings with the associated QA networks, and mentioning the projects which receive funding by GIQAC. It was a busy and fruitful year for the Network. Members were encouraged to participate actively and to tell the Board their wishes with regard to member services.

4. Secretary's Report

Since 1st June, 2008 the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) carries out the functions of the INQAAHE Secretariat. Leendert Klaassen, Secretary of INQAAHE, reported that the number of INQAAHE members and affiliates increased to 201. This includes 5 new full members and 1 new institutional member. NVAO staff have worked intensively on further professionalization and support of the Network. Special attention was given to the correct implementation and accountability (including progress, final and audit reports) of projects (co-)funded by GIQAC. Thanks to the development of a restructured website, the possibilities for providing information on-line and using the members services were improved substantially. The digital environment offers a lot of opportunities for interactive communication among working groups and networks. The restructured INQAAHE website was demonstrated to the General Assembly and was received positively. Members were asked to use the member services (such as the Good Practices in Quality Assurance and the Query service) and send any suggestions for services improvements to the Secretariat.

5. Treasurer's Report

Richard Lewis, the Treasurer of INQAAHE, explained the budget items in the



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INQAAHE Accounts 2008 and the Budget 2009. An elaboration was given on the use of GIQAC funding for INQAAHE projects. The financial statements were approved by the General Assembly. The Treasurer proposed the following membership fees: EUR 420 for 2009 and EUR 440 for 2010. These proposed annual membership fees were approved by the General Assembly. The invoices for 2010 would be sent before the next General Assembly.

6. Future Events: Forum 2010, Windhoek, Namibia

Franz Gertze from NAMQA gave an exciting presentation on the next INQAAHE Forum in Namibia.

7. Future Events: Bids for Conference 2011

Two bids for the organisation of the INQAAHE Conference 2011 were received; one from HKCAAVQ, Hong Kong and one from ANECA, Madrid. The two bids were presented by the candidate host organizations. Full members were given the opportunity to vote for one of the two bids which gave the following result: 24 votes for the bid from ANECA and 17 votes for the bid from HKCAAVQ. It was thus decided that the Conference 2011 will be held in Madrid and organized by ANECA.

8. Any Other Business.

None.

9. Elections: presentation of voting results, election of the new Board

The Secretary presented the voting results. The results were accepted by the General Assembly and thereby the following Board members were elected:

David Woodhouse, President

Dorte Kristoffersen, Director

Maria José Lemaitre, Director

Rolf Heusser, Director

Jean Morse, Director

Nadia Badrawi, Director

Theresa Okafor, Director

Dale Patterson, Director

The outgoing Board members were thanked for their services to INQAAHE with a special thanks to Richard Lewis, the Immediate Past President and Treasurer.