



INQAAHE Bulletin

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INQAAHE News

➤ 2005 Conference – New Zealand

The INQAAHE Biennial conference will be held in the James Cook Hotel ([James Cook Hotel](#)), Wellington, New Zealand.

The call for papers has been circulated to all INQAAHE members and is now available on the INQAAHE website at www.inqaahe.org or here.. [Call for papers](#)

Further information including the launch of the dedicated site and registration details will be finalised over the next couple of weeks and will be advised to the membership as it becomes available.

- The INQAAHE board is pleased to announce that the network has accepted the invitation from the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the United Arab Emirates, to co-sponsor a conference on quality assurance and e-learning. The conference that is being organised by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education (the sponsor of the CAA) and the Higher Colleges of Technology, builds on two previous conferences on e-learning that had been held in the last two years.

The conference will take place in September and further information will be advised to members when it becomes available.

- Issue 24 of the QA Newsletter has been circulated to all members and is now available to download in pdf format from the publications section of the INQAAHE website at [QA Newsletters](#) or directly by clicking here [QA Issue 24](#).

The Board of INQAAHE have agreed to the proposal by the publishers, the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation, that this and future issues be published in electronic format only. In putting forward the proposal HKCAA considered the cost, efficiency and scope of distribution.

If you have any comments on the newsletter or bulletins, or any items you would like included in future bulletins to be circulated by INQAAHE please contact Ann Graves at inqaahe@hetac.ie

Forthcoming Events

- The QAA is currently planning a Training Programme in the methods and approaches of Institutional Audit. Further information available here.. [QAA Training](#)
- "Quality: The Way to Sustainability" is the main theme of the 49th European Organization for Quality (EOQ) Annual Congress, which will be held in Antalya, Turkey, between 25-27 April, 2005. Further information at the following link ... [EOQ Congress](#)

Items of Interest

- A new accreditation commission, the National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment (NCAAA) is being established in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. They are seeking experts in Academic Quality Assurance and Accreditation. Further information here.. [NCAAA](#)
- [BC Latvia's Towards Independence and Sustainability Project seeks a Quality Assurance Consultant.](#)

Papers/Reports/Publications

- HETAC's (Higher Education and Training Awards Council) Corporate Plan 2004 – 2006 is available on the Council's website at www.hetac.ie or to download here in pdf format... [Corporate Plan](#)
- In order to mark the 10 year anniversary of the Institutional Evaluation Programme, EUA has produced an anniversary brochure outlining the programme's achievements over the years. The brochure explains the programme's objectives and principles. To open click here... [EUA Brochure](#)
- The Australian Universities Quality Agency Ltd (AUQA) Annual Report 2003 has been published and is available to download here in pdf format ..[AUQA Annual Report](#)
- The Proceedings of the International Seminar on the Accreditation of Professional Higher Education held in Rennes, France in August 2003 are now available to order. Details are available on the INQAAHE website in the news section or here... [Proceedings](#)
- Draft summary of readings, lectures and discussions from ENQA Workshop on Institutional Quality Audits, held in Zurich 1-2 December 2003 – more here...[Zurich 2003](#)
- EUA's QA position (Graz Declaration) in the context of the QA action lines of the Berlin Communiqué. Specifically, the Berlin Communiqué. Further information here...[EUA](#)
- ESIB (National Union of Students in Europe), Policy paper on Quality Assurance available at... [ESIB](#)

General Information

- The European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education (ECA) is pleased to announce its website: www.eaconsortium.net If you have any suggestions for improvement or questions please contact Mark Fredericks, ECA Coordinator at m.frederiks@nvaio.net
- The South African Council on Higher Education has withdrawn accreditation from ten of the country's 28 MBA programmes. Most of the programmes are in small private institutions but large public institutions such as the University of Natal have also lost their accreditation. Further information available on the CHE website at <http://www.che.org.za>
- The Council for Higher Education and Accreditation (CHEA) has expressed "concern and alarm" over a major bill on higher education (HR 4283) in accreditation. While the provisions of the bill would enact provisions that would strengthen accountability in ways advocated by CHEA it would also authorise major governmental inclusion in matters of academic quality.

The provisions of the bill include the following requirements:

Accreditors would have to produce a public summary of their actions and findings when accreditation status is granted or renewed.

Institutions would need to state the learning objectives for their programmes.

Accreditors would be required to demonstrate to federal officials that the quality of distance learning in the institutions they accredit is comparable to face to face provision.

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- The Malaysian announced in April that in future that applications to offer franchised programmes from foreign universities in Malaysia will normally only be approved if the foreign university is

sufficiently highly ranked in national league tables. For example, in the case of the United Kingdom, the university must be ranked in the top 60 by the Times Good University Guide, Financial Times or Daily Telegraph. In the United States, the Malaysian government will rely on publications such as Peterson's US Colleges & University Handbook.

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