INQAAHE Forum 2024
Bucharest
Proposal by ARACIS - Romania
About ARACIS

• The Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education is established for the purpose of performing external evaluation. ARACIS is evaluating all study programs, study domains, institutions organizing doctoral study programs (IOSUD) and higher education institutions, every 5 years.

• Member of INQAAHE since 2005

• ARACIS is a member of ENQA, CEENQA, ENAEE and is registered in EQAR while also contributing to DEQAR
Why Host?

Hosting the event:
• represents an important opportunity for the representatives of the Romanian Higher Education system to share experience on quality assurance evaluation with the other INQAAHE member agencies;
• contributes to increasing international visibility of our country and embedding quality culture in higher education in the region.

ARACIS
• Broad experience in organizing events, such as ENQA General Assembly (2009), ENQA Leadership Programme Seminar in Bucharest (2019), Seminars and Workshops under the framework of several internationally and nationally funded projects, such as QUALITAS (2014-2015), ACAD-INOV (2014-2015), IMPALA (2013-2016), TARGET (2017-2022), QAFIN (2017-2022), ESQA (2019-2022).
• In 2018, UPB hosted the Annual Conference of CESAER (Conference of European Schools of Advanced Engineering Education and Research);
• In 2019, in the context of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, UPB hosted 9 major international events;
• In 2021, UPB organized Semaine Mondiale de la Francoфонie Scientifique, AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie).
INQAAHE Forum 2024 organized by ARACIS in partnership and at the premises of the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest

Official support

ARACIS and University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest (UPB) will benefit for the support of the Romanian Ministry of Education. Also, other institutions/organisations which will support ARACIS and UPB in organising the event are:

- Euronews Romania;
- Radio France International Romania;
- The National Union of Students from Romania (UNSR);
- The National Alliance of Student Organisations in Romania (ANOSR).
Proposed VENUE

University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest

- located in **Bucharest**, the capital city of Romania;
- founded in 1818;
- the largest and most reputed technical university in Romania;
- two modern buildings for hosting the event INQAAHE FORUM 2024:
  - **UPB AULA** and **Central Library**,

located next to each other, in the middle of the campus.
• **Bucharest** has good connections with all capitals and important cities all over the world;

• International flights arrive at **Henri Coanda International Airport**, the largest airport in Romania, located about 19 km north of Bucharest center.
• Plenary sessions – in the Conference Center of UPB Aula
  ✓ capacity of 1100 seats,
  ✓ sized and equipped in accordance with modern standards: an integrated event sound system, professional television cameras, laptops, projection screens, microphones. Six cabins for simultaneous translations are in direct connection with the room, as well as the cabins for the lighting and sound director, respectively the CCTV car.
  ✓ All spaces have ventilation systems and access to high-speed Wi-Fi.
• **Breakout sessions – within the premises of the Central Library**
  (one-minute walking distance from the UPB Aula)
  ✓ up to 10 rooms for the break-out sessions with seating capacity varying from 30 up to 140 places (600 places, in total).
  ✓ rooms are equipped with modular furniture that allows various arrangements: U-shaped, classroom, chevron, auditorium etc.
  ✓ All spaces have ventilation systems and access to high-speed Wi-Fi.
• Board meeting – the Council Room (Central Library)

✓ capacity of 35 places
✓ modern projection and sound system, equipped with laptop, projection screen, video systems, microphones and speakers
✓ possibility to record and broadcast the meeting if needed
✓ access to internet and full tech support are provided along the event
For lunches, coffee breaks and networking, the area on the ground floor of the Aula (600 people) and/ or the halls of the Central Library (400 people).

Meals will consist of both traditional and international cuisine, and there will also be vegetarian choices or other types of food for special ailments, according to the needs of the participants.
Forum suggested dates & fees

Proposed dates for INQAAHE Forum:
February 26-29, 2024, or April 22-26, 2024
We advise to choose the date in April, as it is more likely to have a pleasant weather

Forum and Workshop Fees:
• For INQAAHE members:
  Forum – 550 USD,
  Forum + 1 Workshop – 650 USD,
  Forum + 2 Workshops – 700 USD
• For nonmembers:
  Forum – 580 USD,
  Forum + 1 Workshop – 710 USD,
  Forum + 2 Workshops – 760 USD
Marketing & Promotions

• Special website dedicated to the Forum;
• ARACIS, UPB and Romanian Ministry of Education websites;
• ARACIS and UPB social media channels, ARACIS’ Newsletter and the agency’s Review, ”Quality Assurance Review for Higher Education”;
• Event marketing materials (such as a flyer about the event, Forum proceedings etc.);
• The Forum and its activities will also be covered on Euronews Romania platforms;
• UPB will provide space for exhibitions.
Social Programme

**Cultural visits**: Palace of Parliament, the National Art Museum, or a guided tour of Bucharest.

**The Palace of Parliament** is the second largest administrative building in the world, after the Pentagon. It took 20,000 workers and 700 architects to build it.

**Cultural Guided Bucharest tour, including visit to the National Art Museum.**

**The National Museum of Art of Romania** is the country’s prime holder of Romanian, European and Oriental art. Located in the former Royal Palace in Bucharest, it includes the National Gallery (Romanian medieval and modern art) and the European Art Gallery.

**Scientific program**: UPB research centres **CAMPUS** (UPB’s advanced research & development center for multi - and inter - disciplinary technologies), **PRECIS** (it has as objective the extension of the current infrastructure and research activities of UPB) and the **Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP)** facilities in Măgurele, 6 km South of Bucharest.
We look forward to seeing you in Bucharest!