

Call for Independent Experts in Quality Assurance

Join the INQAAHE ISG Recognition Committee and Shape the Future of Global QA

Deadline for application: 25 June 2025.

1. Why Join?

The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) invites experienced international quality assurance professionals to apply for four open positions as Independent Experts on its ISG Recognition Committee. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the development and credibility of an international review scheme that supports quality assurance agencies and promotes trust in higher education systems worldwide.

2. About the ISG Recognition Committee

The ISG Recognition Committee is a standing committee of the INQAAHE Board, established to oversee the evaluation and recognition of external quality assurance agencies in accordance with INQAAHE's International Standards and Guidelines (ISGs). The Committee plays a vital role in enhancing the effectiveness of the ISGs review scheme and in advising on the continuous improvement of the standards and procedures.

Specifically, the Committee:

- Evaluates whether quality assurance agencies meet INQAAHE's ISGs;
- Recommends updates to the ISGs and associated review procedures;
- Appoints review teams for ISG evaluations;
- Reviews ISG feedback to ensure the scheme remains fit for purpose and globally relevant.

3. Term and Membership

- Four (4) positions are open for Independent International Experts.
- The term of service is three years, renewable.
- Membership is voluntary and not subject to remuneration.
- The Committee consists of both Board Directors and Independent Members. Current Board members serving on the Committee include:
 - Dr. Fabrizio Trifirò (Chair)
 - Dr. Ariana de Vincenzi
 - Dr. Anna Prades
 - Dr. Olgun Çiçek
 - Dr. Nasser Al Hinai

- Dr. Mary Catherine Lennon
- Fabrice Hénard, INQAAHE CEO, as ex officio with no voting rights.

4. Selection Process

Independent experts will be selected based on the criteria in Annex 1 below. The process is as follows:

- Applications will be reviewed by the six INQAAHE Board Directors serving on the Committee.
- A shortlist will be established and submitted to the full INQAAHE Board for final approval.

5. How to Apply

Applicants are invited to submit the following documents:

- A motivation letter (maximum 2 pages) outlining:
 - How you would contribute to the ISG Recognition Committee;
 - How your experience and qualifications fulfill the 9 selection criteria.
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV).

All application materials should be submitted by **25 June 2025**.

For questions or clarifications, please contact:

- **Fabrice Hénard**, INQAAHE CEO (ceo@inqaahe.org) and **Fabrizio Trifirò**, INQAAHE Board Director and Chair of the ISG Recognition Committee: ftrifiro@hotmail.com
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Annex 1 – Selection Criteria for Independent Experts

Relevant Experience

- At least 8 years of experience in quality assurance or accreditation in higher education, including managing QA processes or serving as a reviewer.
- Demonstrated knowledge of international higher education and QA systems across regions.
- Proven leadership experience in governance, decision-making, or policy development in QA agencies or higher education institutions.

Independence and Integrity

- Must serve in an individual capacity, not representing any organization.
- Demonstrated ability to make impartial, evidence-based decisions.
- Proven record of maintaining confidentiality in dealing with institutional data and reports.

Diversity and Representation

- Representation from varied geographic regions and cultural backgrounds.
- Experience across different types of QA or higher education institutions.
- Commitment to gender balance and inclusion.