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Subject: Reconfirmation of Full membership of AHPGS in ENQA

Dear Georg Reschauer,

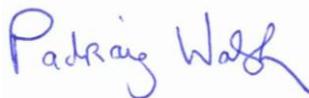
I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 18 June 2014, the Board of ENQA agreed to reconfirm AHPGS Full membership of ENQA for five years from that date.

Though the ENQA Board concluded that AHPGS is in substantial compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines, the Board would like to receive a follow-up report on the recommendations in the panel report (as outlined in the annex attached) within two years of its decision, i.e. by June 2016.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ENQA Secretariat.

Please accept my congratulations for the re-confirmation of Full Membership of AHPGS.

Yours sincerely,



Padraig Walsh
President of ENQA

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AHPGS is recommended to take appropriate action, so far as it is empowered to do so, in the following issues concerning compliance with the ESG:

Recommendation 1: The review panel recommends charging an organ to deal with complaints which is independent from both the accreditation commission and the governing body. (Standard 2.3; standard 3.7)

Recommendation 2: The review panel recommends expanding the time limit for lodging and substantiating a complaint. (Standard 2.3; standard 3.7)

Recommendation 3: The review panel recommends to constantly enlarge the pool of experts (for instance by increasingly including more medical experts) and to ensure larger diversity and transparency when selecting student experts. (Standard 2.4)

Recommendation 4: The review panel recommends the intensification and further improvement of the training provided by the agency based on the actual demand. This training may be held during the annual conference in Windenreute. Furthermore, the agency should advertise them and also provide special training seminars for experts in system accreditation. (Standard 2.4)

Recommendation 5: The expert reports shall be adapted and published in such a way that the experts' decision recommendation provides a clear distinction between recommendations and conditions; furthermore, the rationale of the accreditation commission shall clearly indicate possible derogations from the experts' recommendations. (Standard 2.5)

Recommendation 6: The review panel recommends continuing and possibly expanding the much appreciated publications of the agency on topics such as the academisation of health and nursing professions. (Standard 2.8)

Recommendation 7: Since part of the accredited programmes are still at in the concept stage and some of the HEIs are still in the course of formation at the time of accreditation, Recommendations of the expert group the experts recommend providing a systematic analysis of the sustainability of the courses offered. (Standard 2.8)

Recommendation 8: The review panel recommends translating the established common practice into a binding decision according to which members of the accreditation commissions do not participate in deliberations when these concern procedures in which said members have been involved as experts or if they hold any position at the university in question. (Standard 3.6)

Recommendation 9: The review panel recommends systematically and continuously analysing the communication between the head office and all parties involved in the accreditation procedures in order to determine which procedure-related aspects may be improved. (Standard 3.8)