



ENQA Workshop

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

March 12-13, 2009

Hosted by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS)

Venue:
Transilvania University
Aula universităţii/University Aula
Str. Iuliu Maniu 41A
Braşov, Romania

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11 March, 2009

14:00 Arrival in Bucharest, transfer from Bucharest – Henri Coandă (Otopeni) airport to Braşov and accommodation at Hotel ARO Palace

Afternoon registration of participants:

- Transilvania University, Brasov, Rector's Office, B-dul Eroilor nr. 29; or
- directly at Hotel ARO Palace, Braşov, B-dul Eroilor nr.27 (walking distance from the Rector's Office)

20:00 Welcome dinner offered by ARACIS at Hotel ARO Palace

DAY 1 Thursday 12 March, 2009

7:45 Bus transfer from Hotel ARO Palace to workshop venue

8:00 Registration of participants





9:00

Welcome

- Radu Damian, Head of Quality Assurance Department, ARACIS
- Bruno Curvale, President of ENQA
- Ecaterina Andronescu, Minister of Education, Research and Innovation of Romania

Chair: Radu Damian, ARACIS

9:30

Plenary session:

Overview of developments of Master and Doctoral education in Europe and beyond

"Forces shaping postgraduate education: academic

credentials in a global context" Mary-Louise Kearney, Director of the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge

QA in doctoral education – an overview of different approaches in a sample of selected countries

Lesley Wilson, Secretary General, EUA

Discussion

Chair: Radu Damian, ARACIS

10:45

Coffee break

11:15

Panel discussion: QA in postgraduate education from the HEIs', doctoral candidates', and quality assurance agencies' perspective

Janet Bohrer, QAA, UK, part-time professional doctoral candidate (EdD); Lesley Wilson, EUA; Karoline Holländer, Eurodoc; Ligia Deca, ESU; Dan Popescu, University of Craiova

Discussion

Chair: Bruno Curvale, ENQA

12:30

Lunch at the workshop venue

13:30

Plenary session: three case studies





- **Postgraduate survey 'A Mirror for Postgraduate Students' in Sweden**, Gunilla Jacobsson, NAHE
- **Research Masters in the Netherlands**, Fred Mulder, NVAO
- **Accreditation of PhD programmes in Lower-Saxony, Germany**, Manuel Pietzonka, ZEvA

Discussion

Chair: Emmi Helle, ENQA

14:30

Parallel working group sessions

- Doctoral education: How does it differ from the first and second cycles (i.e. the main component of doctoral education is original research and contribution to the new knowledge)? What are the consequences for agencies' QA procedures? (*facilitator: Lesley Wilson, EUA*)
- Doctoral education and employability: What procedures should QA agencies use to assess whether doctoral programmes provide doctoral candidates with professional and transversal skills in order for them to become competent and independent researchers employable in a wide range of sectors of economy and society? (*facilitator: Bruno Curvale, ENQA*)
- Supervision and assessment: How can QA agencies evaluate, measure and guarantee the progress of students' work and scientific contribution, the recognition of students' merit and a satisfactory and balanced relationship between doctoral candidates and supervisors? (*facilitator: Radu Damian, ARACIS*)

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

Plenary session

De-briefing from working groups

Chair: Nathalie Costes, ENQA

17:30

End of the first day

17:45

Bus transfer to Hotel ARO Palace

19:15

Bus transfer to restaurant





19:30 Dinner at restaurant Cetate

DAY 2
Friday
13 March, 2009

8:30 Bus transfer from Hotel ARO Palace to workshop venue

9:00 **Plenary session: national experiences**

- **External evaluation of Master programmes in Romania**, Radu Damian, ARACIS
- **Accreditation of doctoral schools in Hungary**, Judith Negyesi, HAC
- **Evaluation of doctoral schools in France**, Jean-François Dhainaut, AERES

Chair: Emmi Helle, ENQA

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **Parallel working group sessions**

- Internal institutional QA procedures and trends in European doctoral education (*facilitator: Lesley Wilson, EUA*)
- External QA and assessment of doctoral programmes in Europe: current practices and challenges (*facilitators: Manuel Pietzonka, ZEvA and Bruno Curvale, ENQA*)
- Organisational trends in doctoral education: the introduction of doctoral schools either at institutional level or across institutions on a thematic basis (*facilitator: Jean-François Dhainaut, AERES*)

12:00 **Plenary session**
De-briefing from working groups

Chair: Nathalie Costes, ENQA

12:30 **Closing plenary session: Conclusions and foresight**
Radu Damian, ARACIS, and Bruno Curvale, ENQA





13:00 Lunch at the workshop venue

14:15 End of the workshop

14:30 Bus transfer to Hotel ARO Palace

Transfer from Braşov to Bucharest – Henri Coandă (Otopeni) airport

Optional

15:30 – 18:00 Guided tour of Braşov or shopping time

18:30 Bus transfer to restaurant

19:00 Dinner at restaurant Poiana

**Saturday
14 March, 2009**

Transfer from Braşov to Bucharest – Henri Coandă (Otopeni) airport

