

# ENQA Workshop

## Accreditation Models in Higher Education: Experiences and Perspectives

Session 2 Workshop III afternoon

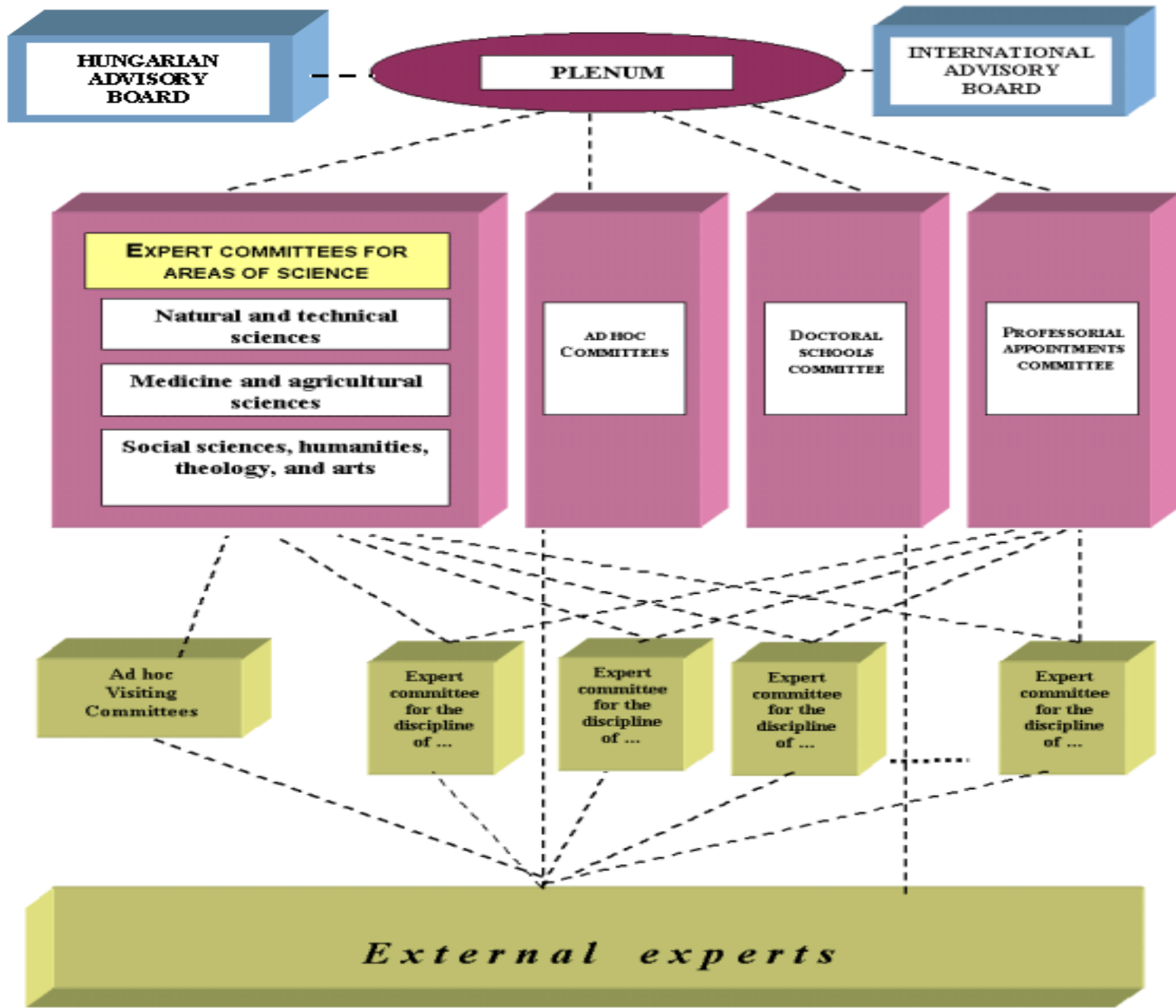
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# The Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) ORGANIZATION

- 30 full members, delegated by
  - HEIs (3 conferences: Rectors, College Directors, Art university rectors)
  - research institutes (of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
  - professional organizations (chambers, unions)
- one non-voting student member (by law, 1993)
- non-voting members for missing disciplines

# Organization Chart



## Selection of evaluators: Institutional (includes programs)

- involves visit based on self-evaluation

- plenum member usually heads expert commission for given discipline (for main profile of faculty)
- chair of expert commission recommends review team chair
- review team chair recommends review team members, often includes non-academics
- approved by institution
- approved by plenum
- students to be included in visiting teams in next round of institutional accreditation

# Report: Institutional

- in first round only decision (accredited or not) was published together with a short explanation
- in second round full report will be published
- in first round there was a grading scale of all programs reviewed (Excellent, Strong, Adequate, Not Adequate)
- in upcoming round only Accredited or Not
- in both rounds: Conditional Accreditation
  - if no graduates yet in evaluated program
  - if weaknesses call for monitoring (set period of accreditation and conditions to be met at monitoring)

# Selection of evaluators: Program

(preliminary accreditation of new programs)

- involves evaluation based on written application

- plenum member usually heads expert commission for specific discipline (covering group of study programs)
- chair of expert commission recommends two-three external evaluators, may include non-academics
- expert commission discussed evaluators' reports and prepares recommendation to plenum
- plenum votes
- a pool of over 500 peers (address list)

## Report: Program (preliminary accreditation)

- only decision is published with short explanation

- no change foreseen

# Institutional and Program accreditation

- HAC decision is “recommendation” to the minister of education
- by law, minister must publish reasons for passing a decision opposed to the HAC’s
- all HEIs which applied for accreditation have been accredited (about half for the full 8-year term)
- about 70% of programs were accredited for the 8-year term, less than 1% were closed
- almost all private HEIs applying for accreditation were accredited, though some had to re-submit their application
- now 11 private HEIs



## Frames of reference

- Higher Education Act
  - Government Decree on HAC (detailed delegation of members, tasks)
  - HAC by-laws
    - includes procedures of operation and tasks of committees
  - Accreditation requirements
  - Strategic Plan
  - Code of Ethics
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- right of appeal based on legal grounds