

Note from the President

Dublin, 13 May 2016

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the decisions from the General Assembly and recent Board meetings. Please be informed that minutes from the General Assembly and Board meetings, once approved, are available on the ENQA website in the [Members' Area](#).

1. Membership and administrative issues

The Board is pleased to welcome its newest elected member, Nora Skaburskienė from SKVC (Lithuania). Thirty-eight members of ENQA were present at the Members' Forum in Budapest to cast their ballots in the election for the replacement of Daisuke Motoki's vacated position on the Board. Among her other Board responsibilities, Nora has joined [Review Committee D](#) and will participate in the scrutiny procedure for agency reviews.

Members present at the General Assembly endorsed the Board's decisions to grant affiliate status to the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Professional Education (ANACIP, Moldova), the Danish Evaluation Institute (EVA, Denmark), and Enhancing Quality in the Arts (EQ-Arts, Netherlands). The General Assembly also approved the accounts and auditor's report.

During its April Board meeting, the ENQA Board took a membership decision on the first agency to complete the ENQA Agency Reviews process. The European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE) has been granted Member under Review status. The report and other materials relating to the review are on the [Review Reports and Decisions page](#) on the ENQA website.

Furthermore, the Board wishes to remind all members that the revised reviews process requires that each agency's follow-up report (which is subject to a similar scrutiny procedure as the review report) addresses all recommendations made by the review panel (in the review report) and the Board (in the decision letter) and that it is appropriately reflective and analytical – yet concise. Follow-up reports should be submitted in English only and would preferably not contain annexes.

At its April meeting, the Board also approved two transfers of affiliate status: MusiQuE (Music Quality Enhancement), which has taken over all quality assurance activities previously run by AEC (the European Association of Conservatoires), and the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education, which has assumed the responsibilities of CEEA (the Council of Educational Evaluation-Accreditation).

2. Events and activities

The hosts for 2017's Members' Forum and General Assembly have been determined. NOKUT (Norway) will host the Members' Forum on a date yet to be determined, and CIEP (France) will host the General Assembly on 26-27 October 2017. When considering the possibilities from among those

agencies which expressed their interest in hosting a future event, the Board allowed the following factors to contribute to their decision: priority is given to ENQA members; the agency offering to host should not currently be undergoing an ENQA review; and the chosen agencies should offer a fair geographical spread. Members and affiliates are encouraged to express their interest in hosting ENQA's events and meetings (such as trainings, workshops, seminars, etc.) as well, as it is a good principle that agencies share hosting responsibilities.

The 2016 General Assembly will take place in Gloucester, United Kingdom, on 20-21 October. Representatives from agencies who are interested in presenting examples of challenges or good practices, or those who are interested in sharing an aspect of their work which other ENQA members and affiliates may find interesting, are encouraged to contact Paula Ranne (paula.ranne@enqa.eu) at the ENQA Secretariat. More information about the specific session for agency presentations, the programme, registration process, and call for Board nominations will be announced soon.

3. Projects and Working Groups

The IMPALA project's International Conference, "Impact Evaluation of Quality Management in Higher Education: A Contribution to Sustainable Quality Development of the Knowledge Society" will take place on 16-17 June in Barcelona, Spain. ENQA members and affiliates are encouraged to participate in this fee-free event and thereby represent the QA agency community. Further information and registration details are available on the [ENQA website](#).

At its April meeting, the Board of ENQA has decided to consider plans for a working group on e-learning. A call for members and affiliates to join the working group will be circulated soon.

4. ENQA meetings and events

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| 6-7 June | Lisbon | EQUIP Workshop on the ESG |
| 14 June | Brussels | ENQA Networking event |
| 15 June | Brussels | ENQA Board meeting |
| 16-17 June | Barcelona | IMPALA International Conference |
| 15 September | TBD | ENQA Board meeting |
| 22-23 September | Ljubjana | ENQA Agency Reviews: Training of Reviewers |
| 21 October | Dublin | ENQA Board meeting |
| 20-21 October | Gloucester | ENQA General Assembly |
| 17-19 November | Ljubjana | European Quality Assurance Forum |
| 30 November | TBD | ENQA Board meeting |

The next Note from the President will be sent following the June Board meeting. Until then, I hope this newsletter brings useful information and opportunities for your continued interest and involvement.

Yours sincerely,



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President of ENQA