

# **HRK German Rectors' Conference**

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## **International Quality Assurance Networks in Higher Education**

29-30 October 2009  
in Belgrade, Serbia

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and Quality Assurance  
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## Background

Over the past few years, many groups of quality assurance agencies have formed networks, on the basis of geographical regions or other agency characteristics (see the list below). In an effort to explore networking in quality assurance particularly relevant for European institutions, the conference will examine the most important international networks in external quality assurance. The information about their profiles, objectives and activities as well as interfaces should give an orientation towards the more and more complex interaction of players.

Furthermore, the topics like mutual recognition of accreditation decisions, cooperation in elaborating measures for harmonising activities as well as the integration and active participation of the young accreditation agencies in the European quality assurance net will be discussed.

## List of Networks

(in alphabetical order):

- ANQAHE** – Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- APQN** – Asia-Pacific Quality Network
- AQAN** – ASEAN Quality Assurance Network
- CANQATE** – Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education
- CEEN** – Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education
- DACH** – German-Austrian-Swiss Accreditation Network
- EAQAN** – Eurasian Quality Assurance Network
- ECA** - European Consortium for Accreditation
- ENQA** – established as a Network, since 2004 transformed into the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- IHEQN** – Irish Higher Education Quality Network
- INQAAHE** - International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education
- JQI** – Joint Quality Initiative – Network for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of bachelor and master programmes in Europe (inactive)
- NOQA** – Nordic Quality Assurance Network in Higher Education
- RIACES** – Ibero-American Network for Quality Accreditation in Tertiary Education

## Accommodation:

Hotel "Sumadija", Sumadijski trg 8, 11000 Belgrade

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## Target Audience:

main stakeholders in external quality assurance  
(particularly from South Eastern European Countries)

# Conference Programme

Venue: Hotel Sumadija, Conference Room "Usce"

Chair: Prof. Dr. Vera Vujcic, Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance Serbia

Thursday, 29 October 2009

- 14:30      **Welcome**  
tba, Ministry of Education, Republic of Serbia  
Prof. Dr. Srdjan Stankovic, Head of the National Council for Higher Education  
Rudolf **Smolarczyk**, German Rectors' Conference, HRK
- 14:45      **Accreditation process in Serbia**  
Vera **Dondur**, Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance Serbia (CAQA)
- 15:15      **The Relevance of international Networking in Quality Assurance**  
Mag. Elisabeth **Fiorioli**, Managing Director, Austrian Accreditation Council (ÖAR)
- 16:00      **INQAAHE - Sharing internationally expertise and experiences in the management of quality and standards**  
Dr. Rolf **Heusser**, Director of the Center for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of the Swiss Universities (OAQ) and INQAAHE Board Member
- 17:00      Coffee Break
- 17:30      **ECA and the mutual recognition of accreditation decisions**  
Dr. Mark **Frederiks**, Policy Advisor at the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO), INQAAHE Administrator and ECA Coordinator
- 18:30      Sightseeing
- 19:30      Conference Dinner on Invitation of the Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance Serbia

**Friday, 30 October 2009**

- 9:00            **How to get involved in ENQA?**  
Emmi **Helle**, Secretary General, ENQA
- 9:45            **How to get integrated – FIBAA Experience and Recommendations**  
Dr. Heinz-Ulrich **Schmidt**, Managing Director, Foundation for International  
Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA)
- 10:30           Coffee break
- 11:00           **CEEN – Harmonizing activities in quality assurance and playing  
an active role in shaping the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**  
Chrisztina **Rozsnyai** M.A., Programme Officer for Foreign Affairs at the  
Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB) and CEEN Secretary General
- 11:45           **Benefits of being involved from ASIIN perspective**  
Jana **Möhren**, Programme Manager, Accreditation Agency for Degree  
Programmes in Engineering (ASIIN)
- 12:30           Joint Lunch

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