

Quality Assurance in Transnational Education (TNE) – From words to action

Bologna seminar organised by ENQA
and hosted by the QAA, UK
1-2 December 2008

Venue: Hotel Novotel St. Pancras, London

Co-organisers: UNESCO, Council of Europe, ESU, Education International

Conference programme

Monday, 1 December 2008

08:45 Registration

**09:30 Setting the stage: Current trends in transnational education
landscapes (in and from EHEA) and the development of
regulatory frameworks**

*Professor Sir Drummond Bone, Chair of the Advisory Group of the
Observatory on Borderless Education*

**10:15 Introduction to the OECD-UNESCO Guidelines for quality
provision in cross-border higher education**

- *Stéphan Vincent-Lancrin, Analyst, Directorate for Education,
Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), OECD*
- *Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, Responsible Officer, UNESCO Global
Forum on Quality Assurance, Accreditation and the Recognition
of Qualifications*

11:00 Coffee break

**11:30 Regional developments and implementation in the regional
networks of the UNESCO-OECD Guidelines – lessons learned
(good practises, shortcomings, additions to be made, etc.)**

- *Bruno Curvale, President, European Association for Quality
Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)*
- *Yves Beaudin, National Coordinator, Canadian NARIC*



- Antony Stella, Board Member, Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN)
- Gemma Rauret, Managing Director of ANECA and representative of the Red Iberoamericana para la Acreditación de la Educación Superior (RIACES)

12:30 Response by stakeholders - moderated panel discussion:

- Ligia Deca (Chairperson, ESU)
- Marita Aho (Expert in Higher Education, BusinessEurope / Confederation of Finnish Industries – EK)
- Andrée Sursock (Deputy Secretary General, European University Association, EUA)
- Bruno Cruvale (ENQA)
- Lars Lynge Nielsen (President of the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, EURASHE)
- Paul Bennett (Education International, EI)

13:15 Lunch

14:30 Breakout sessions: how could the UNESCO-OECD Guidelines be made use of and developed in the EHEA? (Facilitated with a short introduction and some focussed issues/questions for participants to consider)

A. by the higher education institutions (facilitator: Andrée Sursock, EUA)

B. by the governments (facilitator: Sjur Bergan, Head, Higher Education and Research Division, Council of Europe, TBC)

C. by the quality assurance agencies (facilitator: Peter Williams, Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, UK)

D. by the students (facilitator: Ligia Deca, ESU)

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Moderated panel discussion: the voice of the students on quality and recognition, by:

- Zhongliang Hu (Ross) , Erasmus Mundus Student Association
- MissaElizabeth StantonGuthrie, foreign branch campus student, Regent's College, London



- *N.N., foreign branch campus student, University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus*
- *N.N., distance learning student (Open University)*

Chair: Ligia Deca

Respondents: Sjur Bergan, ENIC/NARIC/ CoE and Bruno Curvale, ENQA

18:00 **End of the first day**

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

09:00 **Comparative analysis of international guidelines in quality assurance: INQAAHE guidelines for good practise (GGP); Standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European higher education area (ESG); Council of Europe - UNESCO Code of good practise for the provision of transnational education; and UNESCO-OECD Guidelines for quality provision in cross border higher education, Prof. Marlene Hamilton, University of the West Indies and Antony Stella, APQN Board member**

10:00 **Breakout sessions: identifying key questions/ points/ recommendations for the Final Plenary Session (up to 3 per group)**

5 groups chaired by

- *Emmi Helle, Secretary General, ENQA*
- *Carolyn Campbell, Director of International Work, QAA*
- *Lars Lynge Nielsen, EURASHE*
- *Sjur Bergan, CoE*
- *Marlene Hamilton, University of the West Indies*

11:15 Coffee break



- 11:30** **Moderated Panel discussion: the voice of the providers of cross-border higher education in EHEA:**
- Managing new modes of delivery and partnership (N.N., TBC)
 - Addressing the challenges of QA and regulatory and frameworks
Roger van den Bergh, European Master's Programme in Law and Economics, EMLE (TBC)
- 12:15** **Final Plenary session: Where next? Towards suggestions to the Bologna Follow-up Group**
Peter Williams and the Panel (Sjur Bergan, Andrée Sursock, Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, Marita Aho, Ligia Deca, Lars Lyng Nielsen, Paul Bennett)
- 13:15 Lunch

