Two new quality assurance agencies admitted to EQAR

25 May 2010: The first application round of 2010 resulted in the acceptance of two quality assurance agencies on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education. The decision was taken by the Register Committee at its meeting in Dublin on 15 May.

The Register Committee concluded that AQAS and evalag successfully evidenced their substantial compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG) through an independent external review. With these two admissions EQAR now lists nineteen agencies that are active in the European Higher Education Area. The Register with full information on listed agencies is available at:

http://www.eqar.eu/register.html

The Register Committee decides on applications for inclusion on the Register. It comprises eleven members with experience in quality assurance and higher education. The Register Committee considered five applications in total at its recent meeting. The other three applications had to be deferred to the next meeting, pending further representations from the applicants.

This was the last meeting of the first Register Committee, which was chaired by Mr Justice Bryan McMahon. Mr McMahon, who - due to time constraints - decided not to serve a second mandate, said: ̋It was an honour and privilege to serve as the first Chair of the Register Committee. I wish my successor all success in furthering the work of the Register Committee and continuing to safeguard its independence and integrity. ̋Mr Kjell Fronsdal, Judge of the Gulating Court of Appeal in Bergen, Norway, will take over as Chair of the Register Committee on 1 July 2010.

The next meeting of the Register Committee will take place in early November 2010. Quality assurance agencies wishing to apply for inclusion in the Register must submit their applications by 31 August 2010.

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