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I. Latest Decisions

In the plenary meeting on 24 October 2008 the ÖAR decided on the following applications for accreditation:

Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität Salzburg:

- The application for accreditation of the bachelor programme „BSc in Nursing“ has been approved

The decision is not yet legally binding since it still needs approval of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

II. ENQA General Assembly 2008

The ÖAR, the FH Council (FHR) and the Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance (AQA) jointly organized the 10th General Assembly of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). It took place at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna on 25/26 September 2008.

At the same time the survey „Quality Procedures in the European Higher Education Area and Beyond“ was introduced. It updates the findings of the first ENQA survey on Quality Procedures in European Higher Education (2002) and considers the main developments that have taken place since then:

<http://www.enqa.eu/files/ENQA%20Occasional%20papers%2014.pdf>

Bruno Curvale (France) has been elected new president of ENQA, vice presidents are Achim Hopbach (Germany) and Tibor Szanto (Hungary).

III. Open Applications

Applications for accreditation as private university

- Sir Karl Popper Privatuniversität für Gesundheits- und Nachhaltigkeits-Management

Applications for reaccreditation as private university:

- Anton Bruckner Privatuniversität

Applications for accreditation of new sites:

- Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität Wien: Site Paris
- Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Medizinische Informatik und Technik: Site Vienna and Site Linz

Applications for accreditation of new academic programmes of already existing private universities:

- Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität:

- extension ULG Palliative Care
- Katholisch Theologische Privatuniversität:
 - Bachelor programme Kunstwissenschaft-Philosophie
 - Master programme Kunstwissenschaft Schwerpunkt Kunstgeschichte
 - Master programme Kunstwissenschaft Schwerpunkt Kunstvermittlung
 - Master programme Philosophie
 - Bachelor programme Katholische Religionspädagogik
 - Master programme Katholische Religionspädagogik
- Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität:
 - Master programme Psychologie

IV. ECA project: Crossroads



All private universities and their academic programmes which have been accredited by the ÖAR up to now, are published on the website

www.grossroads.eu.

The database *Qrossroads* aims to provide data on accredited programmes and institutions, on different national higher education and degree systems

and on accreditation agencies in Europe.

Qrossroads is a transparent information tool which enables the mutual understanding of procedures and decisions and so facilitates the mutual recognition of qualifications and accreditation decisions (cp. point V).

V. Tip: Benefits of Mutual Recognition

This new publication describes methods of mutual recognition of accreditation decisions and their benefits for stakeholders in the higher education sector, e.g. NARICs, universities and students.

If you are interested in the publication you can order its print version at the ÖAR office:

akkreditierungsrat@bmwf.gv.at.

It is as well online available

http://www.eaconsortium.net/team/doc/ECA_-_The_Benefits_of_mutual_recognition-2008.pdf

