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I. Anton Bruckner Private University reaccredited

The Anton Bruckner Privatuniversität has been reaccredited until February 2014.

In the course of the reaccreditation process two new academic programmes – the bachelor programme “Jazz-Komposition” and the university training course “Musikvermittlung – Musik im Kontext” have been established.

At the same time the conversion of all study programmes to modular and ECTS structure has been carried out. A list of all offered programmes can be found at:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/en/privatuni_07.aspx

II. Catholic Theological Private University Linz: Bologna conversion

The conversion of the current diploma programmes of the Catholic Theological Private University Linz into the Bologna structure is advancing:

The application for accreditation of the academic programmes

- Bakkalaureat „Katholische Religionspädagogik“
- Magister „Katholische Religionspädagogik“
- Bachelor „Kunstwissenschaft und Philosophie“
- Master „Kunstwissenschaft und Philosophie“

has been approved in the plenary meeting on 16 January 2009.

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

III. UMIT: New Sites

The Tyrolean UMIT is the first private university to have successfully established two new sites.

In Vienna the bachelor programme “Betriebswirtschaft im Gesundheitswesen” and the master programme „Gesundheitswissenschaften“ will be offered. The latter can be studied as well in Linz.

The application for accreditation has been approved in the plenary meeting on 5 December 2008.

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

IV. Info workshop “Admission and Recognition”

In November the ÖAR and [ENIC NARIC Austria](#) jointly organized an information workshop on „Admission and Recognition“. The staff members of private universities who are responsible for admission procedures and the recognition of examinations and study courses had the possibility to consult an expert for cross-border recognition issues in the higher education sector, Dr. Heinz Kasparovsky of ENIC NARIC.

V. Business as unusual – Private Higher Education in Europe: Fact-Finding, Experiences, Pathways

is the title of the jointly organized seminar by ÖAR and the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders [NVAO](#). It will take place on 7/8 May 2009 in Vienna.

The European quality assurance discussion is currently not focusing much attention on private higher education. At the same time, this sector – which is characterized by highly dynamic market-driven developments – poses a significant challenge for quality assurance. This seminar will explore the quite unhomogeneous sector of European private higher education and will present some examples of existing quality assurance practice. With a view to enabling mutual learning, a dialogue should be opened between quality assurance agencies, institutions, students and employers.

The target group comprises representatives from quality assurance agencies, private and public higher education institutions, employers, students and public authorities/ministries.

You can register at:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/formular/a_anmeld.aspx. The registration is open until 17 April 2009.

The programme, a travel guide and a list of hotels with optional reservations can be found at:

<http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/de/Seminar09.aspx>.