

CONTENTS

- I. First Private University to Establish Site Abroad
- II. Further Decisions
- III. Open Applications

- IV. Annual Report 2007 of ÖAR
- V. Seminar „Private Higher Education in Europe“

I. First Private University to Establish Site Abroad

The Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität is the first private university to have successfully established a new site abroad. Soon the bachelor and master programme “Psychotherapiewissenschaft” will be offered in Paris in French.

After the inspection of the French branch campus by one French and one Swiss expert, the application for accreditation has been approved in the plenary meeting on 3 April 2009.

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

II. Further Decisions

Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität

The application for accreditation of the academic programme “Palliative Care in der Pädiatrie” (university level course) has been approved by the ÖAR.

Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität

The application for accreditation of the master programme “Psychologie” offered in Vienna has been approved by the ÖAR.

„Sir Karl Popper Privatuniversität“

On 2 March 2009 the Accreditation Council decided negatively on the application for accreditation of a “Sir Karl Popper Privatuniversität” by the B & B Bildung und Beratung GmbH.

All three decisions are already legally binding.

III. Open Applications

All applications for accreditation which are currently being worked on by the ÖAR can be found at:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/de/aktuelle_Verfahren.aspx

IV. Annual Report 2007 of ÖAR

The annual report 2007 of the ÖAR has been approved by the Nationalrat and is online available at:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/downloads_2009/AR_Jahresbericht_2007.pdf

(German version only).

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

More than 80 participants from 18 countries – ranging from Albania and Spain to the USA – discussed challenges for quality assurance of private higher education providers in Vienna on 7/8 May 2009.

The seminar which was jointly organized by ÖAR and NVAO facilitated not only the dialogue between private providers and accreditation agencies but also between students and employers.

The discussion focused on the relationship between public responsibility and the effects of market mechanisms, on the compatibility of the private sector with cultural traditions of higher education and on adequate forms of quality assurance regarding the innovative potential of the private sector. The presentation of various regional examples showed that despite the high diversity of the private sector there are quite similar problems for quality assurance.

Daniel Levy, Director of the „Program for Research on Private Higher Education“ (University at Albany, State University New York) broadened the perspective on a global view by analysing similarities and differences of the European situation compared to worldwide developments.



The presentations of the seminar can be found at the website of the ÖAR:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/de/PresentationsVienna7_8May2009.aspx