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I. Latest Decision

The Accreditation Council approved the application of accreditation of the Modul University Vienna.

The Modul University Vienna Private University will offer the following academic programmes:

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Professional Master of Business Administration in Tourism Management
- Master of Public Affairs in Public Governance and Management

The decisions are not yet legally binding because they still need the approval of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

II. Open Applications**Applications for accreditation as private universities**

- DPU Danube Private University
- Transart Institute
- U:M Private Wirtschaftsuniversität Salzburg
- WWU World Wide University

Application for accreditation of new academic programmes of already existing private universities

- Anton Bruckner Privat University: MA Musikvermittlung – Musik im Kontext (ULG)
- Conservatory Vienna Private University: Master of Arts in Education
- Sigmund Freud Private University: Doktoratsstudium Psychotherapiewissenschaft
- Paracelsus Medical Privat University Salzburg: Doktoratsstudium der Medizinischen Wissenschaften
- Private University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology: orthopädische manipulative Physiotherapie (ULG), Doktoratsstudium Wirtschaftsingenieurwissenschaften, Kombistudium Pflegewissenschaft

Applications for reaccreditation as private universities

- Paracelsus Medical Private University Salzburg

III. Site-Visit of the External Evaluation Team (External Evaluation of the AAC)

The site-visit of the AAC with an international expert team has taken place on 24–26 July 2007 in Vienna. The members of the expert team have held conversations with/have interviewed the members of the Council, the office, representatives of private universities, a member of the student union (ÖH), the chairperson Rectors' Conference of Private Universities, the chairperson of the Austrian Rectors' Conference (ÖRK), representatives of the Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) and have attended a plenary meeting of the AAC. In that manner/in that way/Thus the expert team have gained an insight into the work of the AAC

The expert report will be expected in the middle of August. The AAC will compose a comment on the report. The final report (review report and follow-up measures) will be available by the end of 2007.

All information on the evaluation:

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

IV. Literature-Tip/Recently Published Book

A recently published UNESCO-CEPES Serie *Higher Education for a Knowledge Society* concentrates on the growing role and importance of private providers in the field of higher education in the last 30 years. The developments of 13 European countries (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Spain, Turkey und Ukraine) are described in their national context as well as according to the goals of the Bologna process.

Wells, P.J./Sadlak, J./Viásceaunu, L. (Eds.) (2007): *The Rising Role and Relevance of Private Higher Education in Europe*. Bucharest: UNESCO-CEPES; Cluj-Napoca: Presa Universitară Clujeană. (UNESCO-CEPES series Higher Education for a Knowledge Society)