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## I. Latest Decisions

In the plenary meeting on 5/6 October 2007 the ÖAR decided on the following applications of accreditation:

#### U:M Wirtschaftsuniversität Salzburg

The application for accreditation as private university was approved. The private university will offer academic programmes in the field of *BWL*, *Wirtschaftspsychologie* and *Sportmanagement*.

#### WWU Privatuniversität Wels AG

The Accreditation Council decided negatively on the application for accreditation as private university.

#### Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität Salzburg

The Accreditation Council decided positively on the application for re-accreditation. Furthermore the application of accreditation of a doctorate programme in the field of "*Medizinische Wissenschaften*" (Dr.scient.med.) has been approved.

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

## II. New Guidelines

The Accreditation Council decided on the following revised guidelines:

- Naming Private Universities
- Branch Campuses of Private Universities

<http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/en/downloads.aspx#Richtlinien#>

## III. Recently Published

Dr. Declan Kennedy, University College Cork (Ireland), published a practical guide on "*Writing and Using Learning Outcomes*". The book gives a short, clear and readable overview on the concept of *Learning Outcomes* – a topic which is internationally discussed.

**Kennedy, Declan (2007):** *Writing and Using Learning Outcomes. A Practical Guide.* Ireland: University College Cork (Quality Promotion Unit, UCC). ISBN 978-0-9552229-6-2

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## IV. Plenary Meetings 2008

The ÖAR has decided on the following dates of the plenary meetings (subject to small modifications):

- 11 January 2008
- 25/26 February 2008
- 14 April 2008
- 23/24 June 2008
- 5 September 2008
- 24 October 2008
- 5 December 2008

[http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/en/acc\\_meetings.aspx](http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/cont/en/acc_meetings.aspx)

## V. Completed Accreditation Procedures

The ÖAR has completed nine procedures for accreditation/reaccreditation as private university as well as seven procedures for accreditation of 18 academic programmes. Six decisions are not yet legally binding, because they still need the approval of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

The graph shows a clear increase in procedures. Next to a continuous number of institutional applications for initial accreditation together with the applications for reaccreditation there is an increase of new academic programmes of already existing private universities visible. One can clearly see that private universities succeed in their extension of programmes and develop their institutions.

**Graph:** Completed accreditation procedures of the ÖAR (version date: 11 October 2007)

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