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I. Open Applications

Applications for accreditation as private universities:

- Transart Institute
- DPU Danube Private University
- EPU European Peace University

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

- Konservatorium Wien Privatuniversität:
Master in Education
- MODUL University Vienna Privatuniversität:
MBA in Public Governance and Management
MBA in New Media and Information Management
- NDU Privatuniversität für Kreativwirtschaft:
Bachelorstudium „Event Engineering“
Bachelorstudium „Design & Architektur Technologie“
- UMIT Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Medizinische Informatik und Technik:
ULG „manipulative orthopädische Physiotherapie“
Doktorat „Wirtschaftsingenieurwissenschaften“

II. Round Table with Private Universities

The annual round-table discussion with representatives of private universities took place in the council meeting of the ÖAR in November. One of the main topics was accreditation of private universities in international comparison and integration strategies of private universities in the scientific community. A further theme was the improvement of the involvement of private universities in respective committees for research funding and panels concerning educational policy within Austria.

The second round-table with students of private universities will take place in the council meeting in January.

III. External Evaluation of the ÖAR

The Austrian Accreditation Council has undergone an external evaluation in 2007. The international expert panel has arrived at a positive conclusion that the ÖAR fulfils all legal requirements in efficient way as well as the *European Standards and Guidelines for External Quality Assurance Agencies* and the *ECA Code of Good Practice*.

Furthermore the expert panel formulated recommendations. The ÖAR has commented to them.

These documents are available on the website of the ÖAR:

- [Review Report of the AAC](#)
- [Comment to the Recommendations of the Review Report](#)

All information on the external evaluation:

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

IV. Quality Seal of the ÖAR

At the press conference on the 12 October 2007 the new quality seal of the Austrian Accreditation Council (ÖAR) was presented by the Federal Minister, Dr. Johannes Hahn, and the president of the ÖAR, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hannelore Weck-Hannemann. The quality seal can be used by accredited private universities and should visualize the legal status of accreditation and the quality that is guaranteed through an accreditation procedure which is oriented towards strict magisterial and international standards.

The ÖAR decided on the following guideline for the use of the quality seal:

- Guidelines for the use of the ÖAR Quality Seal

Further information about the quality seal and the press conference are available under the following link:

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



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