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I. Latest decisions

The ÖAR decided on the following applications for accreditation:

Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Medizinische Informatik und Technik

The following applications for accreditation have been approved:

- Doctoral study programmes *Management und Ökonomie im Gesundheitswesen* and *Public Health*
- University training course *Dyskalkulie*

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

II. New guides published

A newly compiled guide offers applicants clear and easy access to ÖAR's accreditation requirements and procedural steps. The guide is downloadable from the website or the print version can be ordered from ÖAR's office.

All documents for our external experts have been revised as well and are now available in one place.

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

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

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III. ÖAR's annual report: Summary online



A summary of the annual report 2010 of the ÖAR is available online.

It provides a concise overview of the general framework and the activities of ÖAR. Additionally, the most recent data on the development of the private higher education sector is depicted. Available at:

http://www.akkreditierungsrat.at/files/downloads_2011/OEAR_2010.pdf

If you are interested in ordering the (free) print version please contact stephanie.zwiessler@bmwf.gv.at.

IV. Implementing ESG in the Balkan region

Quality assurance agencies of the Southwest balkans were invited to an ENQA-workshop in Vienna on 16/17 June 2011.

The kick-off meeting for the UNESCO and World Bank financed project *Implementing the ESG in the Balkan Region* served as a forum for consultancy and networking between recently established quality assurance agencies and offered clarification on the current interpretation of the ESG, discussed the role of the national context when implementing the ESG, and advised on how national QA systems and QA procedures can be aligned with the ESG.

More information on the project:

<http://www.enqa.eu/projectitem.lasso?id=372&cont=projectitem.Detail>

V. Recognition agreement with OAQ renewed

This year's spring workshop of the *European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA)* on 20/21 June in Barcelona concentrated on *Elements of impact of quality assurance on crossborder higher education*.

During the meeting ÖAR extended its bilateral recognition agreement with the *Swiss Center of Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education (OAQ)*.

Further information on ÖAR's work in European projects on

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

VI. CEE Network turns into CEENQA e.V.

The *Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education* becomes a registered association under German law, as decided on the general assembly in Split on 28 May 2011.

Thus the cooperation in one of the oldest regional networks in the field of external quality assurance (established in 2000) can be strengthened by new opportunities for raising project funding.

In the course of the founding of the association the acronym is changed into [CEENQA e.V.](http://www.ceenqa.eu)