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Resolutions on the complete publication of assessment reports and on the simplification of accreditation procedures for Joint Degrees

New European Standards and Guidelines: publication of all assessment reports

The renewed European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG), passed in Yerevan/Armenia in May 2015, regulate that “full reports by the experts should be published, clear and accessible to the academic community, external partners and other interested individuals. If the agency takes any formal decision based on the reports, the decision should be published together with the report.” As a consequence agencies have to publish reports of successful as well as of failed accreditation procedures.

As a result, FIBAA will in the future make public the complete assessment reports to all procedures of programme and system accreditation, regardless of whether a positive or negative decision has been reached. The practice will be applied to all procedures initiated from January 2016 onwards and implies that negative assessment reports, from then on, will have to be published as well, which has not been done as yet. This resolution is for now the only alteration to the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG) with major consequences on the FIBAA accreditation practice.

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Accreditation Council decides on simplification of accreditation procedures with international Joint Degree

Based on the “European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes”, also passed in Yerevan/Armenia in May 2015, the German Accreditation Council has decided on a simplified accreditation procedure for study programmes with international joint degree. Germany is one of the first countries of the European Higher Education Area to integrate this agreement in national accreditation regulations. The German Accreditation Council, for that matter, has composed the document “*Anwendung des Europäischen Ansatzes im deutschen System für Joint Degrees*” (“Application of the European Approach in the German system for Joint Degrees”).

(→ [Read more](#) EQAR on European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes)

Factory FIBAA Consult

Writing Learning Outcomes

A core element of the academic reforms is the emphasis on learning outcomes and competences, i.e. on what students are expected to demonstrate and to have acquired after the successful completion of a module/learning unit. Learn more on how to successfully formulate learning outcomes in [our latest factory article](#).

News for FIBAA Experts

Expert Workshop on 12 October 2015

An expert workshop especially focusing on “Institutional Procedures” took place at FIBAA in Bonn on 12 October 2015. In the first part of the workshop, the new [European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance](#) and the new [ECTS Users' Guide](#) were discussed, and in the second part of the workshop, Lars Weber, Provisional Division Manager of Institutional Procedures, presented FIBAA's [four different kinds of institutional procedures](#). He focused essentially on the procedures of System Accreditation and Institutional Strategic Management Accreditation (ISMA).

The next workshop for experts will presumably take place in spring 2016.

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Agenda

All dates of meetings of FIBAA committees are available [here](#).

About our Head Office

New FIBAA Management: Dr. Birger Hendriks takes over on 25 November

FIBAA will have a change in its management. Henning Dettleff will resign from his position as Deputy Managing Director in the end of November. He will change to the Federal Association for Housing and Urban Development (vhw – Bundesverband für Wohnen und Stadtentwicklung) based in Berlin. Daisuke Motoki will be Managing Director of FIBAA until the end of this year and then take a position at WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management.

„Leaving FIBAA is not easy for us, as we have very much enjoyed working here. We thank all of you for the excellent collaboration“, Mr. Motoki and Mr. Dettleff said.

The position of Managing Director will be taken over by Dr. Birger Hendriks. Dr. Hendriks has been in good contact with FIBAA for quite some time. He has been Special Representative of the agency since March 2012 and also external project manager since August 2014.

„The Foundation Council regrets to lose Mr. Motoki and Mr. Dettleff and thanks them for their outstanding work“, said Prof. Dr. Gerhard Riemer, President of FIBAA’s Foundation Council.

„At the same time, we are happy to have found an outstanding expert as Dr. Hendriks for the challenging task as Managing Director“.

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