



**ASIIN 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference**  
in cooperation with EASPA and with support of INQAAHE

**“The dawning of a new era of Higher Education quality assurance – what can we expect from the future?”**

**Berlin, 10.-11. December 2018**

**Monday – Tuesday, 10. – 11. December 2018**

**When** Monday, 10 December: 09.00 – 17.40  
Tuesday, 11 December: 08.30 – 16.30

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**Where** [Hotel Crown Plaza](#)  
**Nürnberger Straße 65**  
**10787 Berlin**

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**Who**

- Representatives of the national and international Higher Education community
- Quality management staff of HEIs
- Representatives of the international business world and employers' associations
- Political stakeholders and representatives of the media
- Representatives of international Quality Assurance Agencies
- Representatives of Recognition Authorities
- Representatives of ASIIN and EASPA member organizations

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**The dawning of a new era of HE quality assurance –  
what can we expect from the future?**

The world of Higher Education is rapidly changing and so are the challenges the community is facing. In our meanwhile 5<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting of Quality Assurance in HE, organized by ASIIN in cooperation with the European Alliance of Professional Accreditation, we have again invited many prominent speakers and an international audience from all around the world, to learn about and to discuss the latest developments in the field. On the first conference day we will jointly tackle the following issues and questions, organized in five sessions:

**What**

- How can universities make best use of institutional and program accreditation models?
- Mutual recognition of Higher Education – what new instruments are currently developed and implemented?
- How to measure the impact of internal and external accreditation? Accreditation and Student Achievement – how to deal best with the issue of measuring achieved learning outcomes in HE?
- What promising alternative models of QA in Higher Education are currently operating?
- Learning from the world – what is new in Higher Education in Asia, Africa, and the Arab World?

As has always been the goal of all ASIIN conferences, we have asked our speakers to exclusively showcase new developments and to detect innovative trends in the field which have the potential to transform the HE environment. Listen therefore to the President of the EQAR and find out why the creation of an international database of

accredited programs and institutions in the future might finally bridge the eternal gap between the accreditation and recognition spheres. Be the first to learn how the UNESCO convention on the recognition of global learning will affect mobility and recognition schemes; hear first-hand from a leading representative of the European HE unit, what will be on top of the education agenda in the near future. Get insights from a top gun in the learning outcome debate on how to make sense of the controversial topic of measuring achieved learning outcomes. We also have invited leaders in various world regions to present what is state of the art around the world. Each of these topics will be discussed by stakeholders from the field of Higher Education, QA as well as the political realm to cover the entire spectrum of positions and to find out what quality management and accreditation will imply for you.

On the second day of our event, the focus will shift to new developments of QA in various HE disciplines. In the medical sector e.g., the fact that as of 2023 only graduates of WFME accredited medical programs will be permitted to work and research in the United States will be of interest. Also important are current efforts to draft global subject-specific standards in the fields of informatics and chemistry. In engineering, the new initiative of “Engineers Europe” will be presented, as are ongoing attempts to promote a “Leonardian Oath” in the discipline. After an opening speech by the President of the European Alliance of Professional Accreditation, the participants of the ASIIN conference will discuss these and other topics and have the opportunity to engage with an international audience representing all continents.

On the afternoon of the second day, there is an option to participate in an in-depth international information session organized by ASIIN for its international clients.

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**Agenda**

The agenda will include plenary sessions, presentations, forum discussions and workshops that will stimulate in-depth discussion between the participants.

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**Registration**

Conference registration is required for participation.  
Detailed information about the registration process and further information can be found under <https://www.asiin.de/en/events/conferences/asiin-international-conference-2018.html>

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**Day 1: Monday, 10 December 2018**

**Opening Session**

(25 minutes each presentation + 5 minutes QA session)

- 09.00            **The Dawning of a New Era of HE Quality Assurance and Accreditation – What Can We Expect From the Future?**  
Dr. Iring Wasser, Managing Director of ASIIN
- 09.30            **Current Trends in Higher Education Internal Quality Assurance and Its Implications for External Quality Assurance**  
Dr. Oliver Vettori, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

**Session 1: Mutual Recognition of HE Qualifications – What Is New in the Pipeline?**

(25 minutes each + 5 minutes QA session)

- 10.00            **Presentation 1: The Creation of an International Database of HE Institutions and Programs and Its Potential for HE Stakeholders Internationally**  
Prof. Dr. Karl Dittrich, President of the European Quality Assurance Register
- 10.30            **Presentation 2: The New UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Global Learning and Its Impact on Global HE and Related QA Issues**  
Andreas Snildal, Program Specialist, Section of Higher Education, UNESCO
- 11.00            **Coffee Break**
- 11.30            **Presentation 3: Promoting Mutual Recognition of HE – The Recommendations of the European Council**  
Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Higher Education Unit, DG Education and Culture, Directorate Modernisation of Education, Education Policy and Program, Innovations, EIT and MSCA

**Session 2: Measuring the Impact of Internal and External Accreditation**

(25 minutes each + 5 minutes QA session)

- 12.00            **Presentation 1: How to Implement New Sensible Models of Impact Analysis of HE Quality Assurance**  
Dr. Christoph Grolimund, President ENQA
- 12.30            **Presentation 2: How to Use Best the Results of a University Wide Internal QA System for the Improvement of Educational Services?**  
Prof. Dr. Hans-Ulrich Heiss, Vice-President of the Technical University of Berlin

13.00            **Lunch Break**

### Session 3: Accreditation and Student Achievement

(30 minutes + 10 minutes QA session)

- 14.00            **Presentation 1: Should Accreditation Focus More on Student Achievement and Performance and Less on Institutional Procedures?**  
Dr. Gloria Rogers, Senior Scholar of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, USA

### Session 4: New, Alternative Models in International Higher Education Quality Assurance

(25 minutes each + 5 minutes QA session)

- 14.40            **Presentation 1: The QA Model of a “Critical Friend”**  
Martin Prchal, Royal Conservatory the Hague, Chair MUSIQUE
- 15.10            **Presentation 2: Benchmarking – An Alternative Way of QA?**  
Dr. Lars Hinrichs, HIS Hochschul-Informationssystem eG (t.b.c.)

15.40            ***Coffee Break***

### Session 5: Learning From the World - New Developments in QA on a Global Level

(25 minutes each + 5 minutes QA session)

- 16.10            **New Quality Assurance Developments in Higher Education on the Asian continent**  
**The ASEAN – EU SHARE program**  
Marc Wilde, DAAD
- 16.40            **New Trends of Higher Education Quality Assurance in Mongolia**  
Orkhon Gantogtokh, Executive Director, Academy for Education Development, Dr. Omboosuren Bolorsaikhan, Mongolian Medical University
- 17.10            **New Quality Assurance Developments in Higher Education in the Arab World**  
Dr. Zahra Balaawi, Executive Director ADEK, Abu Dhabi

17.40            ***End of the official part of Day 1***

19.00            ***Social Event in the Evening: Joint Visit to a Berlin Christmas Market***

Day 2: Tuesday, 11 December 2018

**Global Issues of Quality Assurance in the Disciplines –  
Organized jointly by members of the European Alliance of Professional Accreditation with  
the American Alliance of Professional Accreditation (EASPA)**

- 08.30            **Welcome Address**, Prof. Dr. Bargstädt, President of EASPA
- 08.45            **Workshop 1: New Developments, Chances and Challenges in Higher Education Quality Assurance in the Field of Medicine and the Life Sciences**, organized jointly by the Association of Medical Schools in WHO Europe (AMSE) and EASPA
- There are currently two major challenges in medicine: How should the doctors for the 21<sup>st</sup> century be educated? How can the quality of education be guaranteed world-wide at a high standard? These two vital questions will be discussed against the background that health care is rapidly evolving in the 21st century (e.g. age pyramid, new diseases, prevention, and communication doctor-patient). The medical curricula need to be adapted to these changes. At the same time private and profit-oriented medical schools are growing rapidly worldwide and cross-border mobility of doctors is increasing. In many countries, quality assurance and accreditation is not mandatory. All this may jeopardize health care and patient safety. Therefore, globally uniform quality standards and mandatory quality assurance/accreditation is absolutely necessary. The Facilitator of this workshop will be **Prof. Dr. Peter Dieter, President of AMSE**.
- The workshop will be initiated by two lectures:
- Prof. Dr. William Pinsky (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates-ECFMG)** will give a summary how ECFMG requires Medical School accreditation for International Medical School Graduates seeking certification beginning in 2023.
- Prof. Dr. Peter Dieter (AMSE)** will describe a pilot project of AMSE and ASIIN about a joined accreditation of AMSE Member Medical Schools in WHO Europe.
- 10.00            **Workshop 2: New Development, Chances and Challenges in Higher Education QA in the Field of Informatics and Business Informatics**, organized by European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education (EQANIE)
- Few academic fields are experiencing such rapid development of content and focus as the Informatics and Computer Sciences. While specializations, new topics and programmes pop up almost every day pan-European associations are trying to keep up with these developments and to ensure the international observance of quality standards. In a joint discussion, the two leading Informatics Quality Management Associations Informatics Europe (IE) and the European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education (EQANIE) will point out the most recent roadmaps on curriculum development and quality assurance for Informatics, debating the multiplicity of approaches towards the conveyance of unified standards of knowledge and skills. Likewise, it will be discussed to what extent technological innovation may help to

create comparable standards on Teaching and Learning Quality in the Computer Sciences.

The Facilitator for this workshop will be **Prof. Dr. Liz Bacon, President of the European Quality Assurance Network of Informatics Education (EQANIE)**. She will be joined by **Prof. Dr. Gregor Engels, Vice President of Informatics Europe**.

11:15

***Coffee Break***

11.45

**Workshop 3: New Developments, Chances and Challenges in Higher Education QA in the Field of Engineering and Science** organized jointly by ASIIN, ECTN, FEANI and ENAEE

In this session you will hear about the latest initiatives to create an “Engineers Europe” umbrella organization, jointly discuss new trends in engineering didactics as well as the establishment of a “Leonardian oath” for the discipline, and learn about the current initiative to establish international standards in the area of chemistry in cooperation between Europe and the United States.

The Facilitator for this workshop will be **Dirk Bochar, Secretary General of FEANI**. He is joined by **Prof. Dr. Ralph Dreher, University of Siegen** and **Prof. Dr. Reiner Salzer, Technische Universität Dresden**

13.00

***Lunch Break***

14.00

**Optional: Information Sessions of ASIIN for Universities interested in International Accreditation**

16.30

***End of Conference***