



Welcome to the July 2017 edition of NARIC News



## UK NARIC signs Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Arab Universities

UK NARIC and the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) are strengthening their relationship with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation on July 14 in London. The document was signed by Dr Sultan Abu-Orabi, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (*below, left*) and Ian Bassett, Head of UK NARIC Membership Services (*below, right*), representing Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, CEO of UK NARIC.

The AARU is a non-governmental organisation that develops and enhances co-operation between Arabic and Islamic universities and the wider international educational community. An outcome of the agreement will be the launch of UK NARIC training in both Arabic and English for the 340 AARU member universities who teach students across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in a geographic band from Mauritania to Oman.

The signing of the agreement represents a new phase of cooperation between the two organisations, to facilitate international education partnership opportunities across the MENA region for UK NARIC members, to help identify and prevent fraud, and to share best practice. ([more...](#))



## New UK NARIC eTraining module launch: Education in China

A new UK NARIC interactive eTraining module launches in mid-August, offering a fast introduction to Education in China. The training contains essential information on the Chinese education system and on evaluating Chinese qualifications.

The hour-long module includes links to resources that can help with verifying different types of qualifications. It covers the features of original language documents and includes example certificates to assist with identifying fraudulent documents.

### T4 Compliance seminars and Admissions training: London & Glasgow

The next of our popular Tier 4 Compliance one-day Seminar Events is in [central London on 18 October](#), with senior compliance expert Naomi Goldshtein from specialist immigration law firm [Fragomen Worldwide](#). We expect this will be a busy event and you should book early.

Naomi will also be at our Tier 4 Compliance one-day Seminar in [Glasgow on 1 November](#). We are also running our well-received [Admissions Officer \(Level 1\) training day in Glasgow on 31 October](#), with an IELTS expert on language proficiency assessment issues.

Members can [book online](#) (member log-in needed). Non-members can book using [the form \[PDF\]](#) ([more...](#))

### UKNARIC17: excellent speakers lining up

An excellent line-up of speakers is shaping up for the [UKNARIC17 conference](#) on 20 and 21 November in [London](#).

You can [book online](#) – complimentary and/or paid-for places. Almost half of delegate places are now filled, so book now to guarantee yours.

Confirmed speakers so far include: Ollie Carlisle, deputy director Home Office, on compliance; Dik van der Wal of DUO Netherlands on online student credentials; David Miller (formerly Exeter University, Saatchi & Saatchi) and Fenghua Mo of [MarketEdChina](#) on online and social media marketing in China; Adam Knight of [Tong Digital](#) on reaching the tech-savvy Chinese market; Dr

The Education in China launch is UK NARIC's fourth eTraining module, a useful and convenient way to access training.

For member organisations with a free training entitlement, three eTraining places can be used as an alternative to one place on a half-day training workshop. This can be a cost-effective way to advance staff members' CPD. The one-hour eTraining modules can be taken at the learner's own pace to ensure they complete and absorb the learning, with self-assessment built in.

eTraining entitlements can be used by one person or by staff members across a team, so different staff members can do different modules, according to their training needs. eTraining places can also be purchased, if you have insufficient complimentary places, or if you wish to retain your free places for in-person training. [Contact us](#) for more information. ([more...](#))

Karen Smith of the University of Hertfordshire, author of the recent HEA TNE Toolkit, on key issues in Trans-National Education; ([more...](#))

## Quarterly statistics series Q2 2017

UK NARIC presents the ninth edition of our statistics series, covering April to June 2017.

This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The data are shown in the tables after the link. Highlights include ([more...](#))



### Erasmus+ study: new tools for international Master's recruiters

UK NARIC Deputy MD Paul Norris presented at the Mastermind Europe conference at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (*pictured above*), to mark the conclusion of a 3-year Erasmus+ project on how to create internationally diverse cohorts of students for Master's courses.

The project's research suggests that to successfully enrol the right kind of students to their Master's programmes, recruiters must look at the student's experience and aptitudes, as much as their qualifications.

Increasingly, European institutions are recruiting applicants with more diverse academic knowledge and skills, from varied backgrounds, ([more...](#))



### China partnership project – September, November briefings

UK NARIC's Chinese colleagues have confirmed their attendance at briefings/workshops for our new China partnership scheme, announced in our May and June newsletters, in London on 12 September and also at the [UKNARIC17 conference](#) on 20 and 21 November.

If you have not yet contacted us, but are interested in finding out more, then email [globalconnect@naric.org.uk](mailto:globalconnect@naric.org.uk)

We have been in telephone and email contact with over 25 UK institutions who have so far expressed interest in the programme.

For the 12 September event, attendance is free to UK NARIC member organisations, for up to ([more...](#))



### Dates confirmed for October training in Toronto, Vancouver

UK NARIC members in Canada: we have confirmed dates for our October training sessions, presented in partnership with IELTS. Email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) to book places or for more information.

We are in Toronto on 12 and 13 October; and Vancouver (*pictured above*) on 16 and 17 October. University/college venues are currently being arranged. The UK NARIC training team will be joined by experts from IELTS covering language skills assessment issues.

We have had excellent feedback from our previous training in Canada. [Email us](#) early to secure your place, at your preferred location.

The content of the training will include: ([more...](#))

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