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Welcome to the July 2018 edition of NARIC News



UKNARIC2018 conference online booking goes live: Tim Marshall, bestselling author of 'Prisoners of Geography', is opening keynote speaker

Delegate booking is now live and online for the UKNARIC2018 annual conference at the QEII Centre in Westminster, London, on 7 and 8 November. Tim Marshall, bestselling author of *Prisoners of Geography*, is confirmed as keynote speaker at our opening plenary session (pictured below, photo: YouTube/BBC).

Tim's latest book, *The Age of Walls*, with its subtitle *How Barriers Between Nations are Changing our World*, links to our thresholds and gateways theme for UKNARIC2018: 'Global Gateways – New Thresholds, New Skills, New Times'. Tim's opening keynote will set the scene for the two days of conference.



For UK NARIC member institutions entitled to complimentary delegate places, 'Power Users' or Primary Contacts are being emailed with a promotional code. Entering this on the online booking form will give you your free places. Look out for your email over the next few days. Email conference@naric.org.uk if you need help.

The online booking form can also be used to book paid-for conference places, for members or non-members. Early Bird discounted rates are available until 31 August.

Admissions, Compliance training: London, in October; Glasgow, November

The next dates for our Admissions Officer Training Level 1 and Tier 4 Compliance one day seminar event are [9 October](#) and [10 October](#) in central London (near Russell Square), and on [20 November](#) (Compliance) and [21 November](#) (Admissions Level 1) in central Glasgow at the University of Strathclyde's [Technology and Innovation Centre Executive Suite](#).

Consecutive days allow delegates to attend both sessions if they wish with one overnight stay. A special discount applies if places are booked on both days - a £50 discount (for members or non-members): talk to your account manager or email events@naric.org.uk for details.

Members can book ([more...](#))

UK NARIC's Erasmus+ VARE project is a 'Success Story'

The UK NARIC-coordinated Erasmus+ project VARE (Vocational Assessor Requirements in Europe) has been selected by the European Commission as a 'Success Story', for its impact and contribution to policy making, and as a good practice example of a



particularly well managed project that can be an inspiration to others. ([more...](#))

Quarterly statistics series: April to June

UK NARIC presents the thirteenth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering April to June, 2018.

This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The data are shown in the tables after the link.

Notable features include:

Looking at completed enquiries as a percentage of country population, ([more...](#))

If you have pre-registered for conference, you are being emailed with a link to the online booking pages. Look out for your email over the next few days (you may already have received it). Your pre-registration secures your place and your Early Bird discount. Email conference@naric.org.uk if you have any queries.

Conference workshops and the full conference schedule will be uploaded to the booking pages later. We will notify you when this is done. You can then ([more...](#))



UK NARIC hosts high-level Pakistan TVET delegation at Cheltenham headquarters

A delegation from Pakistan visited UK NARIC headquarters at the end of June to discuss ways in which UK NARIC could support TVET developments in the country. The delegation was led by Mr Zulfikar Ahmad Cheema, Executive Director/Chairman of NAVTTC, the national TVET body (*pictured above presenting a commemorative plate to UK NARIC CEO, Dr Cloud Bai-Yun*).

The delegates were interested to find out more about UK NARIC's role in recognition of international qualifications.

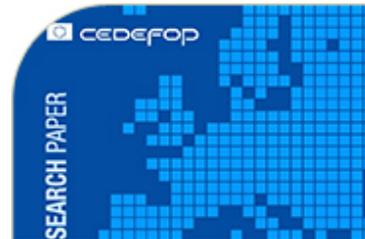
The delegation included Ms Nabila Umer, Director NAVTTC



Confirmation: UK-China AIR programme is fully approved by China Ministry of Education

UK NARIC confirms that the UK-China AIR programme, supporting UK-China university collaboration and which has been promoted in the UK by UK NARIC, is (and has been since its inception) fully approved and endorsed by the China Ministry of Education (*official Chinese Government 'red seal' announcements, red header and red footer, pictured above*).

Seven UK universities have now signed collaboration agreements with counterparts in China as part of the AIR programme and successful joint working is under way. Of course, this has no adverse effect on their wider activities in



All European NQF level descriptors in one publication: download for free from CEDEFOP

CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, has published an analysis and overview of NQF level descriptors in European countries that is [downloadable as a PDF for free](#) (*front cover pictured above*).

Detailed and clear tables show level descriptors for the 28 EU countries plus the 11 other countries participating in the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) implementation.

A 40-page introductory section discusses the EQF, notions of competence and alignment, and how level descriptors can

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