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# Association of Indian Universities visit to UK to progress India-UK MRA



UK ENIC hosted a four-day visit to the UK by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the British Council in India.

Its focus was on developing practical ways to develop the implementation of the recent UK-India Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA).

There were two days of presentations and discussions at our UK offices, which included an online forum involving 30 UK institutions. On the following two days there were visits to the Open University, University of London, Universities UK International and the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

'Discussions were very positive, with a range of collaborative actions which are already being progressed,' said Paul Norris, Head of UK ENIC.

'We look forward to welcoming AIU representatives to the UKENIC23 annual conference, which will feature sessions to further develop our work to implement the MRA, and build on emerging partnerships between institutions in India and the UK.' READ MORE

### UK ENIC's new CEO appointment: Tom Bewick

## 30th Annual Joint Meeting of the ENIC and NARIC Networks in Stockholm



A delegation from UK ENIC attended the 30th Annual Joint Meeting of the ENIC and NARIC Networks, which took place in Stockholm, Sweden, from 11-13 June.

Head of UK ENIC, Paul Norris, was re-elected as Vice President, ENIC Bureau [pictured above left, with President of the ENIC Bureau, Chiara Finocchietti, and new Vice President, Dzenan Omanovic].

Paul Norris said: 'It is a pleasure to be re-elected to the ENIC Bureau for the coming two-year term. As recognition agencies we face a range of challenges, from evaluating new forms of learning, implementing automatic recognition, and adapting to changes being brought about through artificial intelligence. It will be important to evolve working practices and ensure the network has the sources of information required to continue operating efficiently and effectively.'

UK ENIC Head of Operations, Peter Wood, and Head of Professional Advisory Services, Katherine Latta, gave an overview of the two-year project Aiding Digital Diploma Supplement Usage and Promotion (ADDS UP). READ MORE

Early Bird discount: Book now for UKENIC23 annual conference: 4+5 December





We are pleased to announce that Ecctis, the Employee Ownership Trust company that operates UK ENIC, has appointed a new CEO. Tom Bewick, currently chief executive of the Federation of Awarding Bodies, will take up post on 1 October.

The appointment follows Dr Cloud Bai-Yun stepping down as CEO, with Cloud continuing to support the company in a senior advisory role. READ MORE

#### UK ENIC takes part in refugee employability event



UK ENIC attended a refugee employability event hosted by Derby City Council, as part of our ongoing support for refugees and people in refugee-like situations who need advice and information to access further study or employment.

Face-to-face support on qualification recognition, and advice for those with missing or partial documentation, was provided by Stephanie Boyer, UK ENIC Enquiries Service Centre Manager [pictured above left], and Alina Davodova, Information Officer.

Members seeking guidance on recognition of refugee qualifications, for example in respect of applicants who have incomplete documentation, can email us on refugee@ecctis.com. Members with access to our online Member Enquiry Service can use that facility to seek advice on a refugee's overseas qualifications. READ MORE

#### Please give your feedback in our member survey

Early Bird discount rates are now available for our UKENIC23 face-to-face conference, at The Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Westminster, London, on 4 and 5 December.

The two-day event has an overall theme of *Reconfiguration*, with a programme bringing together leading authorities on international education and skills, and featuring a range of relevant current topics delivered and debated in presentations, panels, and workshops.

The varied conference content will include practical advice, case studies, intelligence, and analysis for strategy and development.

UKENIC23 will be presented in partnership with PSI English Tests, and supported by Cambridge University Press & Assessment, OMPT, Trinity College London, ApplyBoard, Password English Language Testing, Qualification Check, Gecko Engage, Dialexy and UniQuest.

You can secure your place now, with a 10% Early Bird discount if you book before 1 September, using the booking form. READ MORE

### Enabling Quality in Tertiary Education: INQAAHE conference in Kazakhstan



The annual conference of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) took place in Astana, Kazakhstan, with a theme of 'Roadmap to Enabling Quality in Tertiary Education 2030'.

The two-day conference focused on how quality assurance and regulation can support innovative, flexible and inclusive solutions to the challenges and opportunities presented by the global widening access agenda, in the context of the UNESCO Global Recognition Convention.

Dr Fabrizio Trifiró, UK ENIC Head of Stakeholder Engagement and International Quality Reviews, facilitated a TNE discussion panel with speakers from De Montfort University, UK and the University of Arizona, two institutions that have recently opened branch campuses in Kazakhstan, and a representative of the Office for Students, England. READ MORE

#### Free webinar: 'Clearing special' - 19 July, 10am



We would like to ask members to please take a few minutes to complete the annual UK ENIC member survey, which was emailed on 23 June.

The annual survey of members provides a snapshot about how our members feel about the services that UK ENIC provides. Its findings are really important to us as they will be used to further develop and improve our services to meet evolving needs. We are grateful for your participation and feedback. READ MORE



As part of our ongoing database development work, during recent months UK ENIC has reviewed 46 qualifications from Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Dominica, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Latvia, Macau, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United States of America, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe. [Login required for these links.]

The review has resulted in 24 updates to our databases. Members can find out more about these updates by viewing the latest table of qualification level changes. [Login required for this link.] READ MORE



There is still time for members to book onto our free 'Clearing special' training webinar on Wednesday 19 July, 10 am. This online session is designed to help UK university admissions staff during the Clearing process

It will feature advice and tips on using our resources to be able to make quick informed decisions on qualifications from outside the UK. You can secure your place using this link.

If you are unable to attend on the day, a recording will be available 7 days after the live event. READ MORE

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