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Welcome to the May 2018 edition of NARIC News



Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson signs UK-Peru Mutual Recognition Agreement in Iquitos

Foreign Secretary the Rt Hon Boris Johnson and his Peruvian counterpart Nestor Popolizio Bardales signed the official Treaty on the Mutual Recognition of Degrees between the UK and Peru in Iquitos in the Peruvian rainforest on Saturday 19 May (*picture below*).

UK NARIC has been heavily involved from the beginning of the discussions, with UK NARIC's Peter Wood and Lee Shotton leading on the technical negotiations and drafting.

The collaborative effort on the UK side also involved the British Council, the British Embassy in Lima, the FCO, and BEIS.

This is the fourth agreement signed in the Latin American region, following Mexico, Chile and Colombia.

Student mobility will be promoted and the Treaty is an aid to UK-Peru educational collaborations and internationalisation initiatives. (*more...*)



UK NARIC sets out TNE approaches at Athens education leaders' forum

Next Admissions and Compliance training is in London, October

The next of our popular Admissions Officer training days will be in central London. The Admissions Level 1 day is on 9 October. [Admissions Level 1 day is on 9 October.](#)

The next [Tier 4 Compliance one-day seminar event](#) is also in central London on 10 October.

Our half-day training workshops in Edinburgh (12 June) and Cheltenham (26 June) are now full. Ensure you book early to secure your place at our training and seminar events.

Members can [book online](#) (log-in needed) and non-members can ([more...](#))

GDPR: New UK NARIC Privacy Policy now online

The new [UK NARIC Privacy Policy \[PDF\]](#) is now available online and is linked to from the footer on our website pages and application portal pages.

The policy aligns with the new GDPR data protection regulations.

Our GDPR briefing for members was emailed to Power Users in mid-May. This included information

On 10 May, UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun took part in a British Council-organised forum in Athens on developments in Transnational Education (TNE) and the future of UK higher education in Greece after Brexit.

In lively discussions, Cloud set out the challenges and potential approaches and solutions - the core challenge in TNE being the lack of a uniform international approach to the recognition of TNE qualifications.

The dual nature of TNE, involving a sending and a receiving country, or sending and receiving institutions, leads to problems, particularly in cases where recognition is unilateral - recognised by one country but not the other.

There can be issues in the perception of quality processes around TNE programmes. These processes ([more...](#))

which has been requested by some members about our data security and ([more...](#))

Cross-Europe VET forum meets in Madrid

ReferNet agencies ([ReferNet](#) is the European network of expertise in Vocational Education and Training) from across Europe met with [Cedefop](#) (the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training) in a Partnership Forum (PaFo) in Madrid on 24/25 May.

Discussions included selecting content for a new online Cedefop database on European VET ([more...](#))



Prince Andrew at signing of new UK-China AIR programme university partnership

HRH Prince Andrew the Duke of York attended the signing of a partnership agreement between the University of Huddersfield and Guizhou University at the Guizhou campus on 26 May (*pictured above*).

The signing and tour of Guizhou University formed part of the Prince's visit to China to promote UK-China relations. On 30 May, the Prince met with President Xi Jinping.

The new partnership is part of the AIR programme supporting UK-China university collaboration which has been promoted in the UK by UK NARIC ([more...](#))



Pre-registration and paid places open for UKNARIC2018; speaker opportunities

To guarantee your place at the UKNARIC2018 conference at the [QEII Centre](#) in Westminster on 7 and 8 November, you can pre-register by emailing conference@naric.org.uk (this also secures your Early Bird discount). Members can obtain complimentary places from their account manager.

Paid places are already being booked and if you wish to purchase paid places, again please email conference@naric.org.uk

If you would like to contribute to the conference, to share ([more...](#))



Benchmarking results available for CNISE Egypt secondary qualification

UK NARIC has recently completed the third and final part of our study looking at the CNISE, a three-level, three-year bilingual English/Arabic upper secondary school qualification currently taught in five purpose-built schools across Egypt. (*School pictured above*.)

Full benchmarking results with comparabilities of the CNISE levels to UK levels are available in the Publications tab of the Members' Hub.

Admissions officers are likely to see CNISE students with different subjects at a range of levels. ([more...](#))

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