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Final chance to book for next week's UKENIC23 conference in London



This is the final opportunity to book your place for our UKENIC23 conference in London, next Monday and Tuesday, 4 and 5 December.

Hundreds of people are already registered to attend the event at the QEII Centre, Westminster. You can read the full programme [PDF] and use the booking form to secure your place.

With an overall theme of 'Reconfiguration', UKENIC23 offers over 50 sessions, including two plenaries.

On Day 1, in an interview-style opening plenary session, Tom Bewick, CEO of Ecctis, the operating company of UK ENIC, will talk with Ajaz Ahmed, entrepreneur, author and CEO of ideas and innovation company, AKQA, whose books include *Velocity - The Seven New Laws for a World Gone Digital*.

Meanwhile, Day 2 will open with a Question-Timestyle panel plenary featuring Nishat Riaz, Global Head of Higher Education Systems and Internationalisation, British Council; Libing Wang, Director UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Bangkok; Prof Ellen Hazelkorn, independent education consultant; and Dr Diana Beech, CEO London Higher.

Other speakers include: READ MORE

British Council 'Going Global' international education conference

MQA conference focuses on flexible learning pathways & HE innovation



UK ENIC participated in this month's Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) International Conference, which focused on flexible learning pathways and innovation in higher education.

The event featured a keynote address by Malaysia's Minister of Higher Education, Dato Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, who emphasised the importance of developing closer links between education providers and industry to ensure graduates are equipped with the skills needed by the fast-changing global economy.

Dr Fabrizio Trifiro, UK ENIC Head of Stakeholder Engagement, was a panellist in the 'Flexible Learning Pathways' session. [Pictured above right, with L to R: Guy Perring, i-Graduate; Prof. Ir. Dr Khairul Salleh Mohamed Sahari, MQA; Dr Alina Zhumagulova, IAAR, Kazakhstan.] READ MORE

Combating education fraud: sharing expertise at event in Armenia



UK ENIC was invited to participate in a conference hosted by ArmENIC in Yerevan, Armenia, which aimed to help equip education stakeholders to detect and combat education fraud. The findings of the DETECT project, carried out jointly by ArmENIC and the Council of Europe, were also shared at the event.



UK ENIC participated in the British Council's 'Going Global' conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, this month. The event provided a strategic forum for leaders in international education to debate the future of further and higher education.

Tom Bewick, CEO of Ecctis, the operating company of UK ENIC, presented during a session on transnational education (TNE). He stressed that with a tenth of the global population by 2050 set to be made up of young people in Sub-Saharan Africa, policymakers and educators in the Global North and South will need to give as much attention to this phenomenon – to ensure fair opportunities for everyone – as we do to the challenges of climate change.

Fabrizio Trifiro, UK ENIC Head of Stakeholder Engagement, participated in a session on the challenges to the harmonisation of education systems, highlighting UK ENIC's role in improving understanding of international education systems and qualifications, and confidence in them. READ MORE

Credential evaluator meetings focus on MENA, Russia & Eastern Europe



Two meetings of specialist credential evaluators have taken place in recent weeks, as part of the TST2 project.

An October meeting in Stockholm, hosted by the Swedish Council for Higher Education, centred around the recognition of qualifications from the Middle East & North Africa (MENA). This month saw the focus switch to Russia and Eastern Europe during an event hosted in Warsaw [pictured above] by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

The Warsaw meeting included a UK ENIC presentation of our credit comparisons service, by Samantha Broadbent, Senior International Education Analyst (IEA) Education under Emergencies, and Valentyna Krasnoshchok, IEA. UK ENIC Global Partnerships Manager, Henry Huggett, and Samantha Broadbent attended the Stockholm meeting.

UK ENIC was represented by Katherine Huang, Head of Migration Services, and Jack Gunnell, International Education Research Manager.

'The event provided a valuable opportunity to exchange expertise with our ENIC-NARIC colleagues, as part of our ongoing work to prevent and tackle education fraud,' said Katherine Huang.

'We also made a presentation setting out UK ENIC's own extensive expertise on the subject, prompting valuable questions and discussions. READ MORE

UK ENIC delivers face-toface training in Dublin and Belfast



UK ENIC trainers travelled to Dublin and Belfast this month to deliver a series of face-to-face training events.

Delegates from 17 different institutions and organisations attended the sessions, which were hosted by Ulster University in Belfast and University College Dublin.

Chris Lyons, UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, and Elizabeth Hall, UK ENIC Training & Events Executive, co-presented a range of content. Morning sessions focused on evaluating international qualifications, with country-specific sessions taking place in the afternoons, looking at the education systems and key qualifications of Ghana, Nigeria, India and Pakistan. Luke Gallagher, UK ENIC Membership Sales Manager was also on hand to assist members. READ MORE

New bite-sized videos to further support members



As part of our commitment to improving our support for members, we have launched a range of bite-sized videos which can be accessed via the Member Services Hub. [Login required]

These short videos have been designed to provide further support when navigating our databases and

There were wide-ranging discussions across both meetings, with topics including: READ MORE

International forum on higher education credentials in Azerbaijan



UK ENIC participated in an international education forum on the recognition of international higher education credentials in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 17 November. The event was organised by the country's national Education Quality Assurance Agency, the TKTA.

Jodie Duffy, UK ENIC Head of Information Development, took part in a panel discussion on opportunities and challenges in cross-border collaboration in the field of credential evaluation, and digitalisation of the qualification recognition process.

[Pictured above, L to R: Nijat Mammadli, Advisor to the Minister of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan; Marina Malgina, President, TAICEP; Fatma Öztürk, Department of Recognition and Equivalence Services, ENIC-NARIC Office, Türkiye; Jodie Duffy; Lawrence Azzopardi, Quality Assurance and Validation, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority.] READ MORE

evaluating qualifications. They aim to support new staff but can also be used for ongoing and refresher training for more experienced colleagues.

Videos have been created for key markets based on member feedback, focusing on key topics such as accreditation, evaluating qualifications, GCSE comparability for secondary awards and grading systems. All videos are under 20 minutes long to suit busy admissions teams, and additional content will be added regularly. READ MORE

Festive period: end-of-year service closing dates

Our end-of-year service deadlines are approaching. Note that our offices will be closed over the festive period.

The closing date for submission of 5-day member enquiries, which we guarantee will be completed in 2023, is Thursday 14 December. The closing date for 48-hour member enquiries is Tuesday 19 December. Enquiries submitted after these dates may not be answered until 2024.

Our phone lines and live chat services for members will close at 5.00pm UK time on Wednesday 20 December for the festive period. READ MORE

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