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Welcome to the October 2015 edition of NARIC News



Limited spaces left for annual conference: book now to secure your place

Delegates from over 15 countries are flying in to attend UK NARIC 2015 on 23 and 24 November – from New Zealand to Zambia; from South Africa to St Maarten; from Namibia to Norway.

The strongest ever UK NARIC annual conference programme has attracted large numbers of bookings – you should [book now](#) if you want to be sure of a place (a members' complimentary place or a paid-for place).

The UK NARIC website [conference pages](#) have full details, with links to [accommodation deals](#) and [travel information](#).

**** Do you still need hotel accommodation for conference? UK NARIC has a small number of hotel rooms available that we are able to offer at a special discounted rate. First come, first served: email luke.gallagher@naric.org.uk ****

Popular expert speakers from ([more...](#))

Our International Grade Comparisons data bank widens scope to 75 countries: China has total coverage

A programme of significant updates and additions to our International Grade Comparisons data bank has now gone live and country coverage has increased to 75.

There is now almost total coverage of China with a Gaokao entry for virtually the entire country.

The IGC data bank answers the need for more information on grade comparability and grade distributions ([more...](#))

Pre-register for our 2016 training and seminar events

You can now pre-register for our 2016 training and seminar events to guarantee your place.

2015 has seen unprecedented levels of interest in our training and we have had to turn people away from the busiest events, which have been fully booked.

Pre-registration allows you to register your interest in a topic, location and month – we will hold your places for you; when the precise dates and venue details ([more...](#))



Pictured: The oldest university in the Americas, founded 1538 - as proclaimed above the institution's main gate. UK NARIC visited the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD) in early October as part of a study visit to the Dominican Republic. UASD is the only public university in the country.

Dominican Republic study

visit: its market importance grows

UK NARIC undertook a 5-day study visit in early October to the Dominican Republic. The visit was organised and facilitated by the British Embassy. There is growing interest in the country as an emerging market: on 21 and 22 October, 9 UK universities attended a recruitment fair in the capital Santo Domingo, organised by UKTI (UK Trade & Investment).

UK NARIC met the country's Minister for Higher Education whose Ministry, MESCyT – Higher Education, Science and Technology – approves all degree programmes. Meetings were held with the separate Ministry of Education, which covers schools, to discuss school qualifications and curriculum reform, and with 13 universities and higher education institutions. ([more...](#))

Vocational training is focus of new Euro projects

Who can assess a vocational qualification? UK NARIC is leading a new Erasmus+ project, VARE (Vocational Assessor Requirements in Europe) to research this and compile an information catalogue.

The multi-country project team had its initial meeting at UK NARIC's Cheltenham offices in October. ([more...](#))



Jamaica features prominently in our quarterly statistics

UK NARIC presents the third edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering July to September.

Jamaica (pictured) features prominently in our enquiries statistics for the third quarter of 2015. This represents further growth in enquiries to UK NARIC from Jamaica on top of already high rankings positions in the second quarter. High numbers of Jamaican enquiries were sustained from June to September. ([more...](#))



Entry qualifications research: still time to take part in project

Thank you to those institutions who have responded to our call to take part in our new research project, focusing on selected international entry qualifications and students' first year performance in Bachelor level programmes.

There is still time to join the project, so if you would like to participate, email communications@naric.org.uk or telephone the UK NARIC research and data team on 01242 258619. ([more...](#))



Russia visit explores key changes in vocational, higher education

An in-country study visit to Russia has permitted UK NARIC to fully explore major changes in Russian vocational and higher education and qualification recognition.

We attended a conference on evolving methods of assessment addressed by the Russian Minister of Education and Science, Dmitry Livanov (pictured) and we met with representatives of the Ministry, with the National Accreditation Agency, and with UK NARIC's counterpart agencies. ([more...](#))

Consultant Opportunities

Have expertise in education? UK NARIC regularly has opportunities for experienced consultants to provide input to our project work. ([more...](#))

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