



Welcome to the October 2018 edition of NARIC News



UKNARIC2018: our biggest-ever annual conference - more than 600 set to attend

Next week, a record-breaking 600-plus people are scheduled to attend the biggest-ever UK NARIC annual conference on 7 and 8 November.

UKNARIC2018, at London's QEII, will be an excellent networking opportunity with 25 countries represented. More than 40 specialist workshops address the latest discussion points in international education, there will be lots of practical information and ideas to take away, and there will be opportunities to explore and forge new partnerships.

UKNARIC2018 is grateful to our principal sponsors: [ETS TOEFL](#); [IELTS](#); [Confucius International Education Group](#) and our verification partner [The DataFlow Group](#). Confucius International are also kindly sponsoring our evening networking reception.

The UKNARIC2018 digital mobility partner is [Europass](#).

As ever, the UK NARIC conference will provide a varied and distinctive programme, with excellent, lively speakers, and with new angles and new knowledge to inform your strategy and develop your processes.



If you are attending UKNARIC2018 and you have not yet booked your workshop sessions, then you should book your workshops urgently.

Tim Marshall, bestselling author of *Prisoners of Geography*, will set the scene for conference with his keynote speech at our opening plenary session. Tim's latest book, *The Age of Walls*:

Tier 4 Compliance, Admissions Level 1 in Glasgow, 20/21 November; and Admissions Level 2 in London, 6 December

Our popular Compliance and Admissions training is now available in the North: at the University of Strathclyde in central Glasgow. Tier 4 Compliance Seminar and Admissions Officer Training Level 1 take place on 20 and 21 November, allowing delegates to attend both sessions if they wish with one overnight stay.

A special discount applies if places are booked at both events - a £50 discount (for both members and non-members): talk to your account manager or email events@naric.org.uk for details.

You should [book](#) as soon as you can if you wish to secure places ([more...](#))

e-EVALUATE project, evaluating e-learning for academic recognition, kicks off in The Hague

UK NARIC attended the kick-off meeting in The Hague, Netherlands, for the new [e-EVALUATE](#) project which is designed to facilitate and streamline the recognition process of online study programmes.

How Barriers Between Nations are Changing our World, links to our overarching theme for UKNARIC2018: 'Global Gateways – New Thresholds, New Skills, New Times'.

If you've been unable to join us at this year's conference and have complimentary places included in your UK NARIC membership, speak to your account manager after conference for access to workshop presentations and handouts. Also, in our November newsletter, we will have coverage and highlights of UKNARIC2018. ([more...](#))

e-EVALUATE is an Erasmus+ project, co-funded by the European Commission, led by the Dutch ENIC-NARIC agency, Nuffic. The project is intended to assist ENIC-NARIC centres and admissions officers at European HEIs to assess qualifications obtained through online learning. ([more...](#))



UK NARIC, Cambridge Assessment English host HE conference on Brexit

UK NARIC, in collaboration with Cambridge Assessment English, hosted in London a conference for higher education to discuss the current opportunities and challenges in the recruitment of international students.

Representatives from more than 60 universities came together to hear and discuss the latest research, developments and debates within the sector, focusing particularly on Brexit and the growing trend for universities in Europe to deliver courses taught entirely in English.

Chairing the conference was Chris Lyons, UK NARIC's head of research and data. Paul Norris, deputy managing director at UK NARIC [*pictured above*], presented an overview of the new EMI Quality Mark scheme. ([more...](#))



UK NARIC CEO signs MoU on International Vocational Education Initiative in Beijing

The CEO of UK NARIC, Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, has signed in Beijing a Memorandum of Understanding [*pictured above*] with the Tao Xingzhi Committee for the Belt and Road International Vocational Education Initiative.

Also launched at an event in Beijing attended by UK universities and Chinese colleges was a new alliance: The UK and China's Modern Apprenticeship and Education Cooperation Alliance.

Dr Bai-Yun has been made honorary chair of the new alliance, which aims to facilitate cooperation between UK institutions and Chinese vocational colleges.

Drawing from UK experience and resources, the initiative's goal is to help Chinese providers improve ([more...](#))



The UK NARIC quarterly statistics series: July to September 2018

UK NARIC presents the fourteenth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering July to September, 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, Trinidad and Tobago rose from a top 70 position to rank in the top 10 in September. Macedonia dropped out of the top 20 in this table after maintaining its position throughout May, June and July.

In the table for total completed enquiries, Ghana maintained a 16th place throughout the quarter. ([more...](#))

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