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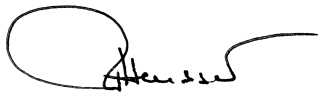
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Foreword

Five years after beginning its work, the OAQ underwent an external evaluation in 2006. A team of international experts examined whether the OAQ fulfills its legal mandate and whether its standards correspond with the European standards for high-standing quality assurance agencies. The outcome of their evaluation was positive.

The reporting year 2006 was also marked by other successful events. For the first time in Switzerland we successfully performed so-called cluster accreditations at the Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne and by so doing decisively reduced both administrative work and procedural expenditures. Further innovations include the first-time accreditation of a basic medical education program at a Faculty of Medicine (University of Geneva) and the performance of "simultaneous accreditations" together with specialized partner agencies. The OAQ also carried out the first accreditation procedure for a university of applied sciences. In order to be well primed for this task, a university of applied sciences supervisory committee was formed, composed of renowned experts on university of applied sciences topics. All of these steps represent important landmarks that support our efforts to ensure accreditation equality among institutions of higher education and training in Switzerland.

We at the OAQ would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners for their ongoing trust. In turn we pledge to continue working towards an unbureaucratic accreditation system in Switzerland – a system that significantly complements the quality measures already implemented by the universities themselves.



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Abbreviations

ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
AHPGS	Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in Special Education, Care, Health Sciences and Social Work
CRUS	Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities
CTI	Commission des titres d'ingénieur
CUAS	Conference of the Universities of Applied Sciences Switzerland
ECA	European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education
EDK	Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education
ENQA	European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
EQUIS	European Quality Improvement System
FDEA	Federal Department of Economic Affairs
FINHEEC	The Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council
FOPH	Federal Office of Public Health
MedBG	Federal Law on Medical Professions
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPET	Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology
SCG	Swiss Chiropractors Association
SCTE	Swiss Conference of Rectors of Universities of Teacher Education
SER	State Secretariat for Education and Research
SUC	Swiss University Conference
Swiss ENIC	Information Office for Questions on Recognition
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
VSS	Union of Students in Switzerland
WFME	World Federation of Medical Education
WHO	World Health Organization

1 The OAQ

1.1 Scientific Advisory Board

In the reporting year the advisory board was under the presidency of Professor Martine Rahier. New on the staff since January 2006 is Professor Andrea Schenker-Wicki, full professor for general business economics and director of the executive MBA program at the University of Zurich since 2001. She is fully familiar with the OAQ's work, both through her habilitation ("University Performance Evaluation") and thanks to an earlier job she held as section head, higher education, with the former Federal Office for Education and Science (BBW), today known as the State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER). In the same reporting year the advisory board also included the following members: Professor Jan De Maeseneer (Gent University, Belgium, since 2001), Dr. Pdraig Walsh (Dublin City University DCU, Ireland, since 2005), and Professor Dominique de Werra (Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, since 2001).

The advisory board and the OAQ staff held three joint work meetings in the reporting year, in addition to conducting five written consultation sessions. Focal points of these consultations were preparations for the external evaluation of the OAQ and the establishment of quality assurance guidelines at Swiss universities. Substantial time and effort were also devoted to providing expert opinions on the foreseen revision of the Swiss Accreditation Guidelines and the new framework law on higher education institutions. Moreover, the advisory board made important decisions on the OAQ's internal quality management situation and the constitution of the expert panels designated for ongoing accreditation procedures.

1.2 OAQ Secretariat

The OAQ Secretariat is responsible for the operative business. There were no personnel fluctuations in 2006. Team members have diverse professional backgrounds, represent various national regions and are proficient in German, French and Italian, three of Switzerland's official languages.

In the fall of 2006, the OAQ moved its offices from Effingerstrasse to Falkenplatz in Bern's university district.

1.3 Evaluation of the OAQ

In August 2005 the SUC made the decision to submit the OAQ to an evaluation. Their objective was to examine whether the OAQ fulfills its legal functions in accreditation and quality assurance, making recommendations where necessary on how the OAQ could improve its work under the prevailing law, and in this way also establish the basis for international recognition. The national section of the evaluation was reserved for specific questions posed by the SUC. The international section examined whether or not the OAQ fulfills the European guidelines of good practice for quality assurance and accreditation agencies, based on ENQA and ECA standards. The evaluation took place in Bern in the first half of 2006, and results were made available in October 2006.

The OAQ was attested with high professionalism and with having an excellent international network. The international expert team concluded that the OAQ fulfills the “European Standards and Guidelines” developed by ENQA as well as the ECA’s “Code of Good Practice”. Critical comments included the yet inadequate integration of students in the process, as well as the failure to publish negative accreditation results. The experts made the following recommendations:

- They suggest the establishment of an independent, broadly supported accreditation council. In the future, accreditation decisions should be made by a committee that works independently of any political authorities and/or universities.
- Quality assurance should be applied based on uniform principles throughout the entire university sector (namely universities and universities of applied sciences). Uniform standards must be applied from both a formal and a material point of view.
- The various procedures (evaluations, accreditations, quality audits) must be precisely defined and the different functions should be clearly separated.

Both the OAQ’s self-evaluation report and the final report of the experts are published on the OAQ website. An external evaluation of the OAQ is carried out every five years.

1.4 ENQA membership

In the scope of the external evaluation performed in 2006, the international expert team examined whether the OAQ fulfills the requirements for international accreditation and quality assurance agencies. Based on the positive results, the ENQA Board – the political steering committee for questions of quality assurance in the Bologna Process – awarded the OAQ “full membership” in ENQA. This quality seal distinguishes agencies that fulfill the “European Standards and Guidelines”. By satisfying these European standards, the OAQ can be included in the planned register that lists trustworthy quality assurance agencies active in Europe.

2 University accreditation

2.1 Accreditation procedures 2006

During the reporting year, the OAQ was mandated by the SUC and the SER to examine a total of 26 university units (two institutions and 24 academic programs) (see Annex 1). In order to carry out these evaluations, the OAQ is supported by a pool of about 250 independent experts (see Annex 2). On the occasion of the procedures at the Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, some changes were introduced to the accreditation system and promise great innovative potential, also from a European viewpoint. Finally, the OAQ performed the first pilot accreditation procedure at a university of applied sciences, specifically for four academic programmes offered by the College of Technology and Economics HTW Chur. Additional activities in the university of applied sciences sector are foreseen for the upcoming years.

2.2 Medical academic program

On October 31, 2006, the SUC accredited the Faculty of Medicine's academic program in human medicine at the University of Geneva. This was the first training program of a medical faculty that was accredited based on the Cooperation Agreement between the Federal Government and University Cantons on Matters Relating to Universities. Both interdisciplinary accreditation standards as well as international, discipline specific and professional quality criteria were applied for the accreditation process. Participating experts confirmed the very high quality of the University of Geneva's academic program.

2.3 Accreditation of master's programs at the EPFL

In order to optimize the cost-benefit ratio in accreditations, the OAQ made the first cluster accreditation in 2006 in which all 17 master's programs of the EPFL were examined in a single procedure including a five-day site visit. At the same time, CTI – the French accreditation agency for engineering programs – also examined all engineering programs at the EPFL, marking yet another milestone. The expert panels were mixed for this purpose. This measure represents a clear surplus value for the university involved (one procedure, two accreditation seals of quality for all engineering programs). The additional expenses for these unique double accreditations in Europe were on the other hand minimal. All participating partners (EPFL, CTI, OAQ, experts) expressed their satisfaction with results and recommended that this form of accreditation be repeated.

2.4 Revision of university accreditation guidelines

A revision of accreditation guidelines began in August/September 2006 and is expected to be completed by September 2007. For this purpose, the OAQ drew up a report for the SUC in which it described the articles needing revision. The SUC is handling this revision jointly with the SER, the CRUS and the OAQ. Special attention is being given to defining the term "university institutions" which according to Art. 2 of the guidelines are the subject of accreditation. The revision work must also improve procedural inaccuracies (e.g. during the preaccreditation phase).

3 Guidelines for quality assurance at Swiss universities

Based on a mandate received from the SUC – and in close cooperation with international partners, as well as the CRUS and the universities – the OAQ worked out internal quality assurance guidelines for Swiss universities. Based on the Federal Law on Financial Aid to Universities, they consist of general conditions as well as seven quality standards in the areas of strategy, application, responsibilities, processes, evaluations, personnel development, decision-making and communication. These standards represent minimum requirements and include all preconditions for an effective internal quality assurance system at the universities, besides meeting the “European Standards and Guidelines for internal quality assurance within higher education institutions” developed by ENQA. Following broad consultation, they were adopted by the SUC in December 2006, going into force in 2007. With the adoption of these quality assurance guidelines, Switzerland becomes one of the first European countries to implement ENQA standards into quality assurance standards for the university sector.

4 Quality audits

4.1 Follow-up at the University of Lausanne

During the reporting year, the University of Lausanne made a voluntary follow-up to examine to what extent the expert recommendations formulated during the first quality audit in 2003/2004 had been followed. The results were positive and confirm informal indications that manifold measures to further improve quality had been initiated at the Swiss universities as a result of the first quality audit cycle.

4.2 Preparations for the next quality audit cycle 2007/2008

In 2006 the OAQ began preparations (conceptual work, accompanying instruments) for the second quality audit cycle in 2007/2008, in close cooperation with the Swiss University Quality Network. The new quality assurance guidelines issued by the SUC form the basis for this second round, in which examinations will include quality assurance on an institutional level, selected academic programs as well as the implementation of measures at a faculty/department level.

5 Accreditation in the university of applied sciences sector

For universities of applied sciences, accreditation becomes obligatory as of 2007 based on the partially revised university of applied sciences law. The OAQ is currently preparing its formal recognition as reference agency for such procedures with the FDEA. In order to be well prepared for this work, the OAQ performed an initial pilot accreditation in the reporting year 2006.

5.1 Pilot accreditation at the HTW Chur

In October 2005 the OAQ received a request from the College of Technology and Economics HTW Chur to have its four academic programs in business administration, administration, tourism and information accredited. The accreditation procedure was initialized in January 2006, following acceptance of the OAQ's offer. Accreditation instruments were adapted for the procedure and the new FDEA/OPET regulations were taken into account in the process. In the selection of experts, extensive knowledge of the Swiss system for universities of applied sciences was considered an important prerequisite. The procedure in Chur also complied with the quality standards for universities adopted by the SUC and was successfully completed in October 2006.

5.2 OAQ supervisory committee for universities of applied sciences

In order to guarantee high quality accreditation procedures and equal treatment of universities and universities of applied sciences, the OAQ set up a supervisory committee for the UAS sector. This committee fulfills the same responsibilities as the Scientific Advisory Board in the university sector and consists of six members (three from Switzerland, three from abroad). Recommended by the CUAS, all members are proven experts in the Swiss university of applied sciences sector and represent relevant disciplines.

5.3 Additional cooperation with OPET

The OAQ also works with OPET in the private school area, specifically the higher professional schools. In the reporting year it received a mandate to analyze private higher professional schools abroad, based on a parliamentary motion submitted by Oskar Freysinger in the National Council. The analysis included both recognition and/or accreditation possibilities as well as a definition of the tertiary sector in the various European countries examined. A concept for the accreditation of private schools in Switzerland was also established.

6 Cooperation with the FOPH

6.1 Accreditation of postgraduate medical and dental education

Based on a mandate received from the FOPH in 2006, the OAQ established the instruments and quality standards for the accreditation of postgraduate medical and dental education, in line with the new Federal Law on Medical Professions (MedBG). These quality standards are based on the internationally accepted "Global Standards for Quality Improvement in Postgraduate Medical Education" issued by the WFME and are harmonized with MedBG requirements.

Under the MedBG, chiropractics will in the future also be included in the medical professions. The OAQ was mandated by the FOPH to work out the concept and the instruments for the accreditation of postgraduate medical education in chiropractics, together with the FOPH, the SCG, and the Swiss Chiropractic Institute.

6.2 Services in medical education

Under the MedBG, accreditation for academic programs and for postgraduate training will become obligatory. The OAQ was thus given a new mandate to work out instruments for the accreditation of academic programs for all five medical professions (human, dental, veterinarian, chiropractics and pharmaceuticals). This work is planned to be completed by the summer of 2007.

6.3 Services in psychological psychotherapy

The OAQ continued to work on a mandate it received from the FOPH in 2005 on the establishment of accreditation standards for the sector of psychological psychotherapy, based on the draft of the "Federal Law on Psychological Professions". Together with an external expert, the OAQ compiled a draft of quality standards for the accreditation of postgraduate psychological psychotherapy education.

7 National cooperation

The OAQ's most important national partners are the SUC, the CRUS, the EDK as well as the responsible federal offices: the SER, the OPET and the Federal Office of Public Health FOPH. Over the years a close cooperation has developed with these partners, reflected by regular meetings, the organization of joint conferences, and seats in various project and working groups (see Annex 3). Results of this cooperation include theory papers on external quality assurance and on the application of accreditation in Swiss universities.

7.1 Swiss University Quality Network

The Q-Network was founded in 2003 at the initiative of the OAQ. Members of this network are the persons responsible for quality and evaluation at the cantonal universities and the federal institutes of technology in Zurich and Lausanne, as well as CRUS and OAQ representatives. Since its founding, its members have gathered for a total of seven meetings that are organized and chaired by the OAQ. Work has included discussions on the results of the quality audit cycle 2003/2004 and establishing the basis for new quality assurance guidelines. The Q-Network also provides the opportunity to exchange opinions and information on questions of quality assurance. Plans exist to give the Q-Network a mandate from the CRUS.

7.2 Working group "National Qualifications Framework for the Swiss Higher Education Area"

A decision made by the European ministries of education calls for work on national qualifications frameworks for the higher education area to commence at the latest in 2007 and be completed by 2010. Initial exploratory talks on the establishment of such a comprehensive framework for Switzerland took place in 2005. A working group was formed in which the SER, the CRUS, the CUAS, SCTE and the OAQ play a leading role. The OAQ is especially responsible for linking the national qualifications framework with the Swiss accreditation system.

7.3 Working group "Accreditation and protection of titles"

In 2006 under the direction of the SER, a broadly based working group clarified which regulations on quality assurance, recognition, accreditation and copyright of titles should be included in a future university framework law. The OAQ was represented in this working group by its legal consultant. Part of the discussions dealt with the instruments and decision-making processes in accreditation, the role and legal form of the OAQ, as well as the relationship between accreditation, recognition and copyright of titles. A final report by the working group was compiled at the end of the reporting year.

7.4 UNESCO/OECD project

Based on a joint initiative on accreditation and quality assurance from UNESCO and the OECD, Switzerland was invited to participate in the establishment of a pilot project for an international portal to recognized university institutions by the end of 2007. The SER decided to give the OAQ a mandate to work closely with the CRUS, specifically their Swiss ENIC Department, to formulate suggestions for establishing a national website and to assist in implementing the UNESCO/OECD project.

8 International cooperation

The OAQ works closely with European accreditation and quality assurance agencies and is an active member of important European and international networks (see Annex 3). Among other things, this gives us the opportunity to recruit qualified experts and evaluators for accreditation and quality assurance examination procedures in Switzerland.

In December 2006, the OAQ was granted a full membership status in ENQA based on the excellent results of the external evaluation. The OAQ has presided the ECA since 2004, a network uniting 15 national accreditation agencies that negotiates cross-national recognition of accreditation decisions and qualifications. Moreover, the director of the OAQ represents the latter on the Scientific Advisory Board of a German accreditation agency (AHPGS) as well as on the advisory board of Project Q of the German Rector's Conference. Finally, the OAQ participates in a joint expert group of the WHO and the WFME on questions of accreditation in the medical sector.

9 Information and communication

The OAQ considers information and communication an integral part of its work and advocates an open and transparent information and communication policy. It publishes documents in three of Switzerland's official national languages in addition to English. Based on its principle of providing the most comprehensive information on quality examination procedures, the OAQ publishes positive accreditation decisions, including the expert's report and the final report of the OAQ, following consultations with the respective university unit. No legal basis yet exists that would allow the publishing of negative results.

Internationally, and in the scope of its work with the ECA, the OAQ participated in the development of a joint electronic information platform for the publication of qualifications and accreditation decisions in Europe.

9.1 Communication media

The OAQ's most important, constantly available medium is the quadrilingual website which is updated and expanded regularly (www.oaq.ch). At the end of 2006 the website's structure was revised in order to increase user friendliness. From April 2006 to March 2007, an average of 4 000 visitors per month surfed the site, 20% of them visiting the website several times per month.

Towards the end of 2005, the OAQ began publishing an electronic newsletter two or three times annually. Its contents in the reporting year 2006 included such themes as "quality assurance" and "mutual recognition of accreditation decisions and qualifications". The annual report appears both in printed form and electronically in three languages.

9.2 Presentations and publications

In the reporting year, OAQ representatives presented the agency's work at 10 international conferences. Nationally, talks were given in front of various university boards, commissions and working groups (see Annex 4).

Besides providing oral information, the Director and OAQ's scientific assistants also publish articles on accreditation and quality assurance topics in professional journals (see Annex 5).

9.3 International conference with CRUS on internal quality assurance

In December 2006 the OAQ organized for the second time a conference in Bern on "Internal quality assurance at higher education institutions – requirements and good practices" together with the CRUS. This conference was directed at both a national as well as international audience and aroused considerable public interest. Participants came from more than 20 European countries and their reactions to the program and contents were very positive. Plans exist to institutionalize this series of events in Switzerland in the future.

10 Finances

The OAQ's financial statements are examined by the Federal Audit Office. The SUC receives the annual financial statement and the audit report for formal approval. As in previous years, the Federal Audit Office approved the Annual Financial Statement for 2006 without any objections.

10.1 Balance sheet and profit and loss statement for 2006

Balance sheet as of 31 December 2006

Assets	CHF
Cash	4 075.65
Current accounts, BEKB savings account	84 559.64
Accounts receivable and withholding tax on accounts receivable	56 904.40
Valiant Bank, rent deposit	15 012.50
Deferred assets	60 046.75
Work begun on third-party mandates, UAS and private accreditations	268 260.15
Total assets	488 859.09
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	-64 712.05
Accounts payable to university cantons	-24 086.60
Prepaid expenses	-308 200.00
Deferred liabilities	-83 140.55
Reserves for deferred VAT payments	-30 000.00
Balance deficit	21 280.11
Total liabilities	-488 859.09

Income statement for the period 1 January 2006, to 31 December 2006

Expenditures	CHF
Personnel expenses, including social security and	
Scientific Advisory Board fees	-1 330 693.05
Public relations project, website	-59 516.15
Operating costs	
Rent/maintenance	-72 510.10
Technical acquisitions (IT, database, telephones)	-41 087.80
Operating costs	-175 988.80
Organization of conferences and workshops	-66 520.20
Accreditation costs (documents, translations, legal support)	-246 330.55
Miscellaneous and contingencies, including relocation to Falkenplatz	-86 696.50
Total expenditures	-2 079 343.15
Final account	22 485.13
Total	-2 056 858.02

Income

Contributions from the cantons	
BS	93 410.00
BE	135 837.00
FR	83 138.00
GE	156 386.00
NE	33 946.00
SG	39 978.00
TI	14 024.00
VD	94 718.00
ZH	223 063.00
Federal government	874 500.00
Accreditations/private evaluations	29 867.90
Third-party services/federal mandates	152 040.15
Workshops and course fees	18 185.06
Release of "Verb. Hochschulkantone"	90 000.00
Reimbursement of investment costs from lessor of Effingerstrasse offices	15 000.00
Interest income	2 764.91
Total	2 056 858.02

10.2 Auditor's report

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Bericht der Revisionsstelle

an die Mitglieder der schweizerischen Universitätskonferenz (SUK), Bern

Als Revisionsstelle haben wir die Buchführung und die Jahresrechnung (Bilanz und Erfolgsrechnung) des Organs für Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung der schweizerischen Hochschulen (OAQ) für das am 31. Dezember 2006 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr geprüft.

Für die Jahresrechnung ist die Geschäftsstelle des OAQ verantwortlich, während unsere Aufgabe darin besteht, die Jahresrechnung zu prüfen und zu beurteilen. Wir bestätigen, dass wir die Anforderungen hinsichtlich Befähigung und Unabhängigkeit erfüllen.

Unsere Prüfung erfolgte nach den Schweizer Prüfungsstandards, wonach eine Prüfung so zu planen und durchzuführen ist, dass wesentliche Fehlaussagen in der Jahresrechnung mit angemessener Sicherheit erkannt werden. Wir prüften die Posten und Angaben der Jahresrechnung mittels Analysen und Erhebungen auf der Basis von Stichproben. Ferner beurteilten wir die Anwendung der massgebenden Rechnungslegungsgrundsätze, die wesentlichen Bewertungsentscheide sowie die Darstellung der Jahresrechnung als Ganzes. Wir sind der Auffassung, dass unsere Prüfung eine ausreichende Grundlage für unser Urteil bildet.

Gemäss unserer Beurteilung entsprechen die Buchführung und die Jahresrechnung 2006, die mit einem Verlust von Fr. 22'485.13 abschliesst, dem schweizerischen Gesetz, der Vereinbarung vom 14. Dezember 2000 zwischen dem Bund und den Universitätskantonen über die Zusammenarbeit in universitären Hochschulbereich (SR 414.205) sowie der Geschäftsordnung vom 22. Februar 2001 des OAQ. Der Bilanzfehlbetrag von Fr. 21'280.11 ist mit künftigen Überschüssen zu tilgen.

Wir empfehlen, die vorliegende Jahresrechnung zu genehmigen.

Bern, den 14. März 2007

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Revisionsleiter

11 Annual program 2007

11.1 New framework law on higher education institutions

The working group on "Accreditation and the protection of titles" achieved good results that provide a solid basis for the new framework law on higher education institutions. The OAQ is especially committed to achieving the following:

- the establishment of a broadly supported, independent Swiss accreditation council that makes decisions on all accreditation procedures
- obligatory institutional accreditation for all Swiss universities; program accreditation at the request of the schools

The precise criteria for institutional accreditation will need to be defined in 2007.

11.2 Revision of accreditation guidelines: quality standards

The revision of accreditation guidelines is expected to be completed by September 2007. One main priority of the work is differentiating between the definitions "university" and "university institution". In addition, the procedures must undergo some technical adaptations (e.g. preaccreditations). The OAQ will also present the SUC with a suggestion for the revision of quality standards by the end of the year, taking into account new European developments and benchmarks (e.g. Learning Outcome Orientation).

11.3 Quality audit cycle 2007/2008

The SUC quality assurance guidelines were adopted on 7 December 2006 and form the fundament for the second quality audit cycle in 2007/2008 which now also includes examination of both federal institutes of technology in Zurich and Lausanne. The conceptual and procedural aspects, as well as contents of the quality audits are developed by the OAQ in close work with the universities. In this way we hope to ensure that universities profit from these procedures and that the development process furthers an internal quality culture.

11.4 Accreditation procedures

The successful, jointly performed accreditation with the French accreditation agency for engineering programs, CTI, at the EPFL, encourages the OAQ to offer more simultaneous accreditations with international partner agencies in the future – namely, in engineering science (together with the American agency ABET), and economic science (with the European agency EQUIS). The respective reactions from foreign partners to the OAQ's inquiries were positive. With these innovative ventures, the OAQ will be breaking new international ground together with its partners.

In 2006 the OAQ already received requests for accreditation from universities of applied sciences. These accreditations will be carried out by applying the new accreditation guidelines in the university sector as a basis (scheduled to come into force by 1 May 2007). In order to minimize costs and bureaucratic efforts, cluster accreditations shall be applied in indicated cases. Such cluster accreditations have already been successfully implemented in the university sector. Thanks to its experience with various types of schools (universities, universities of applied sciences), the OAQ can declare itself a competency centre for accreditation and quality assurance in the tertiary education sector in Switzerland.

11.5 International conference on “Learning Outcomes”

In September 2007 the OAQ will convene an international conference on “Learning Outcomes” in Zurich (under the patronage of the ECA). This theme gains additional topicality through the planned introduction of national qualification structures in all European countries. Also scheduled for 2007 is a conference on the role of students in internal and external quality assurance, that will be organized in close cooperation with the VSS.

Annex 1: OAQ procedures 2003–2006

public
 private
 university of applied sciences

Institution	Accreditation						Qualifying for financial support	
	Preliminary exam	Institution	Program				Evaluation	Quality audit
			Bachelor	Master	PhD	Continuing education		
2006								
Filière d'études en médecine humaine, Faculté de médecine, Université de Genève								
Institut für Verbands- und Genossenschaftsmanagement (VMI), Universität Freiburg								
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) – 17 Masterstudiengänge								
Université de Lausanne, suivi de l'audit de la qualité de 2004								
Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (HTW) Chur – 3 Bachelorstudiengänge								
2005								
European Graduate School (EGS), Leuk-Stadt								
Facoltà di Teologia di Lugano								
Geisteswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Luzern								
Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Luzern								
Theologische Fakultät, Universität Luzern								
Graduiertenkollegien Gender Studies Schweiz, Netzwerk								
Institut de hautes études en administration publique (IDHEAP), Université de Lausanne								
Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB), Sion								
Nachdiplomstudiengang Int. Wirtschaftsrecht der Rechtswiss. Fakultät, Universität Zürich								
Odermatt-Walter-Universität, Luzern								
Interuniversitäres Weiterbildungsprogramm "Public Health"								
Schweizerische Zentralstelle für die Weiterbildung der Mittelschullehrpersonen (WBZ), Luzern								
Theologische Hochschule Chur								
Universität Educatis, Altdorf								
<i>Humanmedizin</i>								
Allergologie und klinische Immunologie								
Anästhesiologie								
Angiologie								
Arbeitsmedizin								

Institution	Accreditation						Qualifying for financial support	
	Preliminary exam	Institution	Program				Evaluation	Quality audit
			Bachelor	Master	PhD	Continuing education		
Chirurgie								
Dermatologie/Venerologie								
Endokrinologie/Diabetologie								
Gastroenterologie								
Gynäkologie/Geburtshilfe								
Hämatologie								
Herz-/Thorakale Gefäßchirurgie								
Infektiologie								
Innere Medizin								
Intensivmedizin								
Kardiologie								
Kiefer-/Gesichtschirurgie								
Kinder-/Jugendpsychiatrie/-psychotherapie								
Kinderchirurgie								
Klinische Pharmakologie/Toxikologie								
Medizinische Genetik								
Medizinische Onkologie								
Nephrologie								
Neurochirurgie								
Neurologie								
Nuklearmedizin								
Ophthalmologie								
Orthopädische Chirurgie/Traumatologie des Bewegungsapparates								
Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie (HNO)								
Pädiatrie								
Pathologie								

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Institution	Accreditation						Qualifying for financial support	
	Preliminary exam	Institution	Program				Evaluation	Quality audit
Bachelor			Master	PhD	Continuing education			
University/academic institution								
Pharmazeutische Medizin								
Physikalische Medizin/Rehabilitation								
Plastische/Rekonstruktive/Ästhetische Chirurgie								
Pneumologie								
Prävention/Gesundheitswesen								
Psychiatrie/Psychotherapie								
Radiologie								
Radio-Onkologie/Strahlentherapie								
Rechtsmedizin								
Rheumatologie								
Tropen-/Reisemedizin								
Urologie								
<i>Zahnmedizin</i>								
Kieferorthopädie								
Oralchirurgie/Stomatologie								
Parodontologie								
Rekonstruktive Zahnmedizin								
2004								
Centre d'hydrogéologie, Université de Neuchâtel								
Ecole suisse d'ostéopathie, Belmont-sur-Lausanne								
Europa Hochschule EurAka, Königstein								
Franklin College Switzerland (FCS), Lugano								
International institute of management in telecommunications (iimt), Université de Fribourg								
Libera Università degli Studi di Scienze umane e tecnologiche (L.U.de.S.), Paradiso								
Universität Basel								
Universität Bern								

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			Bachelor	Master	PhD	Continuing education		
University/academic institution								
Universität Luzern								
Universität St.Gallen								
Universität Zürich								
Université de Fribourg								
Université de Genève								
Université de Lausanne								
Université de Neuchâtel								
Università della Svizzera italiana								
2003								
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Annex 3: National and international cooperations (per 31.12.2006)

National

Commission	Domain	Member since	Function OAQ
Qualitätsnetzwerk der Schweizer Hochschulen	Erfahrungsaustausch und QS-Projekte	2004	Geschäftsführung
Projektgruppe Bologna der CRUS	Bologna-Prozess Schweiz	2003	Aktives Mitglied
Netzwerk ECTS der CRUS	ECTS-System	2003	Aktives Mitglied
Eidgenössische Fachhochschulkommission	Fachhochschulentwicklung Schweiz	2004	Aktives Mitglied
Arbeitsgruppe "Akkreditierung und Titelschutz" des SBF	Teilgebiete des neuen Hochschulrahmengesetzes	2005	Aktives Mitglied
Arbeitsgruppe "nationaler Qualifikationsrahmen"	Erstellen eines nationalen Qualifikationsrahmens	2005	Gründungsmitglied

International

Commission	Domain	Member since	Function OAQ
ENQA	QS in Europa	2002	Vollmitglied seit Dezember 2006 Organisation von ENQA-Workshop 2003
DACH-Netzwerk	Kooperationsprojekte im Bereich Akkreditierung	2003	Initiator/Gründungsmitglied
Joint Quality Initiative	Dublin Deskriptoren	2002	Vollmitglied
INQAAHE	QS International	2003	Vollmitglied
UNESCO/OECD	QS International	2003	Vollmitglied
EAIR	Hochschulbildung/Forschung	2007	Vollmitglied
EAIR	Hochschulbildung/Forschung	2007	Vollmitglied

Annex 4: Presentations 2006

International

Date	Organizer	Country	Title	Speaker
27.01.06	HRK, Berlin	Deutschland	Internationally recognised quality assurance Building an European accreditation system – ECA?	Heusser
15./16.03.06	Riaces-Tagung, Quito	Ecuador	Current state and future of accreditation and QA in higher education	Heusser
11.05.06	EU-Meeting, Graz	Österreich	Quality assurance after Bergen	Heusser
18.05.06	INQA/AHE Workshop, Den Haag	Niederlande	Mutual recognition of accreditation decisions	Heusser
18.05.07	ANECA, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Spanien	Accreditation of engineering in the European context: institution vs. programme accreditation, the ANECA-CTI-NVAO-OAQ Project	Dustin
31.05./01.06.06	ECA-Meeting, Brüssel	Belgien	Mutual recognition – Purposes and benefits European developments in accreditation Peer review of ECA members Conclusions of ECA meeting in Vienna 2005	Heusser
02.06.06	ECA-Workshop, Bruges	Belgien	ECA WG4 Surveys results and conclusions: 1. Handling of distance-learning and e-learning provision in higher education 2. Handling of poor quality institutions (“mills”) in the higher education field 3. Handling of learning outcomes	Beccari
27.–28.06.06	WHO/WFME Strategic Partnership Workshop, Chisinau	Republic of Moldova	Experiences from Accreditation of Medical Education in Europe; The Swiss approach	Kruse
04.07.06	ECA-Meeting, Santander	Spanien	Mutual recognition of accreditation decisions in Europe	Heusser
21.–23.07.06	Studentischer Akkredi- tierungspool, Bochum	Deutschland	Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung im schweizerischen universitären Hochschulbereich	Risse
13.09.06	Annual EAIE Confe- rence, Basel	Schweiz	Accreditation as a tool for institutional development	Heusser
18.10.06	NVAO-ANECA-CTI-OAQ meeting in Brussels	Belgien	CTI-OAQ Cooperation and results of the comparative analysis	Beccari
21.11.06	FINHEEC Anniversary Seminar, Helsinki	Finnland	The future of evaluation in higher education The evaluation agencies in the development of HE	Heusser
24.11.06	EUA, European Forum for Quality Assurance	Deutschland	The importance of an internal quality assurance system for an external evaluation without stress	Maurer
30.11.06	OAQ-CRUS Conference, Bern	Schweiz	Internal quality assurance at higher education institutions	Heusser

National

Date	Organizer	Title	Speaker
07.03.06	Sitzung SICTA-Kommission, Bern	Die Bedeutung von Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung für den europäischen Hochschulraum	Heusser
17.03.06	Universitäten Bern und Lausanne, "Hochschul- und Forschungspolitik"	Stand des Qualitätsmanagements an den Universitäten	Beccari
03.04.06	OECD-Tagung, Genf	Quality assurance and the Bologna process Audits of the quality assurance systems of the Swiss universities	Heusser
19.05.06	Senatssitzung Universität Freiburg	Die Bedeutung von Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung für den europäischen Hochschulraum	Heusser
07.06.06	Hochschule für Wirtschaft, FHNW	Die Bedeutung von Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung für den europäischen Hochschulraum	Heusser
06.09.06	Informationsveranstaltung FHZ, Luzern	Die Bedeutung von Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung für den europäischen Hochschulraum	Heusser
28.09.06	SATW-Kongress, Bern	Die Sicht der Qualitätssicherer	Heusser
03.10.06	Universität Bern, Startmeeting zum Qualitätsjahr	Qualitätssicherung im Hochschulbereich	Heusser
16.10.06	Bundesamt für Statistik, Neuchâtel	Attentes et besoins à l'égard des enquêtes auprès des nouveaux diplômés	Dustin
08.11.06	NQF.ch-HS-Tagung, Bern	Akkreditierung und Qualifikationsrahmen – eine Wechselbeziehung?	Heusser

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- Isabelle Dustin: Zwischenbilanz im Bologna-Prozess, in: OAQ-Newsletter, Nr. 3/06
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- Stephanie Maurer: Richtlinien zur Qualitätssicherung an Schweizer Universitäten, in: OAQ-Newsletter, Nr. 2/06
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