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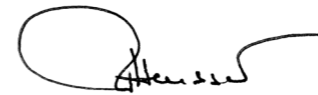
## Foreword

In this reporting year the OAQ focused on consolidating the agency and preparing for future assignments. In so doing it could lean on the positive results of an external evaluation performed in 2006 by international experts. This evaluation confirmed that the OAQ is fulfilling its functions and working in conformity with optimal international standards.

2007 witnessed the publication of important basic documents for external quality assurance in Switzerland. These included quality assurance guidelines for quality audits of public universities scheduled for early 2008, and revised accreditation guidelines that newly regulate the prerequisites for institutional accreditation.

With the organization of an international meeting on "Learning Outcomes" in September 2007, the OAQ addressed a topic central to the future development of academic teaching, learning and assessment in higher education. The OAQ supports the current drafts for the new university law. The quality assurance regulations described therein form the basis for a good, modern and efficient accreditation system that fulfills European requirements and also takes into account Switzerland's national peculiarities.

The OAQ would like to thank all its partners for their continuing trust and looks forward to another year of fruitful collaboration.



**Rolf Heusser**  
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## Abbreviations

AAC	Austrian Accreditation Council
AACSB	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
AEC	European Association of Conservatoires
ANECA	Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación
COHEP	Swiss Conference of Rectors of Universities of Teacher Education
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
EFMD	European Foundation for Management Development
ENQA	European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
EPAS EFMD	Programme Accreditation System
EQUIS	European Quality Improvement System
EUA	European University Association
EURASHE	European Association of Institutions in Higher Education
ESU	European Students' Union
FCUAS	The Federal Commission for the Universities of Applied Sciences
FDEA	Federal Department of Economic Affairs
FMH	Swiss Medical Association
FOPH	Federal Office of Public Health
HFKG	Bundesgesetz über die Förderung der Hochschulen und die Koordination im schweizerischen Hochschulbereich
INQAAHE	International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education
IUQB	Irish Universities Quality Board
MedBG	Federal Law on Medical Professions
NVAO	Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPET	Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology
SER	State Secretariat for Education and Research
SUC	Swiss University Conference
UAS	Universities of applied sciences
VSH	Verband der Schweizerischen Hochschulstudierendenschaften
VSS	Union of Students in Switzerland
WFME	World Federation of Medical Education

## 1 The OAQ

### 1.1 OAQ Secretariat

The OAQ Secretariat is responsible for the operative business. Team composition is marked by its diversity of professional backgrounds, the trans-regional origin of its staff members and by the fact that all of Switzerland's three national languages are represented. Two people joined our staff in 2007: Completely new on our team is Valérie Liechti (degree in economics, University of Freiburg) who joined us in February, while former staff member Therese Steffen Gerber returned to the OAQ in the summer after completing her one-and-a-half year residency with the Dutch accreditation organization NVAO. Ameli Kruse and Ariane Nussbaum left the OAQ at the end of July following expiry of their third-party funded mandates in accreditation work for the new Federal Law on Medical Professions.

Important administrative tasks included clarifying questions regarding the obligation to pay value-added tax, new pension fund regulations, as well as developing a new data bank for the procedures of the OAQ.

### 1.2 Scientific Advisory Board

In 2007 the Scientific Advisory Board remained under the presidency of Professor Martine Rahier. Also on the Board in the reporting year were: Professor Andrea Schenker-Wicki (Zurich University, since 2006), Dr. Pdraig Walsh (IUQB, Ireland, since 2005), Professor Jan De Maeseneer (Gent University, Belgium, since 2001), and Professor Dominique de Werra (Federal Institute of Technology, ETH Lausanne, since 2001).

In addition to various written consultations, the Scientific Advisory Board and the OAQ Secretariat met in the reporting year for two working sessions. Discussions focused on preparations for the second quality audit cycle at Swiss public universities (adoption of the concept, selection of experts and the academic programs to be visited). Much time was devoted to deliberations on the new Swiss accreditation guidelines and the new law for universities. Moreover, the Board also made decisions on the composition of the expert panels for ongoing accreditation procedures.

## 2 University accreditation

### 2.1 Accreditation procedures 2007

By the end of 2007 the OAQ had performed a total of 81 accreditation procedures in which it evaluated 130 objects (institutions and academic programs) (see Annex 1). Approximately one third of all these procedures were institutional reviews. These experiences are of great significance, not least in view of future institutional accreditations.

In the reporting year the OAQ completed accreditation procedures on behalf of the SUC for 17 master's and 13 bachelor degree programs at the Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), in addition to checking 8 new university units (6 institutions and 2 academic programs). For its procedures the OAQ depends on a pool of about 250 renowned national as well as international experts (see Annex 2).

### 2.2 Accreditation of master's degree programs at the EPFL

In the summer of 2007, the OAQ together with the CTI requested the accreditation, respectively habilitated/approved, 17 master's degree programs at the EPF Lausanne. A detailed comparison of procedures and standards used by both agencies in the scope of the ECA showed that a common procedure would not only be feasible, but also advantageous towards achieving a more efficient application of resources. Both accreditation agencies established a conceptual framework for a single self-evaluation report, the organization of common on-site visits as well as an expert report that served as a basis for the decision-making authorities of both countries.

### 2.3 Additional joint accreditations

The experience with the CTI was a success and additional similar inquiries were directed to the OAQ. In the reporting year contacts were established with the EFMD network (EQUIS and EPAS accreditations). Comparisons were made so that the OAQ could respond quickly to concrete inquiries.

The College of Music (HES-SO) at the Lausanne Conservatory sent the OAQ an inquiry for an accreditation procedure to be carried out jointly with the AEC, an organization that has defined specific standards and procedures for music education. A comparison was made between OAQ and AEC procedures. The purpose of these contacts is to perform a common procedure in the near future. In addition, contacts were established with large American accreditation agencies that are motivated by a mutual interest in becoming better acquainted with the various types of quality assurance procedures applied in universities on both sides of the Atlantic.

### 2.4 Revision of university accreditation guidelines

On September 1, 2007, the revised guidelines of the Swiss University Conference for the academic accreditation went into force, with the main change being the establishment of four basic types for the institutional accreditation. Accreditation may be granted to a university, a university institution, an institution of higher learning that offers an undergraduate academic degree (bachelor's degree program), or an institution of higher learning that offers programs for the continuing education. All of these four types of institutions must fulfill minimum requirements in order to qualify for admittance to an accreditation procedures.

## 3 Quality assurance guidelines

The quality assurance guidelines at Swiss universities went into force on January 1, 2007. In the form of seven standards, these guidelines specify the minimum requirements for a quality assurance system. The standards were established taking into account the "European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the Higher Education Area." These guidelines are binding for all universities and university institutions that are federally subsidized in accordance with the Federal Law on Financial Aid to Universities, as well as for the federal institutes of technology. They form the basis for the quality audit procedures being carried out in 2007/08.

## 4 Quality audits

According to the above-mentioned guidelines, quality assurance at Swiss universities is primarily the responsibility of the universities themselves. For this purpose they must have a coherent and effective internal quality assurance system. It is the OAQ's responsibility in the scope of the federal government's decision on subsidies to check every four years if and to what extent the universities fulfill these guidelines. A first quality audit cycle was performed successfully by the OAQ in 2003/04. In the reporting year the concept that quality audits promote a university internal quality culture was confirmed. Since completion of the 2003/04 audit cycle, sustainable measures to improve quality were taken at various universities. For example, the University of Lausanne created the job of a vice-rector for quality and valorization and initiated a systematic internal evaluation of all faculties. Meanwhile, the University of Bern declared the past year a "quality year" and organized various events where information on the newly developed international quality assurance system was distributed.

The second quality audit cycle planned for 2007/08 began on December 1, 2007, with completion scheduled for December 31, 2008. The OAQ started its preparations early 2007 in close cooperation with the quality network of Swiss universities.

## 5 Accreditation of universities of applied sciences

Following the partial revision of the law on universities of applied sciences, the FDEA passed the legal foundation in the form of an ordinance<sup>1</sup> and guidelines<sup>2</sup> for the accreditation of these universities as well as their programs. The guidelines became effective in May 2007.

The OAQ held discussions with all important partners, namely the OPET, the CUAS as well as numerous representatives of various universities of applied sciences. The purpose was to determine specific individual expectations in order to ensure that procedures meet both legal as well as school requirements.

### 5.1 Recognition of the OAQ

Immediately after these legal foundations became effective, the OAQ applied for recognition as an accreditation agency with the FDEA. This recognition is granted in January 2008.

<sup>1</sup> FDEA ordinance on the recognition of agencies that examine and accredit universities of applied sciences and their academic programs.  
<sup>2</sup> FDEA guidelines effective May 4, 2007, for the accreditation of universities of applied sciences and their academic programs – hereinafter referred to as the FDEA guidelines.

### 5.2 OAQ Scientific Advisory Board for universities of applied sciences

In order to prepare itself for the new assignment, the OAQ established a Scientific Advisory Board for universities of applied sciences. The six members of this Board were elected in accordance with recommendations from the Federal Commission for Universities of Applied Sciences (FCUAS) and include: Professor Harry Ankone (Hogeschool Arnhem Nijmegen, Netherlands), Marie-Claude Bétrix (Bétrix & Consolascio Architects, Zurich), Professor Dieter Euler (University of St. Gallen), Professor Jürgen von Troschke (University of Freiburg i. B., Germany), Dr. Martin Prchal (European Association of Conservatoires, Netherlands, AEC) and Professor Martine Rahier (University of Neuchâtel).

### 5.3 Accreditation procedures

The OAQ developed the necessary accompanying instruments for the accreditation in order to ensure a high level of procedural quality as well as to secure the appropriate support of the universities of applied sciences:

- Procedural sequence and self-evaluation guidelines, recommendations for universities of applied sciences
- Guidelines for external evaluations, recommendations for experts
- Quality standards: Questions and points of reference regarding quality standards formulated in the FDEA's guidelines
- Selection criteria for expert groups

These accompanying instruments are published on the OAQ website.

In 2007 the OAQ initiated four accreditation procedures (15 accreditation objects) for universities of applied sciences, and received numerous inquiries/applications from diverse universities of applied sciences concerning various academic programs from different disciplines such as economics, engineering, music or health.

## 6 Cooperation with the FOPH

### 6.1 Services in medical education training

According to the MedBG, a federal law that went into force on September 1, 2007, the accreditation of academic programs and training programs is obligatory. The OAQ was mandated by the FOPH to work out the instruments needed to accredit academic programs for all five medical profession sectors (human, dental, veterinary medicine, chiropractics and pharmacy). This work was completed in June 2007.

## 6.2 Accreditation of postgraduate medical education

In the reporting year the OAQ revised the quality standards for the accreditation of academic programs for postgraduate medical training based on the WFME's "European Standards for Quality Improvement in Postgraduate Medical Education" published in the spring of 2007. Moreover, in close cooperation with the FOPH and the FMH (Swiss Medical Association), preparations were made for forthcoming accreditations of all postgraduate programs (foreseen for 2009).

## 7 National cooperation

The OAQ's most important national partners are the SUC, the CRUS, the EDK as well as the responsible federal offices (SER, OPET and the FOPH). Over the years it has fostered close cooperation with these offices in the form of regular meetings, the organization of joint conferences as well as by serving in various project and working groups (see Annex 3).

### 7.1 Swiss University Quality Network

The Q-network was founded in 2003 at the OAQ's initiative. Since then the network has been vested with a formal mandate from the CRUS and falls under the direction of the universities. Members of this network include those responsible for quality in the cantonal universities and the federal institutes of technology, as well as representatives from CRUS, student organizations (VSS, VSH) and the OAQ. In 2007 members of the network held four meetings. Discussions centered on preparations for the quality audit cycle 2007/08 (concept, guidelines, procedural details). In addition the network became an ideal forum for information exchange on the subject of internal and external quality assurance.

### 7.2 Working Group: "National Qualifications Framework for Swiss Higher Education"

This group began its work at the end of 2005 and includes representatives from the SER, the three rectors' conferences, the EDK and the OPET as well as the OAQ. The OAQ is also represented in the group's management and is entrusted with the special task of linking the national qualifications framework (nqf.ch HS) with the Swiss accreditation system. Early in 2007 the working group submitted a first draft of the nqf.ch HS, which was discussed with the most important partners from the universities and business and subsequently revised during the reporting year. This revised version is the subject of a national conference to be held in January 2008. According to a decision made by the European Ministers of Education the work on the national qualifications framework are to be completed by the year 2010.

### 7.3 Working Group: Swissuni-OAQ

The objective of the working group Swissuni-OAQ (Swissuni stands for the Association of Swiss University Continuing Education) is to establish specific quality standards for university continuing education (Art. 11, SUC guidelines) that adequately complement already existing standards for academic programs (Art. 10). The group began its work in the summer of 2007 and the standards to be developed must be relevant as well as realizable on an operational level.

### 7.4 Cooperation with Swiss student organizations

The SUC's revised accreditation guidelines dated June 28, 2007, provide the regulatory basis that allows the OAQ to integrate students in the expert panels needed for its procedures. As of 2008 students will also be deployed in expert panels for both the accreditation of universities of applied sciences as well as for quality audits. To implement this new policy the OAQ, together with the Union of Students in Switzerland (VSS), organized a pool of qualified students who are available to function as experts for OAQ quality examination procedures after they have undergone the appropriate training. The students in this pool stem from all fields and from various universities, as well as different Swiss regions. The first training workshop was successfully carried out in the fall of 2007.

### 7.5 Additional assignments

#### Survey on institutional accreditation

During the reporting year, the OAQ made a survey on institutional reviews with international partners on behalf of the SUC. Primarily considered for the survey were those countries or agencies that actually perform examinations or that apply institutional standards at the academic program level. Results of the survey showed that institutional reviews are performed frequently in Europe, with a rising tendency. What is more, the accreditation is the most important method for external reviews. The results of the survey provide valuable indications to help plan future institutional accreditation in Switzerland in accordance with the proposal concerning the federal law on the promotion of universities and coordination among Swiss institutions of higher learning (HFKG).

#### Consultation on the HFKG

In September 2007 the OAQ was asked to voice their opinion on the draft of the law in the scope of a consulting procedure. In November 2007 the OAQ expressed its viewpoint in a statement sent to the SER as well as other partners and interested parties. The OAQ commented positively on the articles regarding quality assurance, and especially welcomes the fact that the same regulations and competencies should apply to all types of institutions of higher learning in the future.

## 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). The OAQ has been a full member of the INQAAHE since 2003, it holds the presidency of ECA since 2004, and in December 2006 it was accepted to the ENQA as a full member. This ensures that the OAQ's quality examinations fulfill the highest international standards and that Swiss accreditation decisions are fully recognized abroad. Moreover, it allows the recruiting of proven experts and evaluators for quality examination procedures, an advantage which paid off in the organization of quality audits for 2007/08.

In September 2007 the OAQ organized an international conference on "learning outcomes" on behalf of the ECA, the results of which were also presented in December at the closing meeting of the Consortium in Barcelona. The first phase of the ECA led to the signing of mutual agreements among the member agencies. The OAQ signed agreements with the AAC, the CTI, the NVAO and ANECA that confirm the mutual trust in each agency's accreditation procedures.

As in 2006, the OAQ played an active role in the second European Quality Assurance Forum that was organized together with the EUA, ENQA, EURASHE and the ESU (the E4 Group). Among the various matters discussed were the mutual recognition of accreditation practices and decisions. In the reporting year the OAQ also took part in the international Swiss-Chinese OECD Seminar that focused on financing and quality assurance at the tertiary level.

## 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 Switzerland's three national languages, as well as in English. Based on the principle of providing the most comprehensive information on the quality examination procedures that it performs, the OAQ publishes positive accreditation decisions, including experts' reports and its own final report, after consulting with the involved university units. The legal foundation that would allow the publication of negative results does not yet exist.

On an international level in 2007 the OAQ participated actively in the development of a common electronic information platform of the ECA to allow the publication of accreditation decisions in Europe.

### 9.1 Communication media

The OAQ's most significant, constantly available medium is its quadrilingual website which is updated and expanded regularly ([www.oaq.ch](http://www.oaq.ch)). From April 2007 to March 2008 an average of 2,000 users per month were registered, 45% of which were recurring visitors.

Two years ago, the OAQ began distributing a regular electronic newsletter. The issue published in the reporting year 2007 dealt with the theme of learning outcomes, as a supplement to the conference with the same name. The annual report is available in a printed and electronic version in three languages (Ger/Fr/Eng).

### 9.2 Presentations and publications

In 2007 the OAQ presented its work at ten international and seven national conferences (see Annex 4).

In addition to its presentation work, the Director and scientific staff publish articles in specialized journals dealing with accreditation and quality assurance (see Annex 5).

### 9.3 International conference on learning outcomes

On behalf of the ECA, the OAQ organized an international conference titled "Defining and measuring learning outcomes in higher education" that took place from September 3 to 4, 2007, at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Discussions centered on questions regarding the paradigm change of input-oriented to outcome-oriented education, while presentations were made on experiences with outcome-oriented approaches in academic teaching and quality standards for accreditation. A half-day workshop on the second day offered participants the opportunity to become acquainted with the development and examination of learning outcomes based on specific examples. Three hundred participants from 50 different countries (university representatives, specialists from quality assurance agencies, government officials, etc.) clearly showed that this subject is of high international relevance and will continue to influence future discussions regarding the shaping of curricula and accreditation. Participants rated the conference with extremely positive notes.

### 9.4 National conference on the role of students in quality assurance

Together with the VSS, the OAQ organized a national conference in October 2007 on the role of students in internal and external quality assurance. The conference was complemented by the presentation of foreign-based experiences with student participation (Finland, Scotland).

## 10 Finances

The annual financial statement 2007 closed with surplus earnings of CHF 6,848.81. The OAQ's financial statement was examined by the Federal Audit Office and forwarded to the SUC, together with the auditor's report, for formal approval. As in previous years, the Federal Audit Office approved the Annual Financial Statement for 2007 without any objections.

### 10.1 Balance sheet and profit and loss statement for 2007

#### Balance sheet as of December 31, 2007

Assets	CHF
Cash	1 347.20
Current accounts, BEKB savings account	288 897.10
Accounts receivable and withholding tax on accounts receivable	47 850.90
Valiant Bank, rent deposit	15 076.55
Deferred assets	43 231.65
Work begun on third-party mandates, UAS and private accreditations	167 070.40
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>563 473.80</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	-75 412.35
Accounts payable to university cantons	-69 599.85
Prepaid expenses	-122 107.75
Deferred liabilities	-310 785.15
Balance deficit	14 431.30
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>-563 473.80</b>

#### Income statement for the period January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007

Expenditures	CHF
Personnel expenses, including social security and Scientific Advisory Board fees	-1 441 005.20
Public relations project, website	-36 195.15
<b>Operating costs</b>	
Rent/maintenance	-96 626.35
Technical acquisitions (IT, database, telephones)	-100 231.30
Other operating costs	-107 486.25
Organization of conferences and workshops	-199 906.65
Accreditation costs (documents, translations, legal support)	-244 196.25
Miscellaneous and contingencies, including relocation to Falkenplatz	-47 379.80
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>-2 273 026.95</b>
Final account	-6 848.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>-2 279 875.76</b>

#### Income

Contributions from the cantons	
BS	94 407.00
BE	140 289.00
FR	80 602.00
GE	154 863.00
NE	33 816.00
SG	37 437.00
TI	14 735.00
VD	93 191.00
ZH	223 792.00
LU	10 118.00
Federal government	883 250.00
UAS accreditations/evaluations	59 016.10
Private accreditations/evaluations	85 811.00
Third-party services/federal mandates	242 599.60
Workshops and course fees	125 709.75
Interest income	239.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 279 875.76</b>

## 10.2 Auditor's report

EIDGENÖSSISCHE FINANZKONTROLLE  
CONTRÔLE FÉDÉRAL DES FINANCES  
CONTROLLIO FEDERALE DELLE FINANZE  
CONTROLLA FEDERALE DA FINANZAS  
MONBIJOUSTRASSE 45, CH-3003 BERN



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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 2007 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 2007, die mit einem Gewinn von Fr. 6'848.81 abschliesst, dem schweizerischen Gesetz, der Vereinbarung vom 14. Dezember 2000 zwischen dem Bund und den Universitätskantonen über die Zusammenarbeit im universitären Hochschulbereich (SR 414.205) sowie der Geschäftsordnung vom 22. Februar 2001 des OAQ. Der Bilanzfehlbetrag von Fr. 14'431.30 ist mit künftigen Ertragsüberschüssen zu tilgen.

Wir empfehlen, die vorliegende Jahresrechnung zu genehmigen.

Bern, den 3. März 2008

EIDGENÖSSISCHE FINANZKONTROLLE

Christoph Mücher  
Mandatsleiter

Robert Homberger  
Revisionsleiter

## 11 Annual program 2008

### 11.1 New federal law on the promotion of universities and coordination among Swiss institutions of higher learning (HFKG)

The OAQ has stated its opinion on the draft of the HFKG and will continue to make sure that its interests are brought into discussions with political decision-makers and partners.

The criteria and procedures for institutional accreditation will have to be defined in 2008.

### 11.2 Quality audit cycle 2007/08

Based on the new quality assurance guidelines that went into effect on December 7, 2006, the second round of quality audits will be carried out in 2007/08, and will also include both Swiss federal institutes of technology. The auditing concept, method and contents were developed by the OAQ in close cooperation with the universities in order to guarantee that the procedure benefits universities and that they will make progress in developing an internal quality culture.

With the on-site visits scheduled for April and May 2008, three to four typical academic programs will also be examined per university to check if quality assurance measures are being implemented on the program level.

### 11.3 Accreditation procedures

In 2007 the OAQ received inquiries for the accreditation of about 20 academic programs in universities of applied sciences. These accreditations are made in accordance with the new accreditation guidelines for universities of applied sciences that became effective at the end of 2007. In order to minimize costs and bureaucracy for the schools, the OAQ will in some appropriate cases revert to making "cluster accreditations" such as those which have already functioned well in universities. Experience with various types of schools (universities, universities of applied sciences) allow the OAQ to present itself as a competency center in accreditation and quality assurance for the entire tertiary sector in Switzerland.

The success of the accreditation procedures performed together with the French agency CTI at the EPFL Lausanne encourages the OAQ to offer additional "joint accreditations" with international partner agencies on a voluntary basis in the future, namely for engineering sciences (with the American agency ABET) as well as economic sciences (with EQUIS and AACSB). In this regard, the OAQ has already approached and received positive feedback from its foreign partners, indicating that this reflects a market need.

### 11.4 Workshop on learning outcomes

In the Fall/Winter 2008 the OAQ plans to hold a workshop in Zurich in close collaboration with the Swiss Rectors' Conferences (CRUS, CUAS, SCTE) with the objective of teaching participants how to define and evaluate learning outcomes. This theme receives additional topicality through the planned introduction of a national qualification framework in Switzerland.

Annex 1: OAQ procedures 2003–07

public  
private  
university of applied sciences

Institution	Accreditation						Qualifying for financial support	
	Preliminary exam	Institution	Program				Evaluation	Quality Audit
			Bachelor	Master	PhD	Continuing education		
<b>2007</b>								
MAS in International Health, Swiss Tropical Institut, Basel								
Institut für Betriebs- und Regionalökonomie (IBR), Hochschule Luzern - Wirtschaft								
Webster University, Genève								
MAS en Santé publique de l'Université de Genève								
<b>2006</b>								
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) –13 Bachelor- und 17 Masterstudiengänge								
Université de Lausanne, suivi de l'audit de la qualité de 2004								
Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (HTW), Chur								
<b>2005</b>								
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								
NDS Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht der Rechtswissenschaftlichen 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								

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	Preliminary exam	Institution	Program				Evaluation	Quality Audit
			Bachelor	Master	PhD	Continuing education		
<i>Humanmedizin</i>								
Allergologie und klinische Immunologie								
Allgemeine Medizin								
Anästhesiologie								
Angiologie								
Arbeitsmedizin								
Chirurgie								
Dermatologie/Venerologie								
Endokrinologie/Diabetologie								
FMH								
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								

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Neurologie								
Nuklearmedizin								
Ophthalmologie								
Orthopädische Chirurgie/Traumatologie des Bewegungsapparates								
Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie (HNO)								
Pädiatrie								
Pathologie								
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								

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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								
Universität Luzern								
Universität St.Gallen								
Universität Zürich								
Université de Fribourg								
Université de Genève								
Université de Lausanne								
Université de Neuchâtel								
Università della Svizzera italiana								
<b>2003</b>								
Fernstudien Schweiz (FS-CH), Brig								
Institut universitaire d'études du développement (IUED), Genève								
Lausanne Institute of Economics								
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### Annex 3: National and international cooperations (per 31.12.2007)

#### International

Commission	Domain	Member since	Function OAQ
ENQA	QS in Europa	2002	Vollmitglied seit Dezember 2006
Joint Quality Initiative	Dublin Deskriptoren	2002	Vollmitglied
ECA	Länderübergreifende Anerkennung der Akkreditierungsentscheide	2003	Präsidium, Mitarbeit in allen 4 Arbeitsgruppen, Organisation von ECA-Konferenz 2007
INQAAHE	QS International	2003	Vollmitglied
EAIR	Hochschulbildung/Forschung	2007	Vollmitglied
IQA Steering Committee der ENQA	Internal QA of agencies	2007	Mitglied der Steering Gruppe

#### National

Commission	Domain	Member since	Function OAQ
Netzwerk ECTS der CRUS	ECTS-System	2003	Aktives Mitglied
Projektgruppe Bologna der CRUS	Bologna-Prozess Schweiz	2003	Aktives Mitglied
Qualitätsnetzwerk Hochschulen Schweiz	Erfahrungsaustausch und QS-Projekte	2004	Sekretariat
Eidgenössische Fachhochschulkommission	Fachhochschulentwicklung Schweiz	2004	Aktives Mitglied
Arbeitsgruppe "nationaler Qualifikationsrahmen"	Erstellen eines nationalen Qualifikationsrahmens	2005	Aktives Mitglied
Swiss-Uni, Formation continue	Standards für die Weiterbildung	2006	Aktives Mitglied

## Annex 4: Presentations 2007

### International

Date	Organizer	Country	Title	Speaker
15.01.07	AHPGS, Windenreute	Deutschland	Zukunft der Qualitätssicherung in Europa	Heusser
09.03.07	Universidad de Barcelona, curso de postgrado	Spanien	Políticas para garantizar la calidad de las universidades: una visión internacional	Beccari
20.03.07	Quality Assurance Netherlands Universities (QANU), Utrecht	Netherlands	External quality assurance at swiss higher education	Heusser
02.04.07	ECA meeting, Toronto	Kanada	Mutual recognition of accreditation decisions in Europe	Crausaz/Esseiva
04.05.07	TechnoTN Forum, Brussels	Belgien	External Quality Assurance in the European higher education area	Heusser
14.-15.06.07	ECA meeting, Berlin	Deutschland	Institutional assessments in Europe – results of ECA survey	Heusser
22.06.07	ANECA meeting, Madrid	Spanien	Advancing mutual recognition of accreditation decisions	Heusser
28.-29.08.07	AMEE meeting, Trondheim	Norwegen	Accreditation of medical education in Switzerland	Heusser
12.09.07	EAIE Conference, Trondheim	Norwegen	Accreditation as a tool for institutional development	Maurer
12.10.07	Hellenic American Union, Athens international conference on university assessment	Griechenland	Towards international accreditation: the Swiss experiences	Heusser
06.11.07	Austrian Development Cooperation, Accreditation project, Pristina	Kosovo	Workshop on Self-evaluation process: how to do it?	Dustin
17.11.07	E4 Forum, Rom	Italien	Towards mutual recognition of accreditation decisions	Heusser
30.11.07	RIACES, Bogotá	Kolumbien	Towards mutual recognition of accreditation decisions	Heusser
10.12.07	ECA workshop, Barcelona	Spanien	Towards mutual recognition of accreditation decisions	Heusser
11.12.07	ECA dissemination conference	Spanien	How can mutual recognition validate the work of accreditation and quality assurance agencies?	Beccari

### National

Date	Organizer	Title	Speaker
11.01.07	WBK Nationalrat	Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung im schweizerischen Hochschulbereich	Heusser
18.01.07	Q-Netzwerk, Bern	Quality-Audit-Verfahren 2007/08	Heusser/Maurer/ Zbinden
30.01.07	Fachhochschultagung Freiburg	Paneldiskussion zum Thema "Akkreditierung"	Heusser
08.03.07	Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH), Morschach	Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung im schweizerischen Hochschulbereich	Heusser
21.08.07	Amt für Hochschulbildung, Bern	Das schweizerische Akkreditierungssystem	Heusser
23.08.07	MedBG Tagung, Luzern	Das neue Medizinaiberufegesetz – Information zur Akkreditierung	Heusser
08.09.07	VSS-Retraite, Cudrefin	Rolle der Studierenden in der internen und externen Qualitätssicherung	Heusser
05.10.07	VSS-Tagung, Bern	Herausforderungen an die externe Qualitätssicherung	Heusser
22.11.07	Symposium zum neuen HFKG, St. Gallen	Panelgespräch zum neuen HFKG	Heusser

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- Sabine Felder: Paradigmenwechsel in der Hochschulbildung, in: OAQ-Newsletter, 4/07, S. 2
- Rolf Heusser/Sabine Felder: Das OAQ im Spannungsfeld zwischen universitärer Autonomie und staatlicher Kontrolle, in: Handbuch Qualität in Studium und Lehre, hrsg. v. Winfried Benz u.a., Berlin/Raabe Verlag 2004ff, B6.3
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