



## **Report of the President to ENAEE members in September 2012**

Dear Members of ENAEE,  
Dear Colleagues,

Since our last general assembly and the changing of the guard in the ENAEE presidency, some time has passed, new initiatives have been launched and decisions taken. The following report will give a comprehensive overview with regard to the most important developments in recent past. It will especially take into account the latest ENAEE meetings (the Administrative Council as well as the Label Committee reunion) in Florence which took place in the period between the 13-15<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 in conjunction with the final EUGENE conference. I would appreciate if you also could forward this information to interested colleagues in your respective ENAEE member organization.

**Leadership of ENAEE complete – Francoise Come (SEFI) and Dirk Bochar (FEANI) appointed as new vice-presidents of ENAEE; Juhani Nokela (TEK) elected new treasurer**

During the last ENAEE Administrative Council meeting, which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2012, two new Vice-Presidents of ENAEE were confirmed and appointed by the Administrative Council on proposal of the President. Dirk Bochar, Secretary General of FEANI, as well as Francoise Come, Secretary General of SEFI, will serve as Vice-Presidents during their term as members of the Administrative Council. ENAEE, FEANI and SEFI will thus continue to cooperate closely with all members in advancing quality education for engineers in Europe and beyond.

Already in May 2012, Juhani Nokela from the Finish Association of Graduate Engineers (TEK) was elected ENAEE Treasurer, following Phillipe Wauters in this function.

## **ENAEE Membership**

There are currently 20 membership organizations (17 full members as well as 3 associate members) which support the goals of ENAEE. In recent weeks, a number of Spanish institutions (among them the Engineering Institute of Spain as well as the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency AQU) have voiced an interest to join ENAEE and to introduce the “EUR-ACE” system on the Iberian island.

## **Upcoming ENAEE events**

### ***2012 ENAEE annual conference***

The ENAEE annual conference in 2012 will take place at the University of Porto on the 12/13th of November. Registration for this event is still possible, the program and all other necessary information are available on the ENAEE webpage under [www.enaee.eu](http://www.enaee.eu). Adjacent to the annual conference there will also be an Administrative Council Meeting of ENAEE, which will be open to all ENAEE members and which is designed to be a brainstorming event about future ENAEE activities and all other issues of general interest relevant to our members.

### ***2013 ENAEE General Assembly***

The next 2013 ENAEE General Assembly is scheduled to take place at the end of April 2013 in Brussels, the exact date will be communicated by the ENAEE secretariat shortly. On this occasion we also will discuss whether there is a more appropriate time schedule for our general assembly in general.

### ***2013 ENAEE Annual Conference***

In 2013 it is planned to combine the ENAEE general assembly with the SEFI conference on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event will take place in Leuven, Belgium, in the period September 16-20<sup>th</sup> 2013.

### **2014 and 2015 ENAEE Annual Conference**

Venue and Timing for the annual ENAEE event for 2014 is open for suggestions. For 2015 there is the idea to co-host an event together with the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies.

### **Joint Events with our Members**

On behalf of the ENAEE AC, I hereby cordially renew my invitation to ENAEE members to make proposals for joint events with ENAEE. In recent past, ENAEE promotion events were organized together with some of the authorized agencies (e.g. CTI), but also other organization such as EUROCADRES have in the past voiced an interest to organize events jointly. It is also recommended to inform our secretary Rita Heissner, in case that ENAEE member organizations plan events related to engineering education and quality assurance on their own.

### **Invitation to ENAEE to present at Conferences**

An invitation has been extended to the President to represent ENAEE on the following upcoming occasions:

- At the so called **World Congress on Engineering Education 2013**, organized by Texas A&M University in Doha, Qatar, between the 07-09<sup>th</sup> of January 2013. The **World Congress on Engineering Education 2013** is designed to promote excellence in engineering and engineering technology education throughout the Arabian Gulf and beyond.
- At the IIEI-CDIO Conference: "Innovating Israeli Engineering & Technology Education in the 2<sup>1st</sup> Century: "Challenges, Vision Implementation, date still to be confirmed. The Israel Institute for Empowering Ingenuity (IIEI) is collaborating with the "**CDIO Initiative**" ([www.cdio.org](http://www.cdio.org)) to promote innovation in engineering and technology education in Israel on a national scale. The **CDIO** model is aligned to international engineering accreditation standards (EUR-ACE, ABET) and provides a platform to implement Bologna Process principles.
- At the Congress, "The Evaluation and Quality of Distance Higher Education in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe" CALED, Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja, CREAD and VIRTUAL EDUCA between April 17-19, 2013.

- At a CTI seminar on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 together with AERES (French Evaluation Agency), where they jointly will discuss their internationalization strategy

## **Results of the Meeting of the Administrative Council on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Florence**

### ***Appointment of ENAEE Vice Presidents***

See above.

### ***Financial Issues - Change of Accountancy***

The AC approved to terminate the cooperation with the current accountant Intergest and to use the company PKF as from October onwards.

### ***VAT on Membership Fees***

As of 2012, according to the new EU Circular ET 121.844.2012 of 03/01/2012, 21% Belgian VAT has to be charged on ENAEE membership fees for organizations located in Brussels and to organizations abroad that do not have a VAT number.

### ***Outline for responsibilities of the Internal Auditor***

Following up on the request of the members at the last ENAEE General Assembly, the AC approved the 'Outline for responsibilities of the Internal Auditor' as prepared by the Treasurer. It was agreed that the internal audit of the 2012 results, conducted by Mr. R.P. Martin, should not only check compliance of financial transactions but also concentrate on internal procedures and processes. With growth of complexity, ENAEE might consider using an External Auditor in the future, although legally not mandatory and currently not foreseen in the Statutes.

### ***First ENAEE Newsletter to be published***

The first edition of the ENAEE newsletter is scheduled to be published on the occasion of the ENAEE annual conference in November 2012. The outline for the general structure of a newsletter has been agreed on by the AC. Bernard Remaud (CTI), supported by Dennis Mc Grath (CLAIU), will contact the members to invite contributions in the very near future.

### ***EU Project with ENAEE participation***

ENAEE is currently engaged in the following EU projects (more specific information can be checked on the ENAEE website):

- **ECDEAST**: The project still runs until mid 2013
- **STECET**: An evaluation meeting took place on 1 September 2012. The project runs until November 2012. A new application within an EU tender is envisaged for 2014. As most of STETEC members are also involved in EASPA, it is proposed to align those two initiatives.
- **EUGENE**: The final conference of the EUGENE project has taken place on 14 September 2012 in Florence.
- **QUEECA**: this newly funded project, designed to improve engineering education and quality assurance in 5 Central Asian Countries, has been elaborated by the University of Florence; the kick-off meeting will take place on 27/28 November 2012.
- Two other proposal, the **EUR-ACE+ project** introduced by the University of Florence as well as the **ENERUKAZ** proposal introduced by RAEE, have not been successful but will be reintroduced in the new TEMPUS tender.

### ***New Criteria for LC membership selection***

The AC has passed new selection criteria for LC membership. On the basis of these criteria, authorized agencies will next week be invited to propose candidates, among which the AC will appoint the new LC members at its meeting in Porto on 13 November 2012. The new LC members' term will start on 1 January 2013 for a three year period.

### **Results of the Meeting of the Label Committee on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Florence**

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the last meeting of the outgoing Label Committee took place and a number of important decisions were taken. Noteworthy are especially the decisions taken with regard to the application of a number of European accreditation agencies for

#### ***Authorization to deliver the "EUR-ACE"-label.***

- The **Romanian Agency ARACIS** and the **Italian agency QUACING** are the eighth and ninth agency authorized to deliver the EUR-ACE label. ARACIS has been authorized for the delivery of First Cycle labels until 2017, QUACING for first and second cycle until 2015.

- **Engineers Ireland** has been authorized to deliver the EUR-ACE Second Cycle Label to its Engineering Master programs until the end of 2013 (the short authorization period is due to the transition in the Irish Engineering Education. From 2013 on, there will be a 3+2 system implemented on a national basis).
- The authorization procedures for the **Lithuanian SKVC** and the **Swiss OAQ** are ongoing; it is expected that they will be ready for decision by the beginning of 2013.
- The **Portugese Ordem dos Engenierhos** is currently preparing its application for First Cycle Authorization.
- Other applications like the one of the **Polish KAUT** are still pending.
- In Russia, an agreement has been reached between **RAEE** and a Russian sister organization **AKKORK** to cooperative in the delivery of the “EUR-ACE” system.
- In Finland, ENAEE (represented by Giuliano Augusti and Erbil Payzan) is engaged in a mentoring exercise to prepare for a potential EUR-ACE authorization procedure.

The incoming LC will face a considerable challenge, as the authorization periods of ASIIN (Germany), CTI (France), the Portugese Ordem, Engineers Ireland and Engineers (GB), MYDEK (Turkey), RAEE (Russia) will have to be renewed in the course of 2013.

### **Interest in EUR-ACE Accreditation**

The number of accreditation requests from institutions in-and outside of “EUR-ACE” authorized territory continues to be at a high level. By next year more than 1000 labels will have been successfully been applied for by Higher Education Institutions from inside and outside of Europe.

### **MYDEK request for ENAEE for an EQAR evaluation procedure**

MYDEK has approached ENAEE to perform an external evaluation visit in preparation for EQAR membership.

### **Promotional Activities in ENAEE**

Under the leadership of the promotion committee, a number of promotional activities are in planning: Engineers Ireland have confirmed that they will organize a promotional

event in spring 2013 in the framework of their annual meeting. ASIIN also has been approached regarding a possible promotional event.

The new agencies ARACIS and QUACING are targeted to also conduct promotional activities in the near future.

A new pocket size leaflet available for printing via the ENAEE website as well as two banner stands available for display at conferences have been completed and can be used by all members on request. A visit to the newly designed ENAEE webpage and the database of EUR-ACE accredited study programs is highly recommended.

This completes my report to the members. If you have any questions, queries, suggestions or criticism, do not hesitate to submit your proposals; your feedback is highly appreciated.

Dr. Iring Wasser, ENAEE president

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