

INVITATION

The Kerala State Higher Education Council

**INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS
ON
QUALITY ASSURANCE
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**



December 12th & 13th 2012

Board Room

The Kerala State Higher Education Council,
Thiruvananthapuram - 33



19-11-2012

Dear Sir/Madam

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has decided to set up a state Assessment and Accreditation Council. An expert committee comprising quality assurance experts at national and international level is working to create the new accreditation body. To ensure that the new body is compatible with national and international norms, it is proposed to hold International Consultations on Quality Assurance in Higher Education the 12th and 13th of December, 2012 at Trivandrum, Kerala. It involves experts from various national and international bodies to deliberate on the role and responsibilities of the State Accreditation Council vis-a-vis national and international accreditation bodies.

Quality Assurance in Higher Education is undergoing a paradigm shift at national and international levels. The Government of India has introduced The National Accreditation Regulatory Authority for Higher Educational Institution Bill, 2010(NARAHEI) in the Indian Parliament which aims at improvement of the academic quality in higher education in India. In the present scenario, less than one-fifth of the colleges and less than one-third of all universities have obtained accreditation. When the Bill is adopted by the Parliament, it will pave the way for the introduction of multiple accreditation agencies and a mandatory accreditation regime. This is a path breaking move which is going to have wide-ranging implications for higher education sector in India. At international level also, several initiatives are underway that will change the traditional practices of Quality Assurance in many countries.

It is with great pleasure that we write to invite you to participate in the **International Consultations on Quality Assurance in Higher Education to be held on 12th and 13th of December, 2012**. Additional details about the event are given below. We would be extremely grateful if you could R.S.V.P by no later than **28 November, 2012** to raghavanjayaprakash@yahoo.com or 9447266303. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements you have.

We hope you are able to accept this invitation and look forward to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Ambassador (Rtd.) T.P. Sreenivasan

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PROGRAMME

12-12-2012 (Wednesday) 10.30 am to 11.30 am

INAUGURAL SESSION

Venue: Board Room, KSHEC

- Welcome : **Dr. P. Anvar** (*Member Secretary, KSHEC*)
Presidential Address : **Amb. (Rtd.) T.P. Sreenivasan** (*Vice Chairman, KSHEC*)
Inaugural Address : **Shri. P.K. Abdu Rabb** (*Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of Kerala and Chairman, KSHEC*)
Key note Address : **Prof. A. Gnanam** (*Former Chairman, NAAC, Bangalore*)
Vote of Thanks : **Dr. R. Jayaprakash** (*Organising Secretary*)

SESSION I

11.30 am to 1.30 pm

Theme:

Relevance of setting up of multiple Assessment and Accreditation Councils in India

Chair: **Prof. A. Gnanam**

(Former Chairman, NAAC, Bangalore and Chairman, Expert Committee)

Paper presentation: **Dr. Jagannath Patil**

(President, Asia Pacific Quality Network-APQN and Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore)

Discussion

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm - Lunch Break

SESSION II

2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Theme :

How can the Quality in Higher Education be Assessed?

Chair: **Prof. H.A.Ranganath**

(Director, NAAC, Bangalore)

Paper presentation: **Prof. Antony Stella**

(Commissioner, Commission for Academic Administration, (CAA) Abu Dhabi, UAE)

Discussion

4.00 pm to 4.15 pm - Tea Break

SESSION III

4.15 - 6.00 pm

Theme : Models of Quality Assessment in Higher Education

Chair: Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai

(Former Director, NAAC, Bangalore and Executive Vice-President,
Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment)

Paper presentation: Prof. Axel Aerden

(Senior International Policy Advisor, NVAO, The Hague, The Netherlands)

Discussion

13-12-2012 (Thursday)

SESSION IV

9.30 am-11.30 am

Theme: Tools for Quality Assessment

Chair: Prof. Antony Stella

Paper presentation: Prof. Colin Peiris

(Director, Quality Assessment and Accreditation Council-QAA- Sri Lanka)

Discussion

11.30 am-11.45 am - Tea Break

SESSION V

11.45 am to 1.30 pm

Theme:

International Practices of Quality Assessment in Higher Education

Chair: Dr. Jagannath Patil

Presentations:

European Experience in assessment and accreditation of HEIs: Prof. Axel Aerden

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm - Lunch Break

SESSION VI

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

2. Asian experience- Prof. Colin Peiris

3. Experience in the Middle East and India: Prof. Antony Stella

Discussion

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm

**Concluding remarks: Amb.(Rtd.) T.P.Sreenivasan (Chairman, Organising
Committee & Executive Vice Chairman, KSHFC)**