



Project Group 8: Mutual Recognition

– Overview of future activities May 2006 –

After the Board meeting in Shanghai in March, project group leaders were asked to provide the Board with information on the current project groups which would allow the Board to do some long term planning for project group activities.

Please find enclosed the requested information from project group 8 on Mutual Recognition

Members:

1. Zita Fahmi, LAN
2. Rama Kondapalli, NAAC
3. Dorte Kristoffersen, AUQA (Project Group Leader)
4. John Jennings, NZUAAU (Observer)
5. Anthony Stella, AUQA (Observer)

I should be mentioned that the project group hopes to expand its membership to include a colleague from HKCAA. HKCAA participation is pending on the date of the workshop and the time schedule for the preparatory work, however.

Funding

As suggested in the status report (see attached) submitted to the Board for the Shanghai AGM, the next step for the project group is to organise a workshop to allow its members to share experiences on their audit procedures, on the basis of real-life examples, in order to study similarities and differences and to discuss barriers to and possibilities for establishing mutual recognition arrangements.

The most cost-effective way of organising a workshop is to do it in conjunction with the AGM in Malaysia in February 2007. If this proposal is acceptable to the board, the budget for the workshop would be US\$2,400.

Data

The project group will not need to obtain data from APQN members.

Dorte Kristoffersen