Annual Report of the Accreditation Commission for the Year 2000

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1. Introduction

The activity of the Accreditation Commission (hereinafter referred to as the AC) is governed by the respective provisions of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Universities, which are further developed in the Status of AC as well as by the activity of its work groups, which are governed by their own rules of procedure approved by the AC in accordance with the Status.

2. Composition of AC and its Work Groups

• Composition of AC

By August 31, 2000, the AC worked in the composition based on appointment by governmental decree No. 555 from August 26, 1998. By decree of the government of the Czech Republic from June 7, 2000 No. 569, the composition of the AC was modified as follows:

Name and Surname	Workplace	Period of Office
Chairman:		
Prof. RNDr. Miroslav Liška, DrSc. Vice-Chairman:	Faculty of Mechanical Engineering VUT Brno	six years
Prof. Ing. Milan Sojka, CSc.	Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague	six years
Members:		
Prof. Dr. Tilman Berger	Ebenhart-Karls-Universität Tübingen	four years
Dr. Marie-Elizabeth Ducreux	Centre de Recherches Historiques Paris	six years
Prof. JUDr. Alena Winterová, CSc.	Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague	six years
Prof. PhDr. Alena Macurová, CSc.	Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Charles University, Prague	six years
Ing. Vlastimil Juppa	Komerční banka Praha	six years
Prof. PhDr. Jan Štěpán, CSc.	Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Palacký University, Olomouc	six years
PhDr. Petr Kratochvíl, CSc.	Institute of Art History, Academy of Sciences, Prague	four years
Prof. Ing. Vladimír Křístek, DrSc.	Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague	four years
Prof. Ing. Jan Uhlíř, CSc.	Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague	six years
Prof. PhDR. Jiří Mareš, CSc.	Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Hradec Králové	four years
Prof. Ing. Miroslav Tvrdý, DrSc.	Vítkovice, a.s.	six years
Ing. Antonín Stratil, DrSc.	ÚŽFG AV ČR Liběchov	six years
Ing. Petr Richter	Higher Professional School Čáslav	six years
Prof. MUDr. Pravoslav Stránský, CSc.	Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Hradec Králové	four years
Prof. Ing. Oldřich Pytela, DrSc.	FCHT of Pardubice University	six years
Prof. PhDr. František Šmahel, DrSc.	Prague Center of Medieval Studies	six years
Prof. Dr. Ing. Jiří Sobota	Fachhochschule Wiesbaden	six years
doc. RNDr. Boris Vyskot, DrSc.	Bio-physical Institute of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic Brno	six years
Prof. RNDr. Petr Hájek, DrSc.	Institute of Information Science of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic Prague	six years

• List of Permanent Work Groups of the AC a) whose chairman is a member of the AC

Biology and Ecology

Economics

Philology and Literary Arts

Philosophy, Theology and Religion

Physics

History

Chemistry

Medicine and Health Care

Mathematics and Information Science

Education, Psychology and Kinanthropology

Law and Security Studies

Technical Professions

Art and Art Sciences

Agriculture, Forestry and Food Industry

Non-university institutions

b) whose Chairman is not a member of the AC

Pharmaceutical Professions Geography Geology Sociology and Political Science Veterinary Professions Military Professions

• In 2000, the following work groups were appointed in a new composition in connection with personal changes in the AC; some work groups were completed:

Meeting of AC 05-00, September 19 - 20 – group for philology, agriculture, forestry and food sciences, law and security fields, philosophy, theology and religion studies, chemical fields, mathematics and information science, technical fields, sociology and political science, veterinary fields, and physics.

Special-purpose work group for evaluation of study programs for obtaining qualification for performance of health care employment was further appointed in the composition:

Chairman:

Prof. MUDr. Pravoslav Stránský, CSc., Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Hradec Králové Members:

Prof. PhDr. Jiří Mareš, CSc., Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Hradec Králové

Prof. MUDr. Josef Marek, DrSc., First Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Prague

doc. MUDr. Tomáš Blažek, CSc., 2nd Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Prague

doc. MUDr. Vlastimil Válek, Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University in Brno

Prof. MUDr. Stanislav Tůma, DrSc., Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic

doc. MUDr. Pavel Eliáš, CSc.

Meeting of AC 06-00, October 24 - 25 – work group for non-university institutions was appointed and work groups for philology and literary sciences, chemical fields, sociology and political science, agriculture fields and art and art sciences were completed.

Meeting of AC 07-00, December 5 - 6 – completion of work groups for history, chemical fields, art and art sciences.

In accordance with conclusions of the fifth meeting of the AC, the work groups carried out elections of their new Vice-Chairmen.

Composition of Permanent Work Groups – Member Representation

Year	Universities	AV ČR	Other	Foreign	Total
		(Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)	Institutions	Members	
1999	146	21	19	9	186
2000	171	20	14	6	205

3. Meetings of the AC in 2000

3.1. Statistical Figures from Meetings

Meeting of the AC	Place	Number of Present Members of the AC	
First meeting, January 18 – 19	Brandýs nad Labem	18	
2 nd meeting, March 7 – 8	Tuchlovice	17	
3 rd meeting, April 25 – 26	Kostelec nad Černými Lesy	19	
4 th meeting, June 13 – 14	Velké Meziříčí	17	
5 th meeting, September 19 – 20	Pelhřimov	20	
6 th meeting, October 24 – 25	Hradec Králové	19	
7 th meeting, December 5 – 6	Kostelec nad Černými Lesy	19	

• Applications for Grant of State Approval See also the article of the Secretary of the AC "First Steps of Private Universities" published in the magazine AULA No. 3/2000.

45 applications have been so far submitted to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, of which 16 applications were in the year 1999 and 23 applications in the year 2000. Out of these 45 applications, 5 required university education; other applicants aspired to a non-university college. The accreditation commission has so far discussed 33 applications, of which it has recommended 15 for grant of state approval and for accreditation of the respective study programs; it has not recommended 13 applications. During the negotiation, 7 applicants withdrew their applications and 10 applications are at various degrees of negotiation. The reason that leads the applicants to withdraw their applications is mostly the justified apprehension of unsuccessful accreditation proceedings (insufficiencies in content and structure of study plans, personal assurance, and long-term intentions of private universities), and the matter actually is prevention of failure to receive state approval. From the point of view of the success of the demanding process of application evaluation and the prospective grant of state approval, one can therefore place them among the unsuccessful.

Fields of Study Programs of Applying Institutions since 1999:

Graph:

Fields of Study Programs

Economic 56% Art 14% Law and Administration 14% Information Science and Computers 8% Applied Ecology 8%

Applications Discussed in 2000:

State Approval Granted:

Institut restaurování a konzervačních technik se sídlem v Litomyšli, o.p.s. (Institute of Restoring and Preserving Technologies in Litomyšl)

Vysoká škola Karlovy Vary, o.p.s. (Karlovy Vary University)

Škoda Auto, a.s., vysoká škola se sídlem v Mladé Boleslavi (Škoda Auto, a.s., University in Mladá Boleslav)

Literární akademie (Soukromá vysoká škola Josefa Škvoreckého) se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (Literary Academy – Private University of Josef Škvorecký in Prague)

Vysoká škola cestovního ruchu, hotelnictví a lázeňství se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (University of Tourism, Hotel and Spa Services in Prague)

Soukromá vysoká škola ekonomických studií se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (Private University of Economics in Prague)

Vysoká škola aplikovaného práva se sídlem v Praze (University of Applied Law in Prague), applicant VECTOR, s.r.o.

Vysoká škola podnikání se sídlem v Ostravě, a.s. (University of Business in Ostrava)

Akademie STING se sídlem v Brně, o.p.s. (STING Academy in Brno)

Pražský technologický institut se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (Prague Technological Institute)

Vysoká škola obchodní se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of Business in Prague)

State Approval Not Granted:

Mezinárodní pražská vysoká škola se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (Prague International University)

Vysoká škola veřejné správy a mezinárodních vztahů se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of Public Administration and International Relations in Prague)

Moravská právnická škola se sídlem v Brně, a.s. (Moravia Law School in Brno)

Vysoká škola národohospodářská se sídlem v Prostějově, a.s. (Business University in Prostějov)

Vysoká škola podnikatelství a práva se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (University of Business and Law in Prague)

Plzeňská vysoká škola komerčních služeb, s.r.o. (Plzeň University of Commercial Services)

Vysoká škola mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of International and Public Relations in Prague)

Total number of applications in 2000	23
Number of applications discussed by the AC	18
Legal form of company by discussed:	4/6/8
a.s./s.r.o./o.p.s.	
State approval not granted/granted	11/7
Regional structure of discussed applications	Prague–11, South Moravia–2, North Moravia-2, East
	Bohemia-1, West Bohemia-1, Central Bohemia-1

• Accreditation of Study Programs Discussed in 2000

In the field of accreditation of study programs one may say that the AC in many fields specifies its requirements for example by accreditations of combined, prospective distance learning or by accreditation of development by a foreign language. It also dealt with the possibility to accept minimal standards for evaluation of applications at least by some fields (such as economics). At the last meeting in 2000 conclusions were accepted on the first applications for extension of accreditation of study programs according to the accepted time schedule. The matter is a process that shall continuously constitute a significant part of the activity of the AC from today.

Applications	Ph.D.		Master's/Connected 2-years Master's		Bachelor's	
Accreditation	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended	Not recommended
Public	9	2	4/7	1/2	6	1
Universities					4	
State Higher					4	
Professional Schools						
according to Section 81						
Public	35	1				
Universities +	33	1				
AV						
Extension by	4	1	12	3	2	
Combined	4	1	12	3	2	
Form						
Accreditation	11	1	12	3	2	
by Extension of						
Accredited						
Study Fields by						
Fields						
Accreditation	19		2			
by Extension of						
Teaching in						
English x						
Private			1	2	11	8
Universities						
Accreditation					2	
of Extension by						
a Field (Private						
Universities)						
Total	78	5	38	11	27	9

x since the meeting of 05-00, further discussion of these applications has been discontinued until requirements according to the stated requirements are met (see reference).

3.2. Information from Meetings of the AC

Articles "Accreditation of study programs" and "various" were on the agenda of all meetings of the AC, article "Accreditation of fields of proceedings of appointment of associated professors or proceedings of appointment of professors on the first four meetings in 2000".

• Agenda of Meeting:

- 1) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola Karlovy Vary, o.p.s. (Karlovy Vary University)
- 2) Application for state approval of Institut restaurování a konzervačních technik se sídlem v Litomyšli, o.p.s. (Institute of Restoration and Preservation Technologies in Litomyšl)
- 3) Changes in composition of the AC
- 4) Application for accreditation of VOŠ Zlín in cooperation with VUT Brno

Conclusions:

The AC approved among others granting of state approval to the above stated applicants in articles 1) and 2) and approved accreditation of several fields of proceedings for appointing associated professors or proceedings for appointing professors.

• Agenda of Meeting 02-00:

1) Application for state approval of VŠ veřejné správy a mezinárodních vztahů v Praze, o.p.s. (University of Public Administration and International Relations in Prague)

¹⁹ applications for accreditation of fields of proceedings of appointment of associated professors or proceedings of appointment of professors were discussed.

- 2) Application for state approval of Škoda Auto, a.s., VŠ v Mladé Boleslavi (Škoda Auto, a.s., University in Mladá Boleslav)
- 3) Application for state approval of Literární akademie (Soukromá vysoká škola Josefa Škvoreckého) se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (Literary Academy Private University of Josef Škvorecký in Prague)
- 4) Application for accreditation of Bachelor's study program of VOŠ Zlín in agreement with VUT Brno
- 5) Annual report of the Accreditation Commission
- 6) Application for state approval of VŠ Národní federace hotelů a restaurací ČR v Praze (University of Czech National Federation of the Hotels and Restaurants in Prague)
- 8) Information about discussion of changes in composition of the Accreditation Commission.

Conclusions:

The AC approved among others granting of state approval to the above stated applicants in articles 2), 3) and 6) and approved accreditation according to the Section 81 of the Act on Universities of the study program of applicants stated in article 4).

• Agenda of Third Meeting:

- 1) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola veřejné správy a mezinárodních vztahů se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of Public Administration and International Relations in Prague)
- 2) Application for state approval of Soukromá vysoká škola ekonomických studií se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (Private University of Economics in Prague)
- 3) Application for state approval of Moravská právnická škola se sídlem v Brně, a.s. (Moravia Law School in Brno)
- 4) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola podnikání se sídlem v Ostravě, a.s. (University of Business in Ostrava)

Conclusions:

The AC did not approve granting of state approval to applicants stated in articles 1) and 3) and approved its granting to applicants stated in articles 2) and 4).

• Agenda of Fourth Meeting:

- 1) Application for extension of accreditations of study programs -1^{st} and 2^{nd} stage
- 2) Application for state approval of Soukromá vysoká škola ekonomických studií se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (Private University of Economics in Prague)
- 3) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola národohospodářská se sídlem v Prostějově, a.s. (Business University in Prostějov)
- 4) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola podnikatelství a práva se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (University of Business and Law in Prague)
- 5) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola aplikovaného práva se sídlem v Praze (University of Applied Law in Prague)
- 6) Application for establishment of the 17th Faculty of Charles University in Prague
- 7) Application for state approval of Pražský technologický institut se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (Prague Technological Institute)
- 8) Application for accreditation of Bachelor's study program of Higher Professional School of Information Services

Conclusions:

The AC approved granting of state approval to applicants stated in articles 2) and 7) and did not approve granting of state approval to applicants stated in articles 3) and 4). The commission further approved of the establishment of the 17th faculty of Charles University in Prague under the name Faculty of Humanitarian Studies with accreditation of a Bachelor's study program "Information Studies and Librarianship", field "Library Services", which shall be carried out according to Section 81 of the Act on Universities in cooperation with the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy of Charles University in Prague and Higher Professional School of Information Services in Prague. The AC also approved of requirements on applications for extension of accreditation of study programs submitted in the 2nd stage.

• Agenda of Meeting 05-00:

- 1) Welcome to new members of the AC, composition of work groups, conclusions resulting from recommendation of scanning commission of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
- 2) Application for state approval of Plzeňská vysoká škola komerčních služeb, s.r.o. (Plzeň University of Commercial Services)
- 3) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola obchodní se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of Business in Prague)
- 4) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola aplikovaného práva se sídlem v Praze (University of Applied Law in Prague)
- 5) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola podnikatelství a práva se sídlem v Praze, s.r.o. (University of Business and Law in Prague)

Conclusions:

The AC approved composition of 10 modified work groups in connection with changes in personal composition of the commission and establishment of the special-purpose work group (for composition, see chapter 2 of the Annual Report). The AC did not approve the granting of state approval to the applicants stated in the articles 2) and 5), approved of its grant to the applicant stated in the article 3). The AC further determined requirements in connection with submission of applications for accreditation of enlargement of study programs/fields by teaching in foreign languages:

a) Information about Study

- 1. Declaration about identity of contents of study program / study field in foreign language with the respective accredited study program / study field;
- 2. Prospective changes in internal regulations of university/faculty in relation to teaching of study program/study field in foreign language;
- 3. Conditions of acceptance for study;
- 4. Information about assurance of professional experience, in case it is part of study program;
- 5. Information on whether or not assurance of exams, state final exams or state Ph.D. exams will be in a foreign language;
- 6. Information about the fact that Bachelor's thesis, Master's thesis or Ph.D. thesis will be in a foreign language including opponent statements;
- 7. Information about study documents, records and other administration of persons studying in a foreign language;

b) Information about Personal and Informational Resources

- 1. Summary of Lecturers and other teachers who will participate on assurance of lectures, seminars and other forms of teaching in a foreign language, including information about their language abilities (state exams, long-term foreign stays, lectures and active participation on conferences in the respective language etc.);
- 2. Information about assurance of negotiations in the respective foreign language on the study department and respective professional departments of the university/faculty (institute, department etc.);
- 3. Information about assurance of corresponding software for computers;
- 4. Information about assurance of professional literature in the respective language.

Note: The matter is only teaching in foreign language in the full extent of study program/study field, not teaching of selected individual subjects or their parts in a foreign language of the accredited study program/study field.

• Agenda of Meeting 06-00:

- 1) Composition of work groups;
- 2) Re-accreditation of Faculties 1st and 2nd stage
- 3) Application for establishment of Faculty of Humanitarian Studies of Pardubice University– preliminary discussion
- 4) Application for establishment of College of Art and Design of Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem
- 5) Discussion about Bachelor's study programs
- 6) Application for state approval of Vysoká škola mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů se sídlem v Praze, o.p.s. (University of International and Public Relations in Prague)
- 7) Application for state approval of University of Applied Law in Prague, limited liability company

8) Application for state approval of Akademie STING se sídlem v Brně, o.p.s. (STING Academy in Brno)

Conclusions:

The AC approved of granting of state approval to applicants stated in the articles 7) and 8) and did not approve of its grant to the applicant stated in the article 6). It further approved the establishment of the College of Art and Design of Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem.

Agenda of Meeting 07-00:

- 1) Composition of work groups (appointment of Vice-Chairmen), rules of procedure of work groups (prospective changes)
- 2) Extension of accreditation of SP faculties in the 1st stage (some economic faculties, information about course of discussion by other faculty groups)
- 3) Application for state approval of Mezinárodní pražská vysoká škola v Praze (Prague International University)
- 4) Problem of acceptance of students and graduates of Higher Professional Schools (VOŠ) to non-university institutions (NVŠ)
- 5) Application for establishment of Faculty of Humanitarian Studies of Pardubice University
- 6) Preparation of standards for accreditation of Bachelor's study programs of NVŠ
- 7) Problem of study forms (combined and distance learning)
- 8) Application of state VOŠ for accreditation of study programs

Conclusions:

The AC did not approve granting of state proposal to the applicant specified in the article 3); it approved the establishment of the Faculty of Humanitarian Studies of Pardubice University. It also expressed its opinion to the problem of a combined, prospective distance learning form of studies.

- 1) Applications for a combined form of study should include a clearly defined share of attendance learning and share of self-study
- 2) Exams in a combined form of study must have the same demands as in the form of attendance learning
- 3) Combined form of study expects submission of methodology of study and study aids (including multimedia) for that part of study that is to be carried out in the form of distance learning. The AC shall leave the way of judgment of these applications to expert opinions or request other foundations to the application on the work groups.

The AC further adopted conclusions to reports of economic faculties by which there were discovered significant defects upon evaluation in 1998. The matter is FMIT of Hradec Králové University, FM of the Prague University of Economics with its registered address at Jindřichův Hradec, FME of VUT Brno with its registered address in Zlín (now Tomáš Baťa University), FSE of Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, FE of ZčU with its registered address in Cheb and Plzeň, and FES of Pardubice University. In this connection, it adopted conclusions to applications for extension of accreditation of some economic faculties.

 Participants of management of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and representatives of Board of Universities (Rada vysokých škol) participated regularly on the meeting of the AC in 2000 similarly as in the previous years.

5. Meeting of Work Groups in 2000

5.1. Meeting of Permanent Work Groups

- The work groups elected their Vice-Chairmen and modified their rules of procedure. The AC adopted among others these conclusions at its 5th meeting:
- 1) The Chairmen of work groups of the AC shall prepare and prospectively modify in terms of the following article 2 the negotiations of their groups and they shall submit it to the AC Secretariat.
- 2) The Chairmen of workgroups of the AC shall determine their Vice-Chairmen who shall represent them at the time of their absence in order not to endanger the terms of discussed applications.
- 3) The Chairmen of work groups of the AC shall be responsible for preparation of specific expressions of the respective groups to applications for granting of state approval and for applications for accreditations. These justifications must issue from the respective provisions of the Act on Universities.

- 4) In case one can expect a negative recommendation by the AC by applications for accreditation of universities, especially in cases where the matter is removable defects of an application, the Chairman of the work group shall discuss the application with representatives of the applicant, either in the general assembly of the work group or himself or herself with the presence of the Vice-Chairman, prospectively another member of the work group in accordance with the approved way of negotiation of the respective group.
- The work group for economic fields held a meeting on October 18 − 19 in the premises of Horticultural Faculty of MZLU in Lednice where it adopted conclusions to economic faculties evaluated in 1998 by which were discovered significant defects (see above-conclusions from the meeting of 07-00).

• Minimum standards for accreditation of study programs of non-university institutions adopted by the work group for the economic field

With regard to the large number of applications for accreditation of non-university Bachelor's study programs in the field of economics, of which many are not well considered and personally assured, the work group of economics of the Accreditation Commission decided to apply the minimum standards. The mission of these standards is not a mechanical evaluation of applications and replacement of a superior evaluation; they should, however, divide the submitted applications into those which are in such a degree problematic that they would not provide presuppositions for superior, personally well assured study programs enabling education of professionally educated graduates. The applications, which do not fulfill the minimum standards, are not recommended by the work group of economics for accreditation; and already upon their discussion the normal way according to the approved rules of proceedings is not followed. In case the application fulfills the minimum standards, it does not mean an automatic recommendation to grant an accreditation to such study program. The work group has elaborated expert opinions and it discusses the application at its meeting to which the proposers are invited, and they introduce their intention and may react to reminders of work group members.

After discussions, the work group for economics adopted the following minimum standards that can be qualified and can be thus judged rather easily by each application:

- 1. By non-university Bachelor's study programs, the study predominately focuses on professional preparation; however, the subjects of theoretical base of study field must compose at least 30% of the total lesson plan.
- 2. Non-university Bachelor's study program must be personally well assured. Such a state can be accepted as a minimum standard in which:
 - a. The minimum number of internal employees corresponds to the ratio of at most 20 students for one lecturer working as a full-time employee with minimum extent of 70%, however rather 100%
 - b. The minimum number of full-time employees with a scientific or educational degree in basic fields of the study program reaches at least 3 with the minimum degree of CSc. or Ph.D. (with the requirement that they publish in reviewed professional journals or monographs and that they participated in scientific and research activity in the course of the last 5 years, otherwise the scientific or educational degree shall not be calculated in the minimum number of employees with scientific and education degree assuring the study program).

This approach should slightly reduce the time necessary for discussion of proposals that are already "at the first glance" substandard and by which the use of the usual procedure would lead with absolute guarantee to the same conclusions.

5.2. Meeting of Special-Purpose Work Groups of the AC in 2000

Members of the special-purpose work groups for evaluation of the specialization "Radiological Assistant" in Bachelor's and connected Master's study field in the spring semester of 2001 shall visit the ZSF of JčU during teaching and at the time of meeting of state final exams, and based on this visit they shall prepare an evaluation report.

6. Various

Foreign Activities of the Members of the AC

Milan Sojka and Petr Kratochvíl were authorized by representation of the AC in foreign activities at the 5th meeting.

Member of the AC, Pravoslav Stránský, participated in the NCFMEA meeting (National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation) in March in Washington in connection with accreditation of our medical faculties in the United States.

Member of the AC prof. Vladimír Kučera and member of Secretariat Ing. Šobra participated in a workshop in Vienna on May 4-6 organized by the Austrian Ministry of Education on the topic of Internationalization and Quality Assurance in European Higher Education.

Jiří Mareš was authorized at the 4th meeting of the AC to negotiate with the representative of the Slovak Accreditation Commission in connection with proceedings of appointment of associated professors or proceedings of appointment of professors of Czech teachers in Slovak Universities and visa versa. For conclusions from this meeting, see minutes from the 5th meeting of the AC, article 7).

The Secretary of the AC and member of the AC Petr Kratochvíl participated in the Czech-French seminar on evaluation in university education on October 26 - 27 in Prague, which was organized by CSVŠ.

The Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the AC participated in the meeting in Budapest on November 18 – 19, in which was established a sub-network for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe in terms of INQAAHE (International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education) and one agreed on mutual cooperation of the institutions in the field of accreditation.