

# Annual Report of the Accreditation Commission for the Year 2001

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## 1. Introduction

The activity of the Accreditation Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "AC") shall be governed by the respective provisions of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Universities and on the modification of and amendment to other acts (Act on Universities), which are further developed in the Regulations of the 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 Regulations.

## 2. Composition of the AC and Its Work Groups

### • Composition of the AC

The composition of the AC has not changed in comparison with the previous year:

Name and Surname	Workplace	Period of Office
Chairman:		
Prof. RNDr. Miroslav Liška, DrSc.	Faculty of Mechanical Engineering VUT Brno	six years
Vice-Chairman:		
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 of Prague	four years
Prof. Ing. Jan Uhlíř, CSc.	Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Technical University of Prague	six years
Prof. PhDr. Jiří Mareš, CSc.	Faculty of Medicine of Charles University, Hradec Králové	four years
Prof. Ing. Miroslav Tvrký, 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, Hradec Králové	four years
Prof. Ing. Oldřich Pytela, DrSc.	FCHT of Pardubice University	six years
Prof. PhDr. František Šmahel, DrSc.	Center of Medieval Studies, Prague	six years
Prof. Dr. Ing. Jiří Sobota	Fachhochschule Wiesbaden	six years
doc. RNDr. Boris Vyskot, DrSc.	Bio-physical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Brno	six years
Prof. RNDr. Petr Hájek, DrSc.	Institute of Information Science of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague	six years

- **List of Permanent Work Groups of the AC**  
**a) The Chairman of which is a Member of the AC**

Biology and Ecology  
Economics  
Philology and Literary Arts  
Philosophy, Theology and Religion

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) The Chairman of which is not a Member of the AC**

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

- **The composition of the following work groups changed in 2001:**

**Meeting of AC 1-01**, January 23-24 – for philosophy, theology and religion – membership terminated by doc. Zdeněk Kratochvíl; for education, psychology and kinanthropology - membership terminated by prof. Adolf Melezinek, prof. Jan Hora and prof. Jiří Hoskovec, prof. PhDr. Zdeněk Helus, DrSc. and doc. PhDr. Hana Kantorková, CSc. became new members; for sociology and political science – doc. PhDr. Libor Musil, PhD became a new member.

**Meeting of AC 4-01**, June 12-13 – Chairman of the work group for military professions, doc. Ing. Vladimír Čech, CSc. resigned and prof. MUDr. Josef Fusek, DrSc. was appointed as the new chairman

**Meeting of AC 5-01**, October 30-31 – for political science and sociology – Dr. Jan Jiráček became a new member; for medicine and health care – Mgr. Lenka Podzimková became a new member.

**Meeting of AC 6-01**, December 11-12 – for military professions – new composition: Vice-chairman: doc. Ing. Dušan Vičar, CSc., prof. Ing. Jaroslav Komárek, CSc., prof. Ing. Zdeněk Malina, CSc., doc. Ing. Miroslav Dřimal, CSc., doc. Ing. Rudolf Urban, CSc., Ing. Mgr. Zbyněk Ledvína, doc. Ing. Zdeněk Křížan, CSc.

## Composition of Permanent Work Groups – Member Representation

Year	University	AV ČR (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)	Institution	Foreign	Total
1999	146	21	19	9	<b>186</b>
2000	171	20	14	6	<b>205</b>
2001	171	20	15	5	<b>205</b>

### 3. Meetings of the AC in 2001

#### 3.1. Statistical Figures from Meetings

Meeting of the AC	Location	Number of Members of the AC Present
1 <sup>st</sup> meeting January 23-24	Tuchlovice	20
2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting February 13-14	Třešť	15
3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting April 24-25	Šťáhlavice	17
4 <sup>th</sup> meeting June 12-13	Velké Meziříčí	19
5 <sup>th</sup> meeting September 11-12	Kolín	18
6 <sup>th</sup> meeting October 30-31	Přímětice	20
7 <sup>th</sup> meeting December 11-12	Kostelec nad Černými Lesy	17

#### • Applications for Granting State Approval

Altogether, 61 applications have been submitted to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport so far, of which 16 applications were submitted in 1999, 23 in 2000 and 22 in 2001. Out of these 61 applications, 7 required the formation of a university; other applicants aspired to a non-university college. The accreditation commission has thus far discussed 51 applications, of which it has recommended 25 for granting state approval and for accreditation of the respective study programs and it has decided not to recommend 20 applications. During discussions, 7 applicants withdrew their applications and 8 applications are at various degrees of discussion.

#### Applications Discussed in 2001:

##### The AC Approved of Granting State Approval:

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

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

Vysoká škola Karla Engliš se sídlem v Brně (a.s.) (Karel Engliš University of Brno)

Anglo-americký institut liberálních studií se sídlem v Praze (o.p.s.) (Anglo-American Institute of Liberal Studies of Prague)

Vysoká škola ekonomických studií se sídlem v Ústí nad Labem (o.p.s.) (University of Economic Studies of Ústí nad Labem)

Vysoká škola J.A. Komenského se sídlem v Praze (o.s.) (J.A.Komenský University in Prague)  
University of New York of Prague (s.r.o.)

Vysoká škola Plzeň (o.p.s.) (Pilsen University)

Vysoká škola manažérské ekonomiky a informatiky se sídlem v Praze (a.s.) (University of Managerial Economics and Information Science of Prague)

##### The AC Approved only the Accreditation of the Study Program:

Vysoká škola psychosociálních studií se sídlem v Praze (s.r.o.) (University of Psycho-Social Studies of Prague) (repeated application)

##### The AC Did Not Approve Grant of State Approval:

Vysoká škola psychosociálních studií se sídlem v Praze (s.r.o.) (University of Psycho-social Studies of Prague)

Vysoká škola ekonomiky a informatiky se sídlem v Českých Budějovicích (s.r.o.) (University of Economics and Information Science of České Budějovice)

Vysoká škola ekonomických a právních specializací se sídlem v Praze (s.r.o.) (University of Economic and Legal Specializations of Prague)

Europeon se sídlem v Českých Budějovicích (a.s.) (Europeon of České Budějovice)

Vysoké učení Brno (a.s.) (Brno University)

Středočeský vysokoškolský institut se sídlem v Kladně (s.r.o.) (Central Bohemian University Institute of Kladno)

Institut evropských a regionálních studií se sídlem v Českých Budějovicích (s.r.o.) (Institute of European and Regional Studies in České Budějovice)

### Discussion Stopped:

Mezinárodní baptistický teologický seminář se sídlem v Praze (a.s.) (International Seminary of Baptist Theology of Prague)

Total number of applications in 2001	22
Number of applications discussed by the AC	18
Legal form of company under discussion: a.s./s.r.o./o.p.s./o.s.	5/7/5/1
State approval not granted/granted	9/7 +
Regional structure of discussed applications	Prague - 10, South Moravia - 2, South Bohemia - 3, West Bohemia - 1, Central Bohemia - 1, North Bohemia - 1

+ The discussion of one application has been stopped; for one application the AC approved only the accreditation of the study program (see above)

### • Accreditation of Study Programs Discussed in 2001

Applications	Ph.D.		Master/2-year Master follow-up		Bachelor	
	recommended	not recommended	recommended	not recommended	recommended	not recommended
Public Universities	4		2		18	
Extension of Accreditation (proposal of restriction)+	74 (11)		100 (11)		75 (10)	
State Higher Professional Schools according to Section 81					1	1
Universities + AV Institutes according to Section 81	36					
Universities + other educational institutions				1		1

Accreditation by Extending Accredited Study Fields - by Field	11		6		15	3
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+ In the case of some programs, the AC also proposed a limitation together with an extension of accreditation

### Private Universities

Accreditation				2	10	9
Accreditation by Extending Accredited Study Fields - by Field			1	2	3	

10 applications for accrediting the fields of appointment proceedings for associate professors or the appointment of professors were discussed. The AC recommended 8 of these, 2 fields were not recommended.

### 3.2. Information from Meetings of the AC

The issues “Accreditation of Study Programs”, “Applications for Extension of Accreditation” and “Miscellaneous” were on the agenda of all meetings of the AC; the issue “Accreditation of the Fields of Habilitation and Appointment Proceedings” was on the agenda of the first three meetings and on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> meetings in 2001.

#### Agenda of Meeting 1-01:

- Application for state approval of Vysoká škola psychosociálních studií v Praze, s.r.o. (University of Psycho-Social Studies of Prague)

#### Conclusions:

The AC, among other things, did not approve of granting state approval to the above-stated applicant.

#### Agenda of Meeting 2-01:

- Application for grant of state approval - VŠ Karla Engliš, Brno (a.s.) (Karel Engliš University of Brno);
- Foreign activities of the AC;
- Application for grant of state approval - VŠ veřejné správy a mezinárodních vztahů, Praha (o.p.s.) (University of Public Administration and International Relations of Prague);
- Annual report of the AC for 2000;
- Discussion on the education of teachers for grammar schools at educational faculties;
- Requirements of the AC at the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of re-accreditation.

#### Conclusions:

The AC, among other things, approved a grant of state approval to the above-stated applicants.

From the discussion on the education of teachers for grammar schools at educational faculties:

- The assurance of quality preparation of grammar school teachers is rather problematic at many educational faculties;
- In each field for which the teachers are to be prepared, it is necessary to set certain minimum standards without the fulfillment of which accreditation cannot be recommended;
- The individual applications must be evaluated with regard to the actual conditions of the individual educational faculties; no “general” accreditation limitations should be adopted;

- Study programs designed for the preparation of grammar school teachers in individual fields are understood by educational faculties as a matter of prestige and should be preserved, if possible, at the faculties;
- Each educational faculty should focus particularly on those fields for which it has a corresponding material and personal background and should concentrate its efforts on their further development; educational faculties cannot cover the entire range of fields for grammar schools;
- The availability and standard of habilitation and appointment proceedings remains a problem for academic employees of educational faculties;
- Certain educational faculties submitted required completions only with difficulty and in an insufficient quality; moreover, many of them practically ignored the recommendations of the AC from 1995 and 1998;
- The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport should have its own concept of teacher preparation.

AC discussed the accompanying text and the proposal of requirements on applications for an extension of the accreditation of study programs included in stage 3.

#### **Agenda of Meeting 3-01:**

- Institut mezioborových studií Brno (Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies of Brno) – accreditation according to Section 81 of the Universities Act
- Application for state approval, VŠ ekonomiky a informatiky Č. Budějovice (s.r.o.) (University of Economics and Information Science of České Budějovice)
- Application for state approval, Anglo-americký institut liberálních studií, Praha (o.p.s.) (Anglo-American Institute of Liberal Studies of Prague)
- Application for state approval, VŠ mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů Praha (o.p.s.) (University of International and Public Relations of Prague)
- Application for state approval, VŠ J.A.Komenského v Praze (o.s.) (J.A.Komenský University of Prague).

#### **Conclusions:**

The AC approved granting state approval to Anglo-americký institut liberálních studií, Praha (o.p.s.), VŠ mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů Praha (o.p.s.) and VŠ J.A.Komenského v Praze (o.s.) and refused to grant state approval to VŠ ekonomiky a informatiky Č. Budějovice (s.r.o.), as well as the application for the accreditation of study programs of Institut mezioborových studií Brno.

#### **Agenda of Meeting 4-01:**

- Application for state approval of Pražská vysoká škola psychosociálních studií, (o.p.s.) (University of Psycho-Social Studies of Prague)
- Application for state approval of Vysoká škola ekonomických a právních specializací v Praze, (s.r.o.) (University of Economic and Legal Specializations of Prague)
- Application for state approval of Manažerské centrum v Ústí nad Labem (Management Center of Ústí nad Labem).

#### **Conclusions:**

The AC approved a grant of state approval to Vysoká škola ekonomických studií se sídlem v Ústí nad Labem (o.p.s.) (the applicant is Manažerské centrum v Ústí nad Labem), and refused to grant state approval to Vysoká škola ekonomických a právních specializací v Praze, (s.r.o.) and Pražská vysoká škola psychosociálních studií, (o.p.s.) (it, however, agreed with the accreditation of the study program).

#### **Agenda of Meeting 5-01:**

- Joint Application for accreditation of the study program according to Section 81 of the Universities Act of Univerzita T. Bati Zlín & Institut mezioborových studií Brno (T. Bata University Zlín & Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies of Brno)

- Application for state approval of University of New York of Prague (s.r.o.)
- Application for establishment of Fakulta sportovních studií MU Brno (Faculty of Sport Studies MU Brno)
- Application for state approval of Vysoká škola PaedDr. Ilony Mauritzové v Plzni (o.p.s.) (University of PaedDr. Ilona Mauritzová of Pilsen)
- Application for state approval of Europeon České Budějovice (a.s.)
- Application for state approval of Mezinárodní baptistický teologický seminář Praha (a.s.) (International Seminary of Baptist Theology of Prague)

### **Conclusions:**

The AC approved a grant of state approval to Vysoká škola PaedDr. Ilony Mauritzové v Plzni (o.p.s.) (now Vysoká škola Plzeň) and the University of New York of Prague (s.r.o.), it further approved of the establishment of Fakulta sportovních studií MU Brno, refused accreditation of the study program according to Section 81 of the Universities Act to Univerzita T. Bati Zlín & Institut mezioborových studií Brno, granted state approval to the applicant Europeon České Budějovice (a.s.), suspended the discussion of the application for state approval of Mezinárodní baptistický teologický seminář Praha (a.s.) and requested completion of the application.

### **Agenda of Meeting 6-01:**

- Application for accreditation of VOŠ České Budějovice (Higher Professional School of České Budějovice)
- Application for state approval of Vysoké učení Brno (a.s.) (Brno University)
- Negotiation with representatives of the Slovak Accreditation Committee
- Application for division of the current Fakulta elektrotechniky a informatiky VUT Brno (Faculty of Electronics and Information Science of Brno University) and on establishment of Fakulta elektrotechniky a komunikačních technologií (Faculty of Electronics and Communication Technology) and the new Fakulta informačních technologií (Faculty of Information Technology) of VUT Brno
- Application for state approval of Středočeský vysokoškolský institut Kladno (s.r.o.) (Central-Bohemian University Institute of Kladno).

### **Conclusions:**

The AC refused to grant state approval to Vysoké učení Brno (a.s.) and Středočeský vysokoškolský institut Kladno (s.r.o.), it further approved of the division of the existing Fakulta elektrotechniky a informatiky VUT Brno and with the establishment of Fakulta elektrotechniky a komunikačních technologií and a new Fakulta informačních technologií VUT Brno. The AC also approved of accreditation of a Bachelor's degree program in Construction and did not approve of the accreditation of a Bachelor's degree program in Economics and Management at VOŠ České Budějovice.

### **Agenda of the Meeting 7-01:**

- Application for the establishment of Fakulta multimediálních komunikací (Faculty of Multimedia Communication) of UTB in Zlín
- Application for state approval of Institut evropských a regionálních studií České Budějovice (Institute of European and Regional Studies of České Budějovice)
- Application for the accreditation of a Bachelor's degree program according to Section 81 in agreement with a university (VOŠ Písek [Písek Higher Professional School] & JČU Č. Budějovice [South-Bohemian University of České Budějovice])
- Evaluation of accredited activities of Katolická teologická fakulta UK Praha (Catholic Theological Faculty of the Charles University of Prague)
- Application for state approval of Vysoká škola manažerské informatiky a ekonomiky Praha (Management Information Science and Economics University of Prague)

- Accreditation of study programs according to Section 81 without agreement with a university (VOŠ [Higher Professional School] of Čáslav & Kutná Hora)
- Accreditation of study programs according to Section 81 in agreement with a university (Univerzita Pardubice [Pardubice University] & SZŠ and Vyšší zdravotnická škola Pardubice [Medical School and Higher Medical School of Pardubice]).

### **Conclusions:**

The AC approved a grant of state approval to Vysoká škola manažerské informatiky a ekonomiky Praha and approved of the establishment of Fakulta multimediálních komunikací UTB ve Zlíně. It further approved of the accreditation of bachelor's degree programs according to Section 81 of the Universities Act of Univerzita Pardubice & SZŠ a Vyšší zdravotnická škola Pardubice. It did not approve a grant of state approval to Institut evropských a regionálních studií České Budějovice or accreditation of bachelor's degree program according to Section 81 of the Universities Act of VOŠ Písek & JČU Č. Budějovice. It suspended discussion of the application for accreditation of study programs according to Section 81 without an agreement with the university of VOŠ Čáslav & Kutná Hora and requested completion of this application.

Upon the request of the Minister, in accordance with Section 84, Subsection 1 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Universities, AC evaluated the assurance of accredited study programs realized at Katolická teologická fakulta Univerzity Karlovy. After an extensive discussion in the presence of representatives of Charles University of Prague and the Catholic Theological Faculty it then adopted the following conclusions:

*The Accreditation Commission proposes to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport:*

- a) According to Section 85, Subsection 2, Letter b) of the Universities Act, to suspend accreditation consisting of a prohibition to organize state examinations and grant academic degrees for the master's program of Theology, in the field of study of Catholic Theology; daily study, standard length of studies 5 years.*
- b) According to Section 85, Subsection 2, Letter c) of the Universities Act, to withdraw accreditation for the Pedagogy for Grammar Schools master's program, in the Religious Studies field of study; combined study, standard length of studies 4 years.*
- c) According to Section 85, Subsection 2, Letter c) of the Universities Act, to withdraw accreditation for the doctoral study program in Theology, in the fields of in study Biblical Sciences, Dogmatic Theology, Fundamental Theology, Liturgy, Moral Theology, Pastoral Theology, Systematic Theology, for the doctoral study program in Philosophy, in the field of study of Systematic Philosophy, for the doctoral study program in Historical Sciences, in the field of study of Clerical History and for the doctoral study program in Theoretical Legal Sciences, in the field of study of Canon Law; daily and combined study.*

*The Accreditation Commission also advises of the fact that with respect to Section 82, Subsection 6, Letter b) of the Universities Act in the event of an issuance of a decision by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport on the withdrawal of accreditation based on the above-mentioned Letter c), the condition will not be met for the validity of accreditation of habilitation proceedings or proceedings for appointing professors as there will be no accredited doctoral study program in the framework of which such proceedings could take place at the Catholic Theological Faculty.*

### **Justification:**

*ad a) The Catholic Theological Faculty is a part of a public university, but the studies are not publicly accessible as the students of daily studies are candidates for the priesthood. The realization of the above-mentioned study program is based on mandatory lectures and does not enable the independent creative activity of the students. Optional seminars have the character of merely complementary subjects and the teaching does not have the nature of a university. The personal assurance of the study program is insufficient. There are only 7 habilitated academic employees at the*



university, of which only 4 are theologians. The creative activity of the academic employees of the Catholic Theological Faculty is also insufficient. Most of these employees do not have a monograph, there are no studies in reviewed magazines and all publication concentrates on articles published in magazines of a non-professional nature. The insufficient scientific and creative activity of the faculty is also evidenced by the fact that during the last five years there were no habilitation or professorship proceedings.

ad b) There is no workplace at the faculty that would focus on the education of teachers with respect to concept and organization. The personnel composition of the teacher section of the study is completely insufficient. The field of education and connected educational practice is secured by a ThLic. at retirement age (77 years) by which no educational training is proved; he does not publish in the field at all. The publishing activity of teachers in this program is (with some rare exceptions) insignificant and does not fulfill the requirements on university teachers.

The study concept does not express the specifics of education for grammar schools. The matter is, in fact, theological study with a minimum of education. It is not clear how the preparation of a teacher of religion is different from the preparation of a theologian. The subject education is introduced only in the third year of study with an insufficient time allocation, didactic disciplines are missing, and information about the function of the school system is also lacking. During the study there is no psychological discipline. This is surprising not only with regard to the character of the study (teachers should be informed about the specifics of dealing with teenagers) but also because psychotherapy is part of the study plan; however, it cannot in any case be taught without a deeper knowledge of psychology.

ad c) Postgraduate study programs are very close to each other with respect to their content and do not provide sufficient specialization. Their personnel composition is similar to that in the master's programs, the consultants are also non-habilitated employees. The study field of Systematic Theology in the study program of Theology is, moreover, not registered in the Statutes of the Charles University.

In the case of the study program of Theoretical Legal Sciences with the field of Canon Law one only enrolls for the study graduates of the master's program in Theology, not of the program in Law and Legal Sciences. Teaching legal disciplines is only in the minimum extent; there is a "theologization" of the legal study program itself. The field council is, in terms of personnel, identical in most cases to the consultants and there is only one lawyer in it – who, moreover, teaches all legal disciplines, including canon law and the constitutional law of the Czech Republic. The other teachers are active in other fields.

Similarly, in the study program of Historical Sciences with the study field of Clerical History, there is no condition for enrollment in this program to graduate from the master's program focused on history; graduates of the master's program in Theology are admitted again. The study program is focused on theology with certain partial subjects focused on history.

Identical problems, i.e. the admission of graduates of the master's field of Theology in postgraduate study are also in the postgraduate program of Philosophy, study field of Systematic Philosophy. In the field board no habilitated employee of corresponding orientation is active; the consultants are not habilitated academic employees. There are no specialized subjects in the field.

- Representatives of the management of the Ministry of Education and representatives of the universities council participated regularly in the meetings of the AC in 2001, similarly to previous years.

## **5. Meetings of Work Groups in 2001**

### **5.1. Meeting of Permanent Work Groups**

The permanent work groups carried out their activities in accordance with the implemented negotiation methods and they met regularly.

The work group for the evaluation of non-university colleges began to prepare basic materials for the evaluation of selected private universities.

## **5.2. Meeting of Special-Purpose Work Groups of the AC in 2001**

At the 3-01 meeting the AC approved of the composition of a special work group for the evaluation of applications for the extension of accreditation of building and construction faculties, HGF VŠB-TU in Ostrava and building and construction fields in other faculties, in this grouping: doc. Ing. Alois Materna, CSc., doc. Ing. Miloslav Pavlík, CSc. and prof. Ing. Miroslav Škaloud, DrSc.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

### **• Foreign Activities of the AC**

Jiří Mareš asked the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education of Univerzita Komenského v Bratislavě to appoint evaluators for the applications for extension of accreditation of the faculties of physical education in Prague and Olomouc. The Dean met his application and appointed 2 representatives for Prague and 2 for Olomouc applications.

Pravoslav Stránský, a member of the AC, participated in the session of the NCFMEA (National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation) on March 9 in Washington in connection with the accreditation of our medical faculties in the USA.

Milan Sojka and Václav Vinš participated in the Prague summit of Ministers of Education on May 18 and 19. They informed the AC about their participation at the following meeting.

Milan Sojka participated in the session of ENQA (European Network for Quality Assurance) in Brussels on May 22; he also informed the AC about the conclusions at the next meeting.

Milan Sojka and Václav Vinš participated in the session of CEE (Central and Eastern Europe Network) in Krakow on October 10-14. This network became independent within INQAAHE (International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education). The next meeting shall take place in Prague on October 18-20, 2002. Estonia also asked for the sending of professionals from the Czech Republic who would participate in evaluation proceedings for selected fields in the spring of 2002.