

Annual Report of the Accreditation Commission for the Year 2004

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1. Introduction

The work of the Accreditation Commission (hereafter called only AC) is laid down in the relevant provisions of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions, as amended and supplemented, and further elaborated in the Statutes of the AC, as well as the activities of its work groups, which are subject to their own rules approved by the AC in conformity with the Statute. Modified Statute of the AC has been approved by the Government of the Czech Republic with its decree No. 744 from 28 July 2004. Statute's changes simplify the procedure of so called institutional evaluation, which is first of all focused on faculties of universities and on non-university higher education institutions, introduces a notion of the evaluation of the accredited activities, i.e. with a view first of all to the evaluation of the provision of concrete study programs where was called attention to the insufficiencies, then introduces the possibility of exceptional discussion of singular applications (in case that the fulfillment of the the time-limits established by the law is endangered) electronically, at the end unifies a method of vocation in the AC.

2. Composition of the AC and its Work Groups

Composition of the AC

Since the preceding year, the composition of the AC has changed in the following manner: Ing. Vlastimil Juppá, PhDr. Petr Kratochvíl, CSc., prof. PhDr. Petr Fiala, Ph.D., Ing. Petr Richter, prof. RNDr. Boris Vyskot, DrSc., finished working in the AC, as of 31 August 2004. In accordance with Governmental Resolution No. 508 prof. PhDr. Vladimíra Dvořáková, CSc., prof. RNDr. Pavel Höschl, DrSc., doc. Mgr. Ing. Karel Chadt, CSc., prof. RNDr. František Sehnal, CSc., prof. Vladimír Tichý, CSc., became new members of the AC on 1 Sept. 2004. Pursuant to the aforesaid Resolution, Professors Liska and Sojka (the chairman and the vice-chairman) were appointed to a second six-year term of office.

Since the preceding year, the number of work groups of the AC and their names have not changed.

In the year 2004, the composition of the following work groups underwent changes:

On the AC meeting 04-04, 4-5 October on the occasion of the appointment of the new AC members were newly appointed following working groups:

Biology and Ecology

chairman prof. RNDr. František Sehnal, CSc., ENTÚ AV ČR Č. Budějovice
doc. RNDr. Martin Braniš, CSc., PřF UK Praze (vice-chairman)

doc. Ing. Petr Dvořák, CSc., MZLU Brno + ÚEM AV ČR
doc. RNDr. Jitka Forstová, DrSc., PřF UK Praha
doc. RNDr. Vojtěch Jarošík, CSc., PřF UK Praha
doc. MVDr. Břetislav Koudela, CSc., FVL VFU Brno
prof. Ing. Aleš Lebeda, DrSc., PřF UP Olomouc
prof. RNDr. Frantisek Marec, CSc., ENTÚ AV ČR Č. Budějovice
doc. Mgr. Marek Šebela, Dr., PřF UP Olomouc
prof. RNDr. Karel Šťastný, CSc., LF ČZU Praha
RNDr. Martin Pospíšek, PhD., PřF UK v Praze
doc. RNDr. Jaroslav Spížek, DrSc., MBÚ AV ČR Praha
hdoc. RNDr. Michaela Vorlíčková, DrSc., BFÚ AV ČR Brno
doc. RNDr. Miloš Macholán, CSc., ÚŽFG AV ČR Brno

Social Sciences

chairman prof. PhDr. Vladimíra Dvořáková, CSc., FMV VŠE Praha
doc. PhDr. Jiří Buriánek, CSc., FF UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Vlastimil Fiala, CSc., PřF UP Olomouc
doc. PhDr. Bořivoj Hnízdo, CSc., FSV UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Jan Jiráček, CSc., FSV UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Jiří Kabele, FSV UK Praha
prof. PhDr. Jan Keller, CSc., ZSF OU Ostrava
doc. PhDr. Jiří Kunc, CSc., FF UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Oldřich Matoušek, FF UK Praha.
prof. PhDr. Ivo Možný, CSc., FSS MU Brno
doc. PhDr. Libor Musil, CSc., FSS MU Brno
PhDr. Zdenka Mansfeldová, CSc., SÚ AV ČR
prof. PhDr. Maxmilián Strmiska, PhD., FSS MU Brno.

Arts and History of Arts

chairman prof. Mg.A. Vladimír Tichý, CSc., HAMU Praha
prof. Miloš Horanský, DAMU Praha
prof. PhDr. Mojmír Horyna, FF UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Galina Kopaněva, CSc., FF UK Praha
doc. PhDr. Jiří T. Kotalík, CSc., AVU Praha
PhDr. Petr Kratochvíl, CSc., ÚDU AV ČR
prof. Ing. Arch. Ladislav Lábus, FA ČVUT Praha
prof. Ing. Arch. Miroslav Masák, FA VUT Brno
prof. Mg.A. Zoja Mikotová, DF JAMU Brno
prof. PhDr. Ivan Poledňák, DrSc., FF UP Olomouc
prof. PhDr. Lubomír Slaviček, CSc., FF MU Brno
doc. Mg.A. Noemi Zárubová, HAMU Praha

Veterinary Medicine

chairman prof. RNDr. MVDr. Petr Hořín, CSc., FVL VFU Brno
prof. MVDr. Jan Motlík, DrSc., ÚŽFG AV ČR Liběchov
prof. MVDr. Karel Hruška, CSc., VÚVEL Brno
prof. Ing. MVDr. Pavel Jelínek, DrSc., AF MZLU Brno

Non-universities

chairman Ing. Petr Richter, VOŠ Čáslav

Other members have been appointed at the meeting 05-04:

doc. Ing. Václav Vinš, CSc., MŠMT ČR, secretary of the A.C.

prof. Dr. Ing. Jiří Sobota, member of the A.C.

doc. Mgr. Ing. Karel Chadt, CSc., member of the A.C.

PaedDr. Irena Dolejší, CSc., VŠJAK Praha

Ing. Věra Mulačová, VOŠ České Budějovice

Ing. Ludmila Kozubíková, Ph.D., VOŠE Zlín

Changes in other working groups:

(Mostly because of the approval of the new Statute of the A.C. in which the Article 9, paragraph 5 says that the rector, vice-rector, dean or the director of the institute cannot become a member of the working group.)

Economics

prof. Ing. Václav Vybíhal, CSc. PEF MZLU Brno

prof. Urban, prof. Stávková, prof. Hron determined their membership.

Filology and Literature

doc. Mrhačová determined her membership, the working group has been completed at the meeting AC 05-04:

doc. PhDr. J. Radimská, Dr., PdF JČU

Priv.-Doz. PhDr. Lenka Vaňková, Dr., FF OU

Physics

chairman prof. RNDr. Pavel Höschl, DrSc., MFF UK Praha

doc. RNDr. Jiří. Langer, CSc., MFF UK Praha

RNDr. Vladimír Dvořák, DrSc., FÚ AV ČR Praha

prof. RNDr. Josef Humlíček, CSc., PŘF MU Brno

prof. Ing. Karel Vokurka, DrSc., PdF TU Liberec

prof. RNDr. Miroslav Hrabovský, DrSc., PŘF UP Olomouc

prof. RNDr. Jiří Tolar, DrSc., FJFI ČVUT Praha

Geography

doc. Šindler determined his membership, the working group has been completed at the meeting AC 05-04:

doc. Ing. Lena Halounová, CSc., FSV ČVUT Praha

doc. Ing. Václav Rapant, CSc., HGF VŠB TU Ostrava

doc. RNDr. Václav Toušek, CSc., PŘF UP Olomouc

doc. RNDr. Vít Voženílek, CSc., PŘF PU Olomouc

doc. RNDr. Jitka Rychtaříková, CSc., PŘF UK Praha

doc. RNDr. Jiří Anděl, CSc., PedF UJEP

prof. Ing. Aleš Čepek, CSc., FSV ČVUT Praha

doc. RNDr. Tadeusz Siwek, PŘF OU Ostrava

History

doc. PhDr. Lydia Petráňová, CSc., EÚ AV ČR Praha

prof. PhDr. Svatava Raková, CSc., FSV UK Praha

doc. PhDr. Vít Vlnas, PdF UK Praha
prof. Čornej, prof. Bůžek, doc. Budil, doc. Barteček determined their membership.

Medicine and Public Health

chairman prof. MUDr. Pravoslav Stránský, CSc., LF UK Hradec Králové
prof. MUDr. Josef Fusek, DrSc., FVZ UO Hradec Králové (vice-chairman)

subworking group for Medicine

prof. MUDr. Jan Bartoníček, DrSc., 3. LF UK Praha
prof. MUDr. Jiří Mačák, CSc., LF MU Brno
prof. PhDr. Jiří Mareš, CSc., LF UK Hradec Králové, člen AK
prof. MUDr. Bohuslav Ošťádal, DrSc., FGÚ AV ČR Praha
prof. MUDr. Vlastimil Ščudla, CSc., LF UP Olomouc
prof. MUDr. Jan Škrha, DrSc., 1. LF UK Praha
prof. MUDr. Jiří Vaněk, CSc., LF MU Brno
prof. MUDr. Martin Vízek, CSc., 2. LF UK Praha
prof. MUDr. Vladislav Třeška, DrSc., LF UK Plzeň
doc. Blažek determined his membership.

subworking group for Public Health

doc. MUDr. Staša Bartůňková, CSc., FTSV UK Praha
doc. MUDr. Svatopluk Býma, CSc., LF UK Hradec Králové
prof. RNDr. Lubomír Dobiáš, CSc., ZSF OU Ostrava
prof. MUDr. Jaroslav Opavský, CSc., FTK UP Olomouc
prof. Velemínský determined his membership.

Mathematics and Informatics

prof. Dr. Jan Krajíček, DrSc., MÚ AV ČR Praha
prof. Ing. František Plášil, DrSc., MFF UK Praha
prof. Smítal and prof. Wiedermann determined their membership.

Pedagogy, psychology and kinantropology

PhDr. Tomáš Urbánek, PhD., PSÚ AV ČR
doc. PhDr. Isabella Pavelková, CSc., PdF UK Praha
doc. Čermák and doc. Štech determined their membership.

Technical Sciences

chairman prof. Ing. Jan Uhlíř, CSc., FEL ČVUT Praha
prof. RNDr. Miroslav Liška, DrSc., FSI VUT Brno
prof. Dr. Ing. Jiří Sobota, Fachhochschule Wiesbaden
prof. Ing. Miroslav Tvrđý, DrSc., FMMI VŠB-TU Ostrava
doc. Mgr. Ing. Karel Chadt, CSc., Škoda Auto Mladá Boleslav
(AC members)
doc. Materna determined his membership, the working group has been completed at the meeting AC 05-04:
prof. Ing. Václav Přenosil, CSc., FEM UO Brno
prof. Ing. Jiří Šejnoha, DrSc., StavF ČVUT.

Military Sciences

doc. Ing. Petr Hajna, CSc., FEM UO Brno

prof. Ing. Ignác Hoza, CSc., FT UTB Zlín

doc. Ing. Miroslav Rousek, CSc., FLD MZLU Brno

doc. MUDr. Svatopluk Býma, CSc., LF UK Hradec Králové

prof. Golián, doc. Křížan, doc. Zemánek, doc. Příkryl determined their membership.

Agronomy, Forestry and Food Industry

prof. MVDr. Ing. Pavel Jelínek, DrSc., AF MZLU Brno

prof. Ing. Pavel Tlustoš, CSc., AF ČZU Praha

Ing. Jaromír Kubát, CSc., VÚRV Praha

prof. Procházka, prof. Kozák, doc. Vrkoč determined their membership.

Chemistry:

prof. Pačes determined his membership.

Composition of permanent work group - members representing

Year	Universities	Academy of Sciences CR	Other institutions	Foreign members	Total
1999	146	21	19	9	186
2000	171	20	14	6	205
2001	171	20	15	5	205
2002	166	21	15	6	208
2003	172	21	13	6	206
2004	176	21	14	5	211

3. AC meeting in the year 2004

3.1 Statistical data of the meetings

AC Meetings	Venue	No. of AC members attending
10-11 February	Pelhřimov	17
6-7 April	Pelhřimov	19
15-16 June	Blansko	19
5-6 September	Medlov	17
30 November-1 December	Konopiště	20

Applications for State Permission

A total of 98 applications had been submitted to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport by the end of the year 2004. Thereof 8 setting up of university-level institutions; the other applicants aimed at non-university higher education institutions. The AC by the end of the year discussed 94 applications, recommending 38 of them for state approval and for accreditation of the relevant study programs, 33 were not recommended. In the course of the application process, a total of 22 applicants withdrew their applications and 5 applications are at various stages of negotiation.

Applications on the agenda in the year 2004:

The AC recommended for state permission:

Newton College se sídlem v Brně (s.r.o.)/ Newton College in Brno, Ltd.(2nd application)
 Vysoká škola logistiky Přerov (o.p.s.)/ The College of Logistics, p.u. (3rd application)
 Vysoká škola zdravotní Praha (o.p.s.)/ Institute of Public Health Prague, p.u.
 Brno International Business School (a.s.)

The AC did not recommend for state permission:

EUROPEON České Budějovice (a.s.) (Inc.) (4th application)
 Vysoká škola obchodní a hotelová se sídlem v Brně (s.r.o.)/ Institute of Trade and Hotels, p.u.

Number of applications submitted in 2003	6
Number of applications discussed by the AC	6
Legal form of companies under discussion Inc./Ltd/non-profit-making Comp.	2/2/2
Agreement/disagreement with the granting of state approval	4/2
Regional representation of negotiated applications	Prague Region-1, Brno Region-3, Olomouc Region-1, České Budějovice Region-1.

• **Accreditation of Study Programs discussed in 2004**

Applications	Doctoral Study Program		Master's Study Program/Follow-up Master's Study Program		Bachelor Study Program	
	approval	non-approval	approval	Higher Educ. Institutions (HEI)	approval	non-approval
Higher Educ. Institutions (HEI)						
Accreditation	20	1	4/53	0/5	79	20
Prolonged Accreditation	7	0	98/41	0/0	83	0
Extension of accreditation	15	0	33/43	1/0	77	13
(proposal of restriction of accreditation) +	4		28/3		15	

Professional HEI& Universities acc. § 81					9	0
Universities & Institutes of the Academy of Sciences acc. § 81	22	0				

AC has proposed restrictions while prolonging accreditation in the case of some programs.

- 46 applications for accrediting the fields of appointment proceedings for associate professors or the appointment of professors were discussed.

	appointment proceedings for associate professors	appointment proceedings for professors	Total
recommended	24	19	43
For 4 years	10	7	17
For 8 years	14	12	26
non-recommended	1	2	3

3.2. Information from the AC meetings

The issues “Accreditation of Study Programs”, “Applications for Extension of Accreditation”, “Accreditation of the Fields of Habilitation and Appointment Proceedings” and “Miscellaneous” were on the agenda of all AC meetings in 2004.

From Agenda of Meeting 01-04:

- application for the state permission - EUROPEON Hluboká n. Vltavou (a.s.)
- application for the state permission - Vysoká škola logistiky Přerov (o.p.s.)
- evaluation of the accredited activities - Vysoká škola mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů Praha (o.p.s)
- application for accreditation of the master study program - Vysoká škola Jana Ámose Komenského (s.r.o.) Praha
- application for the state permission - NEWTON College Brno (a.s.)

Conclusions:

- The AC, among others, has not approved the state permission to Europeon Hluboká n. Vltavou and NEWTON College Brno, has on the contrary approved the state permission to Vysoká škola logistiky Přerov and the accreditation of the master study program to Vysoká škola Jana Ámose Komenského (s.r.o.) Praha.

Conclusions from the evaluation of the accredited activities on the Vysoká škola mezinárodních a veřejných vztahů Praha (o.p.s)/ Institute of International and Public Relations in Prague, p.u./VSMVV/

- *On basis of submitted documents and regarding the results of the visit has AC arrived to conclusion that VSMVV fulfills the conditions connected with the accreditation of its study program and of both accredited study branches.*
- *AC deems necessary that the VSMVV before submitting the application for the reaccreditation of the current study program (or accreditation of some new activities) has to improve the staff, which would create a real perspective for the provision of the accredited activities with full-time qualified teachers for all the period of the accreditation and makes possible other development of the school.*
- *AC also considers necessary the building up of the library with adequate equipment, which would be satisfactorily accessible for the students.*
- *AC also emphasize the importance of corresponding study materials and recommends to create a space and motivation for the inventive work and qualification increase by internal teachers.*

From Agenda of Meeting 02-04:

- Evaluation of activities of the Literární Akademie J. Škvoreckého Praha/ The Writers's Academy of Josef Škvorecký
- Evaluation of accredited activities of the Středočeský vysokoškolský institut Kladno/ Institute of Central Bohemia (ICB)
- The application of the minister of defense in coincidence with prepared University of Defense.

Conclusions:

AC among others approved the application of the minister of defense in coincidence with prepared University of Defense consisting of the dissolution of the Faculty of Command and Staff of the Military Academy in Brno and of the setting up of the Faculty of Military Health of Purkyně Military Academy in Hradec Králové.

Adopted conclusions and recommendations concerning the evaluation of the Literární akademie J. Škvoreckého/ The Writers's Academy of Josef Škvorecký:

It is possible to state the The Writers's Academy has fulfilled its promises mentioned in the application for the state permission and for the accreditation of the study program. Despite of the considerable teachers exchange has the school at average maintained the level of staff as well as the content of majority of the study branches declared in the beginning.
Recommendations:

1. *To prepare the application for accreditation of a structured study program by course of amending act on higher education institutions, in which a non-structured master study program is admitted only in exceptional and justified cases (Art. 5 of the Act No.147/2001 Coll.) In reference to the type of the study program the AC does not find any valuable reason for such an exception.*
2. *To consider carefully the study program subdivision consisting of the study branches and their profiles in the framework of preparation of the structured study program. The AC considers the combination of a common bachelor program with some specialized branches within the follow-up master's study program the most proper option. Such an option corresponds to a larger number of common subjects in the framework of the whole program, on the*

other hand it makes possible the specialization of students within the study branches of the follow-up master studies.

- 3. To increase the number of internal teachers, which enables to share better their administrative and organizational tasks.*
- 4. To increase the staff qualification (venium docendi, Ph.D.) mainly of those who teach the theoretical subjects. To elaborate the perspective of the staff provision of the teaching after leaving the actual staff in retiring age.*
- 5. To reinforce the staff provision of the study branch „Interactive media“.*
- 6. To pay attention in advance to the preparation of the state examinations (in compliance with the valid accreditation) and to the offer of the themes of thesis, which have to correspond with the master studies level.*
- 7. In sense of paragraph 85, Art. 1 of the Act \no 111/1999 Coll. the AC asks for the reduction of the number of students with the individual study plan, which cannot be replaced for the combined form of studies (non accredited). The school has to refer about this reduction by October 1, 2004. AC pointed out that the conditions of the accreditation, which have been given to a daily form of studies only, have to be adhered.*

AC asks the LA for submitting a report about the above recommendations within 12 months (except the point no. 7), so far will not be submit sooner the application for a structured study program.

Conclusions and recommendations from evaluation of accredited activities on Institute of Central Bohemia (ICB):

- 1. ICB does not fulfill the specifications associated with accreditation of its study program at the moment. Personal resources represent a serious problem for guaranteed instruction. Personal resources of ICB does not meet at the moment the minimal standards required by AC for this type of study programs.*
- 2. Creative and professional activities of ICB do not meet the requirements of the Act on Higher Education Institution as well.*
- 3. Profile and shortness of library funds does not comply with requirements of the bachelor studies.*
- 4. Regarding the ascertained serious deficiencies by assurance of accredited activities on ICB suggest AC to limit accreditation of bachelor study program “Economy and Management” with study branches “Economy and business administration”, “Marketing”, “Business Economics and Management” provided by ICB.*
- 5. AC appeal to ICB to put forward report on betterment in ascertained deficiencies until December 31, 2004*

From Agenda of Meeting 03-04:

- Awarding of follow-up master study program accreditation for Private College of Economical Studies / Soukromá vysoká škola ekonomických studií Praha/
- Request of Palacky University in Olomouc for cancellation of accreditation limitation for study program on Faculty of Law.
- Application for awarding of accreditation and the state permission for College of Nursing and Midwifery / Vysoká škola zdravotnická, o.p.s./
- Evaluation of Faculty of Economics and Public Administration (University of Economics, Prague) activity.

Conclusions:

AC has agreed i.a. with awarding of state permission for College of Nursing and Midwifery in Prague, has agreed with cancellation of accreditation limitation for master program *Law* on Faculty of Law, Palacky University in Olomouc and has not agreed with accreditation of follow-up master program on Private College of Economic Studies in Prague.

Accepted conclusions and recommendations by the evaluation activities on Faculty of Economics and Public Administration (University of Economics, Prague /UEP/):

1. Recommendations to the bachelor and master study programs:

- ◆ *Consider the structure of exemplary study plan (hereafter only „SP“) and chances to choose theoretical subjects, increase the number of practical skills forming subjects for bachelor study students.*
- ◆ *Appoint competent subjects on the basis of clear set aim of SP, increase their hour grant and increase their instruction of practical trainings and seminars.*
- ◆ *regarding the declared object - switch-over to the structured study - carry out the innovation of existing study branches profiles corresponding with intention of changes in students preparation in both, bachelor and master studies.*
- ◆ *Consider adjustment of credit system on the basis of study duty by subjects in existing SP or branch.*
- ◆ *Vitalize the activity of accreditation commission on UEP and attain the subject sequence corresponding to the system of structured study.*
- ◆ *Set the rules for content structure of diploma works.*

2. Recommendations to the doctoral study programs:

- ◆ *Dissertation themes and respective tutors should be approved in the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration on UEP.*
- ◆ *Reach for better quality and aims by dissertations.*
- ◆ *Care for originality of dissertation results and for quality by their publishing.*
- ◆ *Revise the profiles of the doctoral study graduates.*
- ◆ *Treat the termination of the doctoral studies which started in the years of 1997 and 1998 and still has not finished. (internal instruction – termination of the study up to 5 years)*
- ◆ *4 doc. and 4 prof. from the tutors body have finished their employment, there should be found an adequate compensation for the dissertations leading.*
- ◆ *Control the documentation by finished doctoral studies, especially in the area of opponent reports, which were not accounted in ascertained cases.*

3. Recommendations to habilitation procedure and to the procedure for the appointment of a professor:

- ◆ *confront the level of publishing activity and the level of habilitation procedure and procedure for the appointment of a professor for study programs containing branches from economical area*
- ◆ *create a comparable criteria within the frame of these branches.*

- ◆ *appoint recognized foreign journal and the number of article as the basic criterion for proving the scientific qualification of experts aspiring on habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of a professor.*

4. Recommendation to the scientific-scholarly and other creative activity:

- ◆ *In compliance with the treatment of research intention on the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of UEP should be improved the quality of publishing activity of academic staff on the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of UEP.*
- ◆ *Create a quality assurance system for academic experts, which would contain, except other criteria, also extend and quality of their publications and grant efficiency.*

AC ask the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of UEP to put forth the report, how it coped with mentioned recommendations until 12 months (if there will not be sooner the application for reaccreditation of existing study programs.)

From Agenda of Meeting 04-04:

- Assignment of the type of the College of Polytechnics, Jihlava and University of Defence, Brno /Univerzita obrany Brno/
- application for the state permission of Vysoká škola obchodní a hotelová Brno
- Study on the branches and other dislocated institutes of the higher education institutions.
- Evaluation of the accredited activities on the Prague Institute of Technology- (PTI) /Pražský technologický institut, o.p.s./
- applications for the state permission for Brno International Business School
- fulfillment of recommendations and conclusions of AC from evaluation of European Polytechnic Institute in Kunovice / Evropský polytechnický institute, s.r.o./

Conclusions:

AC has assigned type of the College of Polytechnics, Jihlava as non-university one whereas University of Defense as university one. Next AC disagreed with granting state permission for Vysoká škola obchodní a hotelová, Brno and has approved state permission for Brno International Business School.

Particular members of AC have received information about study on branches and other dislocated institutes of the higher education institutions for additional elaboration.

Conclusions to the study on branches:

- 1. Questionnaire for evaluation of accredited activities of the higher education institutions or faculties and activities of higher education institutions will be increased of problems of branches or other forms of dislocated institutes.*
- 2. Further will be the questionnaire extended to question of nostrifications of education from foreign higher education institution.*
- 3. AC starts dealing with Slovak AC about problems of branches of Czech higher education institutions in Slovakia and branches of Slovak higher education institution in Czech Republic.*

Conclusions from evaluation of accredited activities of PTI Praha:

- 1. PTI does not fulfill the conditions associated with accreditation of its study program. Personal resources represent the most serious problem, they do not meet the minimal standards required by AC, the subjects of theoretical base of bachelor program should be guaranteed mostly by academic experts employed at least on 0.7 work loads. This deficiency makes it difficult to create higher education milieu with everyday contact of teachers with students. Also the current age structure of pedagogical board is unsatisfactory, so that study program is not assured for standard study duration.*
- 2. The deficiencies in personal resources (lack of qualified experts employed at least on 0.7 work load) result in insufficient own research and creative activity of PTI. This activity is realized by those experts mostly on the institutions they are working in main employment.*
- 3. PTI, regarding to focus on environmental problems, still does not have own specialized laboratory for instructing the subjects, which require such equipment. This deficiency does not solve every year one week laboratory lease from VŠB-TU Ostrava.*
- 4. Structure and shortness of own school library funds are insufficient as well.*

Regarding to ascertained serious insufficiencies by quality assurance of accredited activities of PTI Praha AC recommends to limit accreditation of bachelor study program “Engineering Ecology” with study branches “Environmental Preservation”, “Transport and Environment” and “Civil Engineering and Environment” realized by PTI Praha.

Conclusions to control report put forth by EPI Kunovice 2004

1. EPI meet in principle the conditions connected with accreditation.
2. AC starts dealing with Slovak AC about master study program realized on EPI as on a branch of Slovak higher education institution.

From Agenda of Meeting 05-04:

- Evaluation of Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Pardubice and Faculty of Informatics and Management, University of Hradec Králové.
- SUPS and VOŠ Turnov & VŠCHT in Prague, Faculty of Chemical Technology – accreditation according article 81
- Application for accreditation of follow-up master program on STING Academy
- Evaluation of accredited activities of VŠMIE Praha.

Conclusions:

AC has agreed i.a. with accreditation of SUPŠ and VOŠ Turnov & VŠCHT in Prague, Faculty of Chemical Technology according to article 81, has not agreed with accreditation of follow-up master study program on STING Academy

Conclusions and recommendations for Faculty of Informatics and Management on University of Hradec Králové.

AC has come to the conclusion that Faculty of Informatics and Management has underdone a positive development since 1999 and in the majority of evaluated areas has in elapsed time solved many problems which accompanied its initial development. This statement refers to educational and scholarly-research activities. The area of personal resources has shown out

a positive tendency as well, though there are still existing considerable problems. As example may serve the fact that there are 120 students on one professor or assistant professor in main employment. Faculty of Informatics and Management fulfills the stated aims on adequate level and meets the conditions connected with accreditation of branches provided by Faculty.

AC has come by general evaluation of strong and weak points of Faculty of Informatics and Management activities to the following recommendations for the management of university and faculty:

- 1. To continue in quality improvement of faculty pedagogical body with respect to the strategic objects which the Faculty of Informatics and Management has set in the area of education quality improvement, especially with regards to high number of students compared to number of professors and docents.*
- 2. To complete the graduate profile of the branches run by faculty, insert a concrete job specification where can its graduates find the use.*
- 3. To strive after a further improvement and more equable spread of scholarly-research and publishing activities on the faculty (increase a publishing portion in the journals with "impact" factor and a number of monographs).*
- 4. To complete the quality assurance system of the external quality assurance by taught subjects and consider, if in the system of feed back not to come over to the practice where all the students may every semester express themselves to the quality of study subjects.*

Conclusions and recommendations for Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Pardubice

AC has come to the conclusion, that Faculty of Economics and Administration had since 1999 undergone a positive development and in the majority of evaluated areas had within passed five years period set right the ascertained deficiencies. This statement covers the educational as well as scholarly-research activities. The area of personal resources has undergone the positive development too, though there are still existing problems on this field. Faculty of Economics and Administration fulfills the defined objects on adequate level and meets the conditions associated with accreditation of branches taught by faculty.

In the general appraisal of strong and weak points in the activities of the Faculty of Informatics and Administration has AC resolved upon following recommendations for university and faculty management:

- 1. To continue in the improvement of faculty academic staff with respect to strategic goals, which the Faculty of Informatics and Management sets in the area of education quality improvement, especially with regards to high number of students compared to number of professors and docents and with regards to the need for gradual substitution of retiring professors by young perspective experts with scholarly-pedagogical awards. In this respect deserves a special attention the situation on the Institute for Public Administration and Law.*
- 2. To strive after a further improvement and more equable spread of scholarly-research and publishing activities on the faculty (increase a publishing portion in the journals with "impact" factor and a number of monographs).*
- 3. To create an incentive system challenging students to study at least two foreign languages, in which they would be able to communicate orally as well as in writing.*
- 4. To complete the quality assurance system of the external quality assurance by taught subjects and consider, if in the system of feed back not to come over to the practice*

where all the students may every semester express themselves to the study subject quality.

5. Study plans in bachelor and master study program should be in the future work out with regard to better logic sequence of particular subjects from the area of juridical disciplines.

Conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation of CMIE in Prague:

1. College of Managerial Informatics and Economics fulfills the conditions associated with its study program accreditation. The graduate profile of the study branch "Manager Informatics" is to be considered especially with respect to the name of the branch.
2. Personal resources of the College of Managerial Informatics and Economics fulfill at the moment minimal standards required by AC, which means that the subject of theoretical base in the bachelor program should be guaranteed mainly by academic experts with the employment on the higher education institution at least 0.7 of the total. AC though insists on increase of the number of teachers in the productive age employed on more than 0.7 of the total employment. The special attention is to be paid to the recent age structure of the pedagogical body and to their qualification growth. These recommendations are valid especially for Cathedra of Informatics which is without docents or professors at the moment.
3. The library fund of the college library is relatively limited and includes a number of wholly improper titles. On its equipment is to be worked constantly.

AC with respect to the above mentioned ascertained deficiencies appeal to CMIE to improve them in the sense of article 85 sent. 1 of the Higher education institution act and to put forth the report on realized changes within a year.

On the AC sessions in the year 2004 have similarly as in previous years took regularly part representatives of MEYS, Council of Higher Education Institution and Czech Rectors' Conference.

4. Proceeding of work groups in the year 2004

4.1 Proceeding of constant work groups

Constant work groups have exercised their activities according to course of action, which has been lately approved in connection with modified Status and they gathered on regularly sessions, generally one or two weeks before AC session. Some of the work group sessions has been ensured by Secretary of AC and sat on MEYS.

4.2. Proceeding of AC purpose work groups

AC has approved the composition of the purpose work groups for the following higher education institutions:

Pražský technologický institut Praha: Miroslav Liška - chairman, Petr Richter, Jan Uhlíř, Oldřich Pytela. The conclusions were approved on session 04-04. (see above)

Vysoká škola manažérské informatiky a ekonomiky Praha: Jan Uhlíř - chairman, Petr Richter, Miroslav Ivánek, Jan Pour. The conclusions were approved on session 05-04 (see above).

On the session 03-04 has AC appointed the following purpose work groups for evaluation of:

- Theological faculties and International Baptist Theological Seminary: Jan Štěpán - chairman, Jiří Mareš, Jiří Buriánek (last-named was supplied by Vladimíra Dvořáková on session 04-04). Conclusions will be passed on session 01-05.
- Faculty of Informatics and Management, University of Hradec Králové: Milan Sojka – chairman, Jan Uhlíř, Jan Pour
- Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Pardubice: Milan Sojka – chairman, Dušan Hendrych, Jaromír Veber. Conclusions from the evaluation of both faculties were passed on AC session 05-04 (see above)

On the session 05-04 has AC imposed an evaluation of Institutus restaurování a konzervačních technik Litomyšl. Purpose work group for evaluation of this school was appointed in the following composition: Vladimír Tichý – chairman, Petr Kratochvíl, Jiří Kotalík, Lubomír Slavíček, Zora Grohmanová. Conclusion will be passed on some of the spring session 2005.

5. Miscellaneous

- **Foreign activities of the AC.**

AC member Pravoslav Stránský has prepared report for session of NCFMEA (National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation) on March 8 and 9, 2004 in Washington in connection with accreditation of our Faculties of Medicine in U.S.A. Committee has required the complete information until June, 15. On its session on September, 16 and 17 has Committee approved the complete materials and declared that accreditation standards and processes concerning faculties of medicine in Czech Republic are comparable with those in U.S.A. for following 6 years.

Milan Sojka took part on proceeding in Paris relating to quality assurance in the higher education within the frame of UNESCO.

Secretariat of the A.C. organized in October, 23 and 24, 2004 a plenary session of CEEN (Central and Eastern Europe Network). Proceeding was led by president of CEEN and vice-president of A.C. Milan Sojka. The following A.C. members took part on the workshop “*Convergence and divergence in quality assurance systems. The CEE contribution to the European higher education area*”: Alena Macurová, Vladimíra Dvořáková, Petr Hájek and Jan Uhlíř.

Vice-chairman of A.C took part on annual ENQA (European Network for Quality Assurance) session in Stockholm and exceptional session of ENQA in November, 4 in Frankfurt.

Jan Uhlíř, Alena Winterová and secretary of A.C. have on December, 6, 2004 negotiated with representatives of Slovak Accreditation Commission on MEYS.

- **Some trends from accreditation applicants perspective.**

The number of applicants for joint accreditation of public higher education institution and higher professional schools in compliance with article 81 of Higher Education Act has increased compared to previous years. On the contrary has decreased the number of applicants for state permission to function as private higher education institution, for accreditation of branches of habilitation procedures and procedures for the appointment of professors and for accreditation of continuous master study programs.

- **Some trends from perspective of A.C. activities.**

In connection with decrease of accreditation application number, its prolonging or extension, pay A.C. compared to years 1999-2003 more attention to evaluation of accredited activities by groups of faculties and private higher education institution with the same focus and further to general evaluation of private higher education institutions.

The amount of A.C. foreign activities in the frame of ENQA and other concerned panel successively grows and will grow in the context of European higher education area and quality assurance in it.