

APQN Annual Academic Conference (AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024

26th - 29th September 2024, St. Petersburg, Russia

Quality Assurance and Global Tertiary Education: Navigating Challenges and Embracing Innovation

Organizer: The Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN)

Local Host: Russian Register Certification Association, Russia

Conference Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Russia

D a y 1	Thursday, Sep 26th, 2024 Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	
T i m e	Pre-conference Events	
13.00-16.00	Registration	Registration Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Conference Hall Turgenev Chair: Local Organizer, Russian Register, Russia
16:00 - 16:30	The Finance Committee Meeting	The Finance Committee Meeting Topic: 2024 Finance Report and 2025 Budget Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Conference Hall Turgenev Participants: All the Members of APQN Finance Committee Chair: Chair of the Finance Committee: Prof. Galina Motova
16.30-17.30	The 1 st Board Meeting	The 1st Board Meeting in 2024 Topic: 2023 Annual Report and Preparation of 2024 AAC & AGM Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Conference Hall Turgenev Participants: 1) all Board Directors of the 7 th Board; 2) the local organizer (RR); 3) special guest(s) from the host of 2024 AAC. Chair: APQN Board Director, Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, Dr. Timur Kanapyanov
17:30 - 18:30	APQR Council Meeting	APQR Council Meeting Topic: APQR Report in 2023 and Plan for 2024 Participants: all the members of APQR Council Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Conference Hall Turgenev Chair: APQR Chairperson, Dr. Jagannath Patil
18:30 - 19:15	APQL Council Meeting	APQL Council Meeting 1) all members of APQL Council and APQN Secretariat; 2) special guest(s) from the RR, Aleksandra Zvezdova and Olga Safonkina Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, Conference Hall Turgenev Chair: APQL Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang

Day 2	Friday, Sep 27th, 2024		
	Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER		
	Conference Day 1		
8:00 - 9:00	Registration for the APQN 2024 Conference Venue: Open Space Before Auditorium		Chairperson
9:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony	<p align="center">Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy"</p> <p>8:50 - 9:00 Invitees take their seats</p> <p>1. Welcome Remark and Theme Address by APQN President: Prof. Galina Motova (Russia) (15 min.)</p> <p>2. Welcome Remarks by General Director of the Certification Association "Russian Register": Arkady Vladimirtsev (Russia) (10 min.)</p> <p>3. Recorded Welcome Speech by Genady Voronin, President of Russian Organization for Quality (ROQ), National Partner of Asian Networks for Quality - ANQ (10 min.)</p> <p>4. Release of the Anthology of 2023 AAC Selected Papers by AIUB and APQN Board members (5 min)</p> <p>10:00 End of opening Ceremony</p>	<p>Master of Ceremony and Commentator: Irina Dolgikh, Head of the International Activities Department at the Certification Association "Russian Register"</p>
10:00 - 10:20		<p>Group Photograph: Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy"</p>	
10:20 - 10:40	Morning Tea Break: Open Space Before Auditorium		
Time	Keynote Speeches; Plenary Sessions 1-4 Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy"		
10:40 - 11:40	Keynote 1	<p>Keynote Topic 1: QA for Cross-Border Higher Education: International Standards, Challenges and Solutions</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 1: Dr. Wesley Teter, Senior Consultant for the Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok)</p>	<p>Chair and Commentator: Ms. Umankulova Onolkan, APQN Board Director, President of the Agency for Quality Assurance in the Field of Education "EdNet", Kyrgyz Republic</p>
11:40 - 12:30		<p>Keynote Topic 2: Transforming Engineering Education: Modern Strategies for Quality Assurance and Emerging Trends</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 2: Dr. Aleksei Kurlov, Head of the Educational Programmes Department, Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography (MIIGAiK), Russia</p>	
12:30 - 14:00	Buffet Lunch: Restaurant-Poema		

14:00 - 15:20	Plenary Session 1	<p>Topic of Plenary Session 1: QA for Cross-Border Higher Education: International Standards, Challenges and Solutions</p> <p>Panel Speakers:</p> <p>1. <i>Striving for Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region: A Qualitative Research on APQN 20th Anniversary Celebration</i> by Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang from Yunnan University, China</p> <p>2. <i>Joint Accreditation as an Instrument of Enhancement of Quality Assurance Policies</i> by Dr. Oksana Tanikova from National Centre for Public Accreditation (NCPA), Russia</p> <p>3. <i>Innovative Activities of HEIs as the Basis for the Developing a New APQN Quality Label (APQL)</i> by Aleksandra Zvezdova, Olga Safonkina, Arkady Vladimirtsev, Evgeniya Korneva from Certification Association "Russian Register", Russia</p> <p>4. <i>"Lens" Approaches Based on the Model EFQM 2020 to Assess QA Systems in Education</i> by Dr. Anatoly Safonov, Director ROQ Center for Expert Programs, Chief Manager Excellence Model Department from Russian Organization for Quality, National Partner of Asian Networks for Quality, Russia</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy"</p>	<p>Chair and Commentator: Ms. Umankulova Onolkan, APQN Board Director, President of the Agency for Quality Assurance in the Field of Education "EdNet", Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>- 5-min.intro. in total -1 presenter: 12-min. - 10-min. Q&A in total</p>
15:20- 15:40	Afternoon Tea Break: Open Space Before Auditorium		
15:40 - 16:30	Plenary Session 2	<p>Topic of Plenary Session 2: QA in Higher Education Institutions and Embracing Digitalization for QA: Innovations and Future Trends</p> <p>1. <i>Online Courses Quality Assurance Based on International Standards: SPbSEU Experience</i> by Dr. Yulia Kiseleva, Prof. Veronika Shubayeva, Daniil Antoshechkin from St. Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia</p> <p>2. <i>Quality Assurance in the Digital Age: Charting New Paths for Global Tertiary Education</i> by Dr. Vishnu Mahesh K R, Dr. N. R. Mohan from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), India</p> <p>3. <i>Effects of Input, Management, and Process on Student Outcomes: A Structural Equation Modeling of Undergraduate Study Program Accreditation in Indonesia</i> by Prof. Muchlas Samani, Prof. Aceng Hasani, Prof. Sofia Hartati, Prof. Pratiwi Retnaningdyah, Prof. Ekohariadi from Accreditation Council for Education (ACE), Indonesia</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy"</p>	<p>Chair and Commentator: Prof. Nadia Badrawi, President of ANQAHE, Member of Advisory Board of CIQG& NARIC-TNE, Prof. Emeritus of Pediatrics Cairo University, Egypt</p> <p>- 5-min.intro. in total -1 presenter: 15-min. - 10-min. Q&A in total</p>
		Afternoon Tea Break: Open Space Before Auditorium	
16.30-20.00	Networking time	Networking time for the participants	

20:00-23:00	Gala Dinner	<p>Venue: Conference Hall “Tolstoy”</p> <p>APQN Quality Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner</p>	<p>Commentator:</p> <p>1) Dr. Olga Safonkina, Associate to Vice Rector for International Cooperation, Ogarev National Research State University, RR Member of IAB - Master of the Ceremony from the host</p> <p>2) Prof. Dr. Galina Motova, APQN President</p>
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Day 3 :	<p>Saturday, Sep 28th, 2024</p> <p>Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER</p> <p>Conference Day 2 and Parallel Sessions</p>		
Time	Parallel Sessions 1-3		
09:00 -11:00	Parallel Sessions 1-2	<p>Session 1 – Conference Hall “Chekhov”</p> <p>Sub-theme 1: QA for Cross-Border Higher Education: International Standards, Challenges and Solutions</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Umankulova Onolkan, APQN Board Director, President of the Agency for Quality Assurance in the Field of Education “EdNet”, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How Accreditation Impacts Qualification Recognition by Anna Ishutkina from National Centre for Public Accreditation (NCPA), Russia Understanding Academic Integrity: Stakeholders’ Perspective by Marina Kurdiymova from National Centre for Public Accreditation (NCPA), Russia The EFQM Model as a Tool for Innovative Development of MPEI by Ilya Rusakov from National Research University “MPEI”, Russia World Population Trends and Quality Higher Education by Prof. Dalkhat Ediev from North-Caucasian State Academy, Russia 	<p>Session 2 – Conference Hall “Dostoevsky”</p> <p>Sub-theme 2: Embracing Digitalization for QA and Enhancing Internal Quality Assurance of QAAs</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Oksana Tanikova, Deputy Head of the Accreditation Department, National Centre for Public Accreditation (NCPA), Russia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digitalization to Improve Quality: Innovations and Prospects by Natalia Ivanova from IPR MEDIA Group, Russia, Vita Kutueva as a presenter The Challenges to Improve On-time Graduation as An Internal Audit Findings by Dr. Yudha Nurhantari from Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Quality Quest Alongside Data Management in Higher Education Institutes with Digital Frontier by Dr. Raghu Ram Achar, Dr. Supreeth M, Dr. Prashant M Vishwanath, Dr. Madhusudhan N Purohit from JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, India The System of Internal Quality Assurance Agency for the Assessment of

		<p>5. Internal System for Assessment of Quality of Educational Activities: Content, Structure, Key Tools (Case UNECON) by Prof. Shubaeva Veronika, Shapovalova Irina from Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics, Russia</p> <p>6. The Role of Information Technology in the Internal Quality Assessment System of Universities by Yulia Bogomolova from Institute of International Economic Relations, Russia</p>	<p>the Quality of Tertiary and Vocational Education from the Point of View of the Student Community by Kulebakina Yulia from LETI University, Russia</p> <p>5. To the Quality of Education Through the Formation of a Complex System for Evaluating the Activities of the University by Dr. Petropavlovskaya Victoria from Tver State Technical University, Russia</p> <p>6. Training of Highly Qualified Staff in Quality Management for the Purpose of Digitization by Dr. Golovina Elena from Irkutsk National Research Technical University and Maria Turovskaya as a presenter, Russia</p>
09:00 -11:00	Parallel Sessions 3	<p>Session 3 – Conference Hall “Tolstoy”</p> <p>Sub-theme 3: QA in Higher Education Institutions: Fostering Excellence in Teaching and Learning in all Stages of Life</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Olga Safonkina, Associate Vice Rector for International Cooperation, Ogarev National Research State University, RR Member of IAB, Russia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>1. Ensuring Excellence: Quality Assurance in Higher Education for Lifelong Teaching and Learning by Dr. Nayer Fardows from Forman Christian College (FCCU), Pakistan</p> <p>2. QA in Higher Education and Education in Foreign Language(s): Insights from RUDN University by Prof. Anastasia Atabekova from Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba, Russia</p> <p>3. Promotion of Quality in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutions: Case Study of Randomly Selected Colleges Accredited by NAAC Parameters by Dr. Vishnu Mahesh K R, Dr. Ruchi Tripathi from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), India</p> <p>4. Internal and External Quality Assurance in Russian Higher Education Institutions: Breaking the Chains of State Control? by Evgenii Puchkov, Szymon Jankiewicz, Nadezhda Knyaginina from HSE University, Russia</p> <p>5. The Peer-Review Approach in the Internal Quality Assurance System: The ITMO University Case by Kristina Tishkina from ITMO University, Russia</p> <p>6. Establishment and Development of the Russian-Chinese Institute: A Case Study in Collaborative Higher Education by Dr. Anatoly Lysyakov and Dr. Olga Safonkina from Ogarev Mordovia State University, Russia</p> <p>7. Quality Assurance and Teaching Learning in Higher Education by Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed from Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), Bangladesh</p>	
11:00-11:30		<p>Morning Tea breaks: Open Space Before Auditorium</p>	
11:30-12:30	Keynote 3	<p>Keynote topic 3: Practice and Prospect of the Construction of the ‘Five-in-One’ Higher Education Quality Assurance System with Chinese Characteristics</p> <p>Chair and Commentator: Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang, APQN fifth and sixth President, General Secretary of Yunnan Association of Higher Education (YAHE) & professor of Yunnan University</p>	

		<p>Keynote Speaker 3: Jiang He, Deputy Director of the Education Quality Evaluation Agency of MOE (EQEA), China</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall “Tolstoy”</p>
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12:30-14:00	Buffet Lunch: Restaurant-Poema	
14:00 -15:00	Keynote 4	<p>Keynote topic 4: <i>Opportunities and Risks of Using Artificial Intelligence in Quality Assurance</i></p> <p>Chair and Commentator: Dr. Timur Kanapyanov, APQN Board Director, IAAR Deputy General Director, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 4: Prof. Nadia Badrawi, , President of ANQAHE, Member of Advisory Board of CIQG& NARIC-TNE, Prof. Emeritus of Pediatrics Cairo University, Egypt</p> <p>Venue: Conference Hall “Tolstoy”</p>

15:00 - 16:00	Closing Session	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Session Venue: Conference Hall “Tolstoy”</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang, APQN Immediate Past President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announcement of the Next Host of 2025 AAC by APQN President and Presentation by the Local Host (15 min.) 2. Agreements, MoUs, etc. (10 min.) 3. Closing Remarks by the APQN Board Director, Chair of the Conference Programme Committee: Dr. Timur Kanapyanov (5 min.) 4. Comments, feedback, acknowledgements and survey (5 min.) <p>16:00 End of APQN Academic Conference (AAC) 2024</p>
16:00 - 16:20		<p>Venue: CORT INN ST-PETERSBURG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Afternoon Tea Break 2. Registration for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
16:20 - 17:10	Annual General Meeting (AGM)	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual General Meeting (AGM) Venue: Conference Hall “Tolstoy” (APQN members only)</p> <p>Chair: The APQN President: Prof. Galina Motova</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome to new members in 2024 by awarding the Certificates & their short introductions by APQN Secretariat (10 min.) 2. Report from APQN President by Prof. Galina Motova (15 min.) 3. Report on APQN finances by Chen Taohong (5 min.) 4. Report on APQR by Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang (5 min.) <p style="text-align: center;">17:10 End of Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p>

<p>17:10 - 18:00</p>	<p>The 2nd Board Meeting</p>	<p>The 2nd Board Meeting in 2024 Venue: Conference Hall "Tolstoy" Topic: The Sustainable Development of APQN Chair: The President of APQN: Prof. Galina Motova Participants: (1) All Board Directors of the 7th APQN Board (2024) (2) Special guest(s) from the host of 2025 AAC</p>
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Day 4: Sunday, Sep 29th, 2024

T i m e	Post-Conference Events
9 : 0 0 - 1 2 : 0 0	Guided City Tour of St. Petersburg, Russia for Participants Who Signed Up

Notes: The AAC and Excursion are open to all participants while AGM is for APQN members only.

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