

NUIM Review Team



Prof Simon van Heyningen

Prof Simon van Heyningen, Honorary Fellow & Emeritus Professor, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, (20th THES World Ranked University 2009) - Review Chair

- Vice Principal at the University of Edinburgh, 2003-2009
- Director of Quality Assurance at the University of Edinburgh 1998-2009
- QAA Reviewer
- Chair of the HEA (Higher Education Academy) Senior Fellowship Committee
- Auditor for the Council for HE in South Africa
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE quality in 10 countries



Dr Jacques Lanares

Dr Jacques Lanares, Vice Rector for the Development of Teaching and Quality, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (168th THES World Ranked University 2009)

- Responsible for institutional quality of L&T
- Chair of the Swiss HE Quality network (IUAQC equiv.)
- EUA Expert (undertaken 6 IEP Evaluations between 2006-2008)
- AERES Expert (undertaken 2 Institutional Evaluations in 2009)
- World Bank consultant in QA at the University of Montenegro & Macedonia)
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE quality in 10 countries)



Prof Roger Downer

Professor Roger Downer, Former President, University of Limerick, Ireland

- President of the University of Limerick (UL), 1998-2006
- Former President of the Asian Institute of Technology
- Former Vice President, University of Waterloo
- Chair of review panels at four Canadian Universities
- Established the UL Quality Office and met with UL Academic and Non-Academic Review Teams (until 2006)
- Former director of two NASDAQ listed companies
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE in 7 countries



Dr Christiane Gaehtgens

Dr Christiane Gaehtgens, Consultant specialising in governance and quality assurance for universities and research institutes, Germany

- Former Secretary General of the German Rectors' Conference
- Former Secretary General Research Council for Lower Saxony
- Director of DAAD London, Head of the DAAD North America programmes
- Senior official in the German accreditation and quality assurance authority (HKO) responsible for reviews of German universities 2003-2008
- Senior benchmarking expert for the European Centre for Strategic management in Universities, Brussels
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE quality in 5 countries



Mr Bruno Carapinha

Mr Bruno Carapinha, University of Lisbon, Doctoral programme student in Political Science

- President of the EQAR (European QA Register) Executive Board
- Member of the European QA Forum (EQAF) Steering Committee
- ESU Executive Committee member & EUA Reviewer
- Held several student representative posts at institutional, national and European levels
- HETAC Pool of experts member – reviewed Sligo IoT (2008) and Letterkenny IoT (2009)
- Participated in numerous European conferences and seminars



Ms Tia Loukkola

Ms Tia Loukkola, Senior Programme Manager, European University Association (EUA) Brussels - Coordinating Reviewer

- Manages the EUA Institutional Evaluation programme
- Manages the annual European QA Forum
- Secretary to two IEP evaluation teams (in Bosnia Herzegovina and Portugal)
- Former Quality Manager, University of Turku, Finland