11th meeting of the Committee of the
Asia-Pacific UNESCO Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education

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The European* Network of National Information Centres (ENIC Network)

* UNESCO European and North America Region
Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC)  
57 countries (55 signatories)(53 ratifications) *

Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications...

The European Network of National Information Centres (The ENIC Network) (June 1994)

National Academic Recognition Information Centres (The NARIC Network)

* Status of LRC  
http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ChercheSig.asp?NT=165&CL=ENG
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- The ENIC Network,..., ...uphold(s) and assist(s) the practical implementation of the Convention by the competent national authorities. (Article X.3,2)

- Secretariat of the ENIC Network is entrusted jointly to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and to the Director-General of UNESCO
National Academic Recognition Information Centres (The NARIC Network)

- Created in 1984 by the European Commission (EC)
- Members: European Union and European Economic Area information centres
- Annually the NARICs elect a NARIC Advisory Board (NAB), the EC chairs the meetings
- All are members of the ENIC Network
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- Elects a President and two (2) Vice-Presidents (ENIC Bureau) annually, on a rotation basis)
- The ENIC Network give its opinion on all decisions to be considered by the Convention Committee
- At its annual meetings, the ENIC Network discusses topics related to the Convention
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- Working groups are established when necessary
- An ENIC-NARIC listserv was set up several years ago. Approximately 300 persons from the ENIC-NARIC Networks participate daily in electronic discussions
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An ENIC-NARIC Web site exists for credential assessors and the general public

http://www.enic-naric.net/

The Web site is managed by the Electronic Communication and Recognition committee (ELCORE) which reports to the ENIC Bureau/NAB
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- Each country lists on the Web site information on their
  - National Information Centres
  - National education bodies
  - System of education
  - University education
  - Quality Assurance in Higher Education
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- Post-secondary non-university education
- Recognized higher education institutions
- Policies and procedures for the recognition of qualifications
- Qualifications Framework
- Diploma Supplement Information
I would like to work or study abroad ...

I am a Credential Evaluator ...
UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions

This portal offers access to on-line information on higher education institutions recognized or otherwise sanctioned by competent authorities in participating countries.

It provides students, employers and other interested parties with access to authoritative and up-to-date information on the status of higher education institutions and quality assurance in these countries.

The country information on this portal is managed and updated by relevant authorities in participating countries. More information on the national processes for recognizing or otherwise sanctioning institutions is available on the country pages.

Users are encouraged to consult several sources of information before making important decisions regarding matters such as the choice of an institution, course of study or the status of qualifications. Individuals wishing to have their qualifications recognized for work or further study are advised to consult the competent authorities of the country in which they are seeking to have their qualifications recognised. It is also important to note that some institutions not on the national lists may offer quality programmes. Users are encouraged to contact the national contact point(s) for each country, if necessary, for further information.

List of Countries

- Africa
- Arab States
- Asia and the Pacific
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- Other ongoing discussions within the Networks
  - Diploma Supplement
  - Substantial Differences
  - Quality assurance in Higher Education Institutions
  - Qualifications Frameworks
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Two recent initiatives within the Networks

1. European Area of Recognition Manual (EAR Project) - Practical guidelines for fair recognition of qualifications

An initiative of 10 ENICs coordinated by the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education (Nuffic)

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2. Pan-Canadian Quality Standards in International Academic Credential Assessments

An initiative of the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC)

http://evaluation.cicic.ca/36/phase-ii.html
CONCLUSION

- Success of ENIC Network due to:
  - Support of UNESCO and the COE as Secretariats to the Network
  - Active participation of the European Commission and its NARIC Network
  - A strong ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board
  - Excellent communications (listserv and Web site)
  - Dedicated permanent staff
  - Annual meetings
QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION