

Quality Assurance: From Courses to Programmes

QA Support Group

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Welcome to our new members

Prof. Dr. Edward Pierzgalski, SGGW

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Some of our principles

- Standard development (university & programme level)
- Support to Subject Areas
- Fitness for purpose (competencies, learning outcome)
- Student participation
- Awareness raising
- Transparency
- Continuous enhancement

Some of our activities

- Evaluation of summer schools
- Development of quality criteria
- Capacities of teachers in teaching and learning
- Preparation of an accreditation proposal

Evaluation of summer schools 2005

1. European Field Excursion in Environmental Science, UHOH

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Evaluation of summer schools 2006

1. Natural Disaster Prevention and Reduction, CUA
2. Soil-Plant-Microbe Interactions, BOKU
3. Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts, UHOH
4. Organic livestock farming, UHOH
5. European Field Excursion in Environmental Science, SLU
6. Experimental Assessment of Changes in Soil Organic Matter Pools in Mountain Forests, BOKU

Evaluation of summer schools 2006

- Overall very good ratings
- Students' expectations not always met
- Language skills not always appropriate
- Uncertain recognition within home university degree programme
- Mid term evaluation as a valuable exercise
- External examiners only involved in 1 out of 6

2007: Quality Label

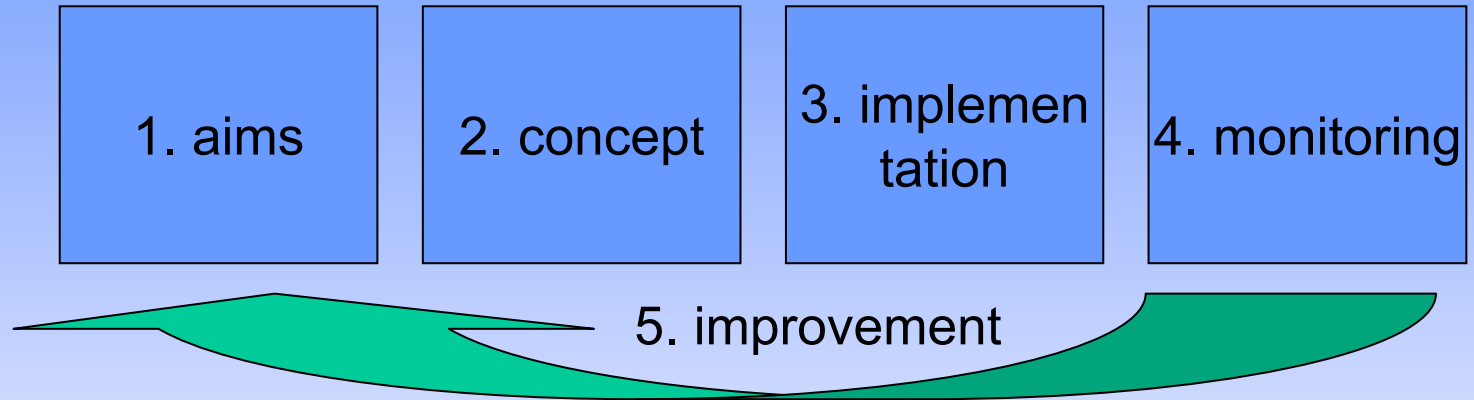
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2006 Project: Quality Criteria

- Collect, compare and analyse the existing national accreditation criteria for degree programmes and further criteria
- Develop quality criteria on a broad basis
- Realise a workshop to discuss and decide upon quality criteria for ELLS with the participation of all QA group members
- Elaborate recommendations for internal quality criteria for ELLS programmes

Curriculum development



1. Ensure that the objectives are explicit, valid and shared?
2. Ensure that the curriculum will achieve the stated objectives?
5. How does university ensure its capacity for improvement?

Curriculum

Criteria definition:

To assess essential elements of a Master programme, e.g.

- admission,
- thesis evaluation,
- learning outcomes,
- self assessment

Accreditation of joint Masters

- to assure compliance with standards
- transparency
- internal mobilisation & external assessment
- mutual commitment
- European trends: Europ. Consortium for Accreditation

Accreditation project 2007

1. Comparison of existing accreditation frameworks & criteria, focus: Life Sciences
2. Identification of crucial criteria for joint programmes
3. Case study: formal, legal, administrative and quality requirements
4. Develop standardised accreditation procedures for joint ELLS MSc. within the national accreditation agencies
5. → Co-operations with accreditation agencies, SA, study commissions, ECA

Thank you very much for your attention!

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