

Quality Assurance in Research – Ethics and Science

A DIES-Seminar by DAAD and ANQAHE

Cairo, May 26th – 27th, 2013

at

*Four Seasons Hotel – Cairo at Nile Plaza
1089, Corniche El Nil, Garden City 11519, Cairo, Egypt*

Quality Assurance plays a very important role not only in the higher education landscape in general but also in the national and international research community. For universities to play a recognizable role in the international arena, its researchers too have to compete and collaborate with counterparts in other universities, research institutions or companies. It is the role of quality assurance and assessment to make sure that a joint understanding of respective methodologies and standards exists.

The DIES/ANQAHE-Seminar “Quality Assurance in Research – Ethics and Science” pursues a twofold objective: Firstly, to discuss the underlying question what quality assurance actually implies in the field of research. Secondly, how respective structures and procedures can be set up, implemented and monitored.

Sunday, May 26th

8.30 am Registration (Foyer)

9.00 am **Words of Greeting** (Nile Room)

Prof. Dr. Nadia Badrawi, President, Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE), Egypt

Dr. Michael Harms, Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Egypt

9.15 am **Welcome Note** (Nile Room)

H.E. Prof. Dr. Nadia Zakhary, Egyptian Minister of Scientific Research

Dr. Ahmed Abdul-Aziz, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Higher Education

Dr. Kai Boeckmann, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy Cairo

9.30 am **Programme Introduction** (Nile Room)

Mona Ayoub, Deputy Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Egypt

A brief introduction into the programme and the set-up of the first conference day

9.45 am **Key Note 1** (Nile Room)

Quality Assurance in Research – What Does that Encompass?

Prof. Dr. Hossam Badrawi, Chair, Nile Badrawi Foundation for Education & Development, Egypt

Presentation plus Questions, Answers and Discussion

10.40 am Coffee Break (Foyer)

11.05 am **Key Note 2** (Nile Room)

Research and quality assurance in the modern science system - One size fits all?

Dr. Mathias Pätzold, Secretary General, Scientific Commission Lower Saxony, Germany

Presentation plus Questions, Answers and Discussion

12.00 pm Lunch Break (Foyer)

1.30 pm **Exchange:** (Kasr El Nile/Corniche/ Citadel)
Standards for Quality Research – quo vadis?

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Tariq Al Sindi, Senior Director, Higher Education Review Unit, National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education and Training, Kingdom of Bahrain

Prof. Dr. Hala Hamza, Professor of Paediatrics, Cairo University, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Eltayeb, Ex-President, Helwan University, Egypt

2.30 pm **Presentation of results of working groups** (Nile Room)

3.00 pm Coffee Break (Foyer)

3.30 pm **Panel Discussion:** (Nile Room)

Quality Assurance in Research – Ethics and Science

Speaker:

- Prof. Dr. Stefan Hornbostel, Director, Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Hossam Badrawi, Chair, Nile Badrawi Foundation for Education & Development, Egypt
- Dr. Mathias Pätzold, Secretary General, Scientific Commission Lower Saxony, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Lamis Ragab, Former Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt

Chair:

- Dr. Michael Harms, Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Egypt

5.00 pm End of first conference day

5.30 pm *Transfer by buses to the DAAD- Cairo Office, meeting point Hotel Lobby*

6.00 pm Dinner reception invitation by DAAD

Monday, May 27th

9.00 am **Review of First Day** (Nile Room)

*Brief summary of activities on first conference day by rapporteur
Mr. Ashraf Amin, Head, Science Department, Al-Ahram, Cairo, Egypt*

9.15 am **The Researcher: Methods and Tools for High Quality Research** (Nile Room)

Speaker:

- Prof. Dr. Maged Mostafa Al-Sherbiny, President, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), Egypt
- Prof. Dr. Stefan Hornbostel, Director, Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance, Germany

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jawaher Al-Mudhahki, Vice President, Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE)

Presentation plus Questions, Answers and Discussion

10.45 am Coffee Break (Foyer)

11.15 am **The Institution:** (Nile Room)

Structures and Procedures for Quality Research – World Café

A brief introduction into the set-up of the world café on Structures and Procedures for Quality Research by Mona Ayoub, Deputy Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Egypt

11.25 am *Following challenges will be discussed parallel to each other in three separate discussion groups:*

- *Career Paths in Research (Kasr El Nile Room)*
- *Supervising Doctoral Candidates (Citadel Room)*
- *Quality Control (Corniche Room)*

Moderators and Inputs:- **Career Paths in Research** (Kasr El Nile Room)

Moderator:

Dr. Mariam Osman, Director, Intensive and Academic English for Graduates (IAEG) Program, American University in Cairo, Egypt

- *Scientific research as an occupation*

Dr. Kai Buchholz, Advisor, Scientific Commission Lower Saxony, Germany

- *Training and development of researchers*

Dr. Florian Kohstall, Head, Free University of Berlin Cairo Office, Egypt

- *Selection procedures for PhD-Students*

Prof. Dr. Mamoun Mohamed Ali Homeida, President, University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Khartoum, Sudan

- **Supervising Doctoral Candidates** (Citadel Room)

Moderator: Dr. Bashir Al-Zubi, President, Higher Education Accreditation Council, Jordan

- *Different concepts of supervision*

Dr. Martina van de Sand, Managing Director, Dahlem Research School, Free University Berlin, Germany

- *Challenges in Supervision for Candidates and their Supervisors*

Prof. Dr. Stefan Hornbostel, Director, Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (IfQ), Germany

- *Structured PhD-Programmes*

Prof. Dr. Seddik Abdel Salam Tawfik, Vice President, Graduate Studies and Research

- **Quality Control** (Corniche Room)

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Abdullateef Haidar Al-Hakimi, Chairman, Council for Accreditation and Quality Assurance, Yemen

- *How much control is needed? How much freedom of research is necessary?*

Prof. Dr. Amr Abouelezz, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Cairo University, Egypt

- *The individual level: Peer-Review-Processes*

Prof. Dr. Mostafa Mohsen Radwan, Director, Program of Continuous Improvement and Qualifying for Accreditation in Higher Education Institutes (PCIQA), Projects Management Unit (PMU), Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt

- *Quality assurance of research as scientific policy advice*

Dr. Kai Buchholz, Advisor, Scientific Commission Lower Saxony, Germany

12.30 pm *End of round one of World Café on The Institution: Structures and Procedures for Quality Research*

Lunch break on invitation by DAAD

(Foyer)

2.00 pm *Continuation of World Café on The Institution: Structures and Procedures for Quality Research*

2.50 pm - *end of round two – ten minutes for changing rooms*

3.50 pm - *end of round three – ten minutes to get back to Nile Room*

4.00 pm **Presentation of Results of the World Café in Nile Room**

Moderator: Mona Ayoub, Deputy Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany

Followed by Questions, Answers and Discussion

4.45 pm **Good Practice Examples: „Improving QA in Research“**

(Nile Room)

Speaker:

- Prof. Dr. Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry, President, Heliopolis University, Egypt
- Dr. Martina van de Sand, Managing Director, Dahlem Research School, Free University Berlin, Germany

Chair:

- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Jammal, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon

Presentation plus Questions, Answers and Discussion

6.00 pm **Concluding remarks**

(Nile Room)

Prof. Dr. Nadia Badrawi, President, Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE)

Dr. Michael Harms, Director, DAAD Cairo Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Egypt

6.15 pm End of conference
