

Seminar and Conference Programme 2012

The next Seminar/Workshop will be held on **Friday 24th February 2012**. The workshop entitled **'QAA Educational Oversight Review (EOR) - Getting Ready in Partnership'** will be held at Regents College Conference Centre, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4N.

This seminar, organised by the Council of Validating Universities (CVU), is aimed at private higher education providers - who will be reviewed by QAA for the first time in 2012 - and their awarding partners. Participants will hear from practitioners from Colleges and Universities who have been involved to date in EOR or in QAA Integrated Quality and Enhancement Review (IQER) process, on which EOR is modelled.

The aims of the event are:

- To provide information about the process and answer questions about it
- Through a number of case studies, to share experience that will help institutions to prepare for and benefit from the process
- To enable participants to engage in some practical workshop activities that they can take away and use in their institution's preparations

The remaining Workshops/Seminars are scheduled for April and Late May/June 2012. The current topics are;

International Partnerships

The Development of Overseas Campuses – A Way Forward in International Collaboration?

Dates and Venues are still to be finalised. If there are any issues or topics you would like to have included in the programme please contact the CVU. Ideas from the wider membership are welcomed.

Date for Your Diary Annual Conference 2012

The Annual Conference will be held in Leeds on the 13th & 14th September 2012. The Venue is the Queens Hotel. The hotel is located in the City Centre and close to Leeds Railway Station.

The working title for the conference is **'Collaboration/Collaborative Partnerships in a Competitive 'Free' Market**

National Consultations

The Chair and the Executive Committee have responded on behalf of the CVU to the following consultations;

The White Paper on Higher Education

The Technical Consultation on the HE White Paper

The Review of Higher Education in Further Education Colleges in England

New CVU Annual Survey

The work begun on revising the CVU Annual Survey is being finalised and a Survey Document with accompanying guidance will be issued in the New Year. The focus of the survey will change and we will be asking members to report on the number and type of Collaborative Partnerships into which CVU members have entered and the number and type of programmes that are delivered via these arrangements. We will also be asking Institutions to outline any changes to Collaborative Arrangements and indicate why these have been made.

The Chair and Vice Chair have met with the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Statistics Agency to talk about accessing data on student numbers to support the survey. We also be talking to the Association of Colleges to see if we can access data on students studying in FE Colleges.



Merry Christmas to all our Members

Opportunity for Members

Elections in the New Year

The Vice Chair, Dr Graham Worsdale is retiring in the New Year. The CVU extends its heartfelt thanks for the work Graham has done on behalf of the CVU and wishes him well in his retirement.

Graham's departure will leave a vacancy on the Executive Committee for a representative from a Degree Awarding Institution. Nomination Forms will be sent out in the New Year. If you want any information on what is involved in serving on the Executive Committee please contact the CVU Secretary.