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Welcome to the April 2017 edition of NARIC News



20 years of Lisbon Recognition, 20 years of UK NARIC

11 April marked 20 years of the Lisbon Recognition Convention - the 'Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education in the European Region' - adopted on that date in 1997 and since ratified by 53 states.

April 2017 is also the 20th anniversary of UK NARIC as the national agency performing the official qualification recognition function for the UK. A publication to celebrate the milestone, looking at some of the current issues in recognition and developments worldwide, will be issued later in the year.

UK NARIC's Katherine Latta was a keynote speaker at the University of Mainz in Germany on 11 April, at a Lisbon anniversary conference exploring the future of recognition (*pictured below: a 'visual minute' of conference contributions*).

The conference was organised by Project Nexus (a project of the HRK, the German Rectors' Conference - the association for German state and state-recognised universities) and the KMK, the Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs ([more...](#))



UK NARIC in KL for latest Asia-Europe recognition developments

Prepare for Home Office audit: training, London 11 May

Our [Tier 4 compliance](#) Compliance event in [central London](#) on 11 May has a special focus on preparing for Home Office audit. Interactive workshops will go through actual student files to identify issues that would cause problems in an audit.

Credibility interviews (a key reason for visa refusal) will also be covered in detail.

Our new [Admissions Officer Level 2](#) training day launches in [London](#) on 10 May.

You can [book online](#) ([more...](#))

Look out for our member survey mailing in May

Look out for our latest member survey – we will email you in May with an invitation to take part.

Complete the survey and qualify for a prize draw for £50 of Amazon vouchers, as a thank you for your participation.

In response to your earlier feedback, in the past 12 months, we have developed and expanded the online certificate bank, increased the number of on-site ([more...](#))

Quarterly statistics series: big rises in

Representing the UK, UK NARIC CEO, Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, attended the 5th working group meeting for the implementation of the ASEM (Asia-Europe) recognition bridging declaration, in Kuala Lumpur on 20 and 21 April.

UK NARIC continues to provide essential support to the development of international recognition practice and qualification frameworks in the Asia-Pacific regions.

Cloud is one of the founding members of the Bridging Declaration committee, established under the Asia-Europe education framework.

The focus areas for this year's working group meeting included: ([more...](#))

Spain, Australia enquiries

UK NARIC presents the eighth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering January to March 2017. This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The data are shown in the tables after the link.

Notable features include: increasing numbers ([more...](#))



New agreement with the DataFlow Group, to supply primary source verification

UK NARIC has signed an agreement (*signing ceremony above*) with the DataFlow Group, a global provider of background screening and immigration compliance services, to deliver primary source verification (PSV) of qualifications and other documentation.

The new service will be offered by UK NARIC to members via our website. Verification at source will be undertaken by the DataFlow Group, who have an extensive network across the world and, if necessary, paper records are checked by the DataFlow Group on the ground at institutions.

The new service will be of particular benefit to ([more...](#))



Share your insight and knowledge at UKNARIC17 annual conference

Would you like to share your knowledge or best practice in international education with the wider sector?

If so, consider taking part in our UKNARIC17 conference (London, 20/21 November) as a workshop speaker or panellist.

Workshop sessions can be half-hour or one-hour, and there are various formats, some informal and interactive/discussion-based – so it does not need to be a speech or formal presentation. Perhaps you would like to be part of a panel; or maybe you would like to present or lead a workshop with colleagues.

Email ([more...](#))



New format for European Grade Distributions database

The UK NARIC European Grade Distributions database will be reformatted and repackaged this summer as an online publication, viewable via the [Publications tab](#) on the [Members' Hub page](#).

This forms part of our wider information strategy, to make UK NARIC data, knowledge and guidance available in a range of formats, and to produce e-books and publications where this is an effective way to present data and reference material, or the results of UK NARIC research.

The Publications tab on the Members' Hub will grow in importance as the gateway to these more diverse resources. ([more...](#))

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