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Welcome to the November 2018 edition of NARIC News



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Almost 600 people, from over 25 countries, attended the UKNARIC2018 conference in London on 7 and 8 November, making our 22nd annual conference the biggest-ever.

The conference took place at the QEII in Westminster.

The overarching theme of the conference was *Global Gateways – New Thresholds, New Skills, New Times*.

In accord with this, keynote speaker, bestselling writer and journalist Tim Marshall (*pictured below*), author of *Prisoners of Geography*, talked about how we are now in an 'age of uncertainty and an age of walls'. It was against this backdrop that we had to consider issues of student and labour mobility.



UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun said in her opening speech:

'The international situation is moving at a rapid pace and more than ever, we need to be mindful of the geopolitical situation as we plan our global activities and collaborations.

'Our overarching theme of *Global Gateways - New Thresholds, New Skills, New Times* is very relevant. We have skills gaps and productivity challenges, and the international movement of people and labour can help to address this. But the desire for management of that movement is growing. Innovative approaches to recognition of qualifications and skills can provide solutions to this policy dilemma - ensuring that the broadest range of skills can be recognised and harnessed, while simultaneously assuring that appropriate standards and thresholds are satisfied.'

Note: Changes to UK NARIC online comparison statements from Monday 3 December

UK NARIC comparison statements are changing on our online databases from Monday 3 December.

This applies to International Comparisons (IC), Vocational Comparisons (VC) and Teaching Comparisons (TC).

The most significant change to our databases is the way that National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ), above level 3, are expressed on our statements.

NVQs are now offered at seven levels, corresponding to the first seven levels of the RQF and the CQFW. The names of the awards will now align with their framework level.

Due to changes that have occurred ([more...](#))

Training schedule 2019 January-June is now live: Choose and book your training

The [training schedule](#) for the first half of 2019 is available online to book workshops, training days and seminar events.

Our popular [Admissions Officer Level 2 Training day](#) in London on 6 December is still available to book. You

There were more than 40 specialist workshops addressing the latest discussion points in international education, with lots of practical information and ideas to take away, and opportunities to explore and forge new partnerships. ([more...](#))

should book as soon as you can if wish to attend this December event.

Our [London](#) half-day training workshops are also coming up in December: [Evaluating International Qualifications](#) on 4 December; ([more...](#))



IFF Research partner with UK NARIC to survey global perceptions of UK HE

UK NARIC and IFF Research have collaborated on a new survey of international students and their perceptions of the UK's developing higher education offer.

The report (*pictured above*) was launched at the UKNARIC2018 conference.

The research surveyed individuals who have used UK NARIC qualification comparability services. This is the first time UK NARIC has surveyed its large unique individual customer base in this way.

Over 1160 people, representing over 30 countries, took part in the study, which investigated the current international attitudes towards the UK's one-year Master's ([more...](#))

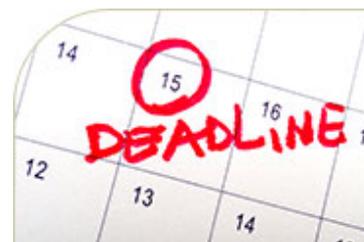


UK NARIC in Doha for international entrepreneurship conference

The 11th edition of the 'International Conference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development' (ICEIRD) was hosted at the University of Qatar on 29/30 October.

In response to the wider UNESCO initiative for digital education and credentials, Hesham Kanona, Project Officer at UK NARIC, led a workshop on *Digitalisation of credentials - keeping up with the times*.

The workshop offered new insights into the digitalisation of documents, which would allow students regular and immediate access to their documents. The aim was to explore the future transition to digital documents while balancing fraud prevention ([more...](#))



Important Christmas deadlines and holiday closure times

Please be aware our closing time for 5-day member enquiries which we guarantee will be completed by Christmas is Thursday 13 December at 5pm.

Any 5-day member enquiries submitted after this point may not be answered until 2019. This date will also be the closing date for 5-day one-off organisation applications.

Tuesday 18 December at 5pm is the closing date for 48-hour member enquiries which we guarantee will be completed by Christmas. Any 48-hour member enquiries submitted after this point may not be answered until 2019.

The phone lines for individuals and members will be closing at 5pm on Tuesday 18 December ([more...](#))

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