

Review Team for the Institutional Review of RCSI

Chairperson:



Professor Simon van Heyningen, Honorary Fellow & Emeritus Professor, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, (20th THES World Ranked University 2009)

- Vice Principal at the University of Edinburgh, 2003-2009
- Director of Quality Enhancement at the University of Edinburgh 1998-2009
- Vice Provost for Teaching in the Faculty Group of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine from 1998-2002
- QAA Reviewer
- Auditor for the Council for HE in South Africa, Quality Assurance Authority in Bahrain, and European Universities Association
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE quality in 10 countries



Dr Christiane Gaetgens, Consultant specialising in governance and quality assurance for universities and research institutes, Germany

- Former Secretary General of the German Rectors' Conference
- Former Secretary General Research Council for Lower Saxony
- Director of DAAD London, Head of the DAAD North America programmes
- Senior official in the German accreditation and quality assurance authority (HKO) responsible for reviews of German universities 2003-2008
- Senior benchmarking expert for the European Centre for Strategic management in Universities, Brussels
- Appointed as international expert to the Croatian Universities Quality Panel (azvo)
- Direct knowledge and experience of HE quality in 6 countries and recently participated in/chaired the institutional review of Zagreb and Zadar Universities



Professor James J Ward, Professor Emeritus, NUI Galway (NUIG)

- Consultant on the BioInnovate programme at Cairnes School of Business and Economics, NUIG
- Formerly NUIG Registrar and Deputy President for three years, and a Professor of Marketing for 30 years in NUIG
- Former Vice President for Physical Resources, including responsibility for Quality Assurance and Quality Management function in the University for 8 years
- External examiner in 6 national and international universities
- Board member of several regional businesses
- Member of Governing Authority of NUIG for 20 years



Mr. Leon Cremonini, Research Associate at the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) at University of Twente (UT), The Netherlands, working towards a PhD through publications

- Research at CHEPS concentrates on quality assessment at the institutional and programme level, and on accreditation. Designed and conducted modules on the topic at UT and abroad
- Graduated in International Political Science from the University of Bologna, Italy, in 2000
- Post-graduate diploma from Profingest School of Business, in Bologna- focusing on European policies and research
- Worked at the RAND Corporation, first in the Netherlands, then at the headquarters in Santa Monica, California from 2001-2005



Professor Charles F.A. Bryce, Professor Emeritus at Edinburgh Napier University (former Head of School of Life Sciences & Dean of Science)

- Direct knowledge and experience of International Quality Audit and Assessment in higher education
- Involved in formal Quality Audit and Teaching Quality Assessment (TQA) reviews in UK and overseas
- Invited by British Council to introduce formal system of Quality Audit and Assessment Reviews (QAAR) for Medical Schools in Bangladesh
- Developed the core curriculum in biochemistry for the medical universities in India (UGC India)
- Chair the Accreditation of forensic science programmes in the UK and Europe for the Forensic Science Society
- Appointed International Expert for Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Awarded a Tempus grant with the University of Pristina, Kosovo, for a project entitled “Kosovo Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Centre – PhD Based Education, Research and Training for Medical and Natural Sciences” (2009)

Coordinating Reviewer:



Mr Tony Platt, Assistant Director, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), UK (P/T) and Assistant Registrar, University of Essex, (P/T) UK

- Responsible for the development of the new QAA Institutional Review process for Wales
- Secretary/Coordinator for QAA UK based reviews since 1996, two QAA Overseas Audits and reviews in Ireland and in Lithuania
- At the University of Essex, was responsible for the management of administrative service reviews, validations and until 1999, responsible for the whole of 'Registry' and faculty management functions