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## Inclusion of NVAO on EQAR

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Dear Mr Dittrich,

The Register Committee has considered your application of 30/9/2008 for inclusion on EQAR, based on the external review report dated September 2007.

I am pleased to inform you that, based on a thorough analysis of your application, the Register Committee has come to the conclusion that NVAO operates in substantial compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

**Your application for inclusion on the European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR) has therefore been accepted. Inclusion shall be valid until 30/09/2012.**

The Register Committee has flagged the following issues for special attention when, in the future, it considers a (potential) application for renewal of your inclusion on EQAR:

1. With regard to ESG 2.4, it was noted that the lack of a "repair period" for study programmes in the Netherlands was not considered fit for purpose by the review panel and that NVAO itself strives to changes this. This should receive attention within future submissions to EQAR.
2. The external review report does not elaborate on how NVAO ensures the independence of the quality assessment agencies. The Register Committee recommends that the issue of independence (ESG 3.6) be addressed more broadly in future submissions, since the independence in operation and decision making in a layered system also depends on the lower layer[s].

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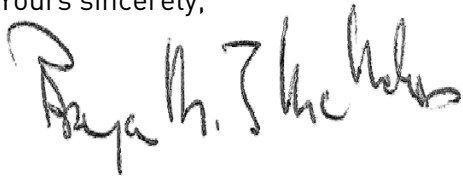
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Please accept my congratulations on your successful application to EQAR and my good wishes for your work on behalf of the entire Register Committee.

Should you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the EQAR Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan M. McMahon".

Bryan McMahon  
Chair of the Register Committee