

## **BALEAP Accreditation Scheme Chair Report 2018 – 2019**

1. The Scheme currently has 27 members with Goldsmiths, University of London and Cardiff University joining in 2018. The full list of members is available online at <https://www.baleap.org/about-baleap/accredited-institutions>
2. Seven institutions will be visited for reaccreditation in summer 2019. The first international accreditation applicant, Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University was assessed in March 2019. We have also had inquiries from Turkey, Kazakhstan and Mongolia.
3. The scheme finances are in good shape with £23,460.00 paid in membership fees and £7,140.00 in direct expenses (assessment expenses, ratification meeting, May scheme event and payment to the Administrator). The Scheme May event is seen as part of BALEAP's charitable return to the EAP community.
4. As a result of the Xi'an-Jiaotong Liverpool University assessment visit a working group has been set up to look at how the current criteria apply to an international organisation outside of the UK. There is a draft scheme of revised criteria that will be trialled along with existing criteria at one of the summer visits.
5. A new certificate of accreditation has been designed with the revised logo. All accredited institutions can display the accreditation logo on their websites and promotional materials when referring to the course that has been assessed.
6. The May event in 2018 was held at Goldsmiths, University of London on the 12<sup>th</sup> May attracting 100 delegates. The theme was Best Practice in EAP. The May showcased some examples of best practice in EAP that assessors have noted in recent years, ranging from the use of technology to manage a large EAP centre to the use of course assistants to help with the delivery of teaching and the acculturation of students into their new academic environment. The May event for 2019 will be held at Durham University on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and will focus on *teacher induction: The readiness and development of EAP tutors in preparation for Pre-sessional and In-sessional courses*. Colleagues from Durham University, Bristol University, Manchester University and Heriot-Watt University will be presenting. More details are available at <https://www.baleap.org/event/bas-may-2019>
7. We have appointed two new Externals for the TEAP and BAS Schemes – Aysen Guven from the British Council in Turkey to the BAS Scheme and Fiona Orel from the University of Bath to the TEAP Scheme.
8. BAS has signed a MoC with the Equals organisation (<https://www.eaquals.org/>) with the understanding that we will work closely together and possibly engage in joint projects in the future.

9. BAS is also in the process of signing a MoC with the British Accreditation Council (BAC - <https://www.the-bac.org/> )

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