**BALEAP Accreditation Scheme Chair Report 2019 - 2020**

1. The Scheme currently has 29 members with Xi’an Jiaotong Liverpool University was assessed in March 2019.The full list of members is available online at <https://www.baleap.org/about-baleap/accredited-institutions>
2. The second international accreditation applicant, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan was assessed in February 2020.
3. Unfortunately, all other assessments that were to take place this year have been postponed until 2021 and universities in question given an extension on their current accreditation.
4. The scheme finances are in good shape with £19,320 paid in membership fees and £13,713 in direct expenses (assessment expenses, ratification meeting, the free May scheme event and payment to the Administrator). The Scheme’s May event is seen as part of BALEAP’s charitable return to the EAP community, but has been postponed this year until further notice.
5. The working group that has been set up to look at how the current criteria apply to international organisations outside of the UK has been making steady progress and there is a draft scheme of revised criteria that will be trialled early in 2021. We are keen to launch the new scheme in 2022.
6. The May event in 2019 was held at Durham University on the 11th May attracting around 80 delegates. The theme was *Teacher induction: The readiness and development of EAP tutors in preparation for Pre-sessional and In-sessional courses.* The May showcased some examples of teacher induction from Durham University, Bristol University, Manchester University and Heriot-Watt University:

* ***University of Bristol –* Maxine Gillway, Lisa Hanson, Elizabeth Allen and Debra Jones: Experiencing Principles in Practice**
* ***University of Durham –*Diana Scott:Winning Hearts and Minds – Why Pre-sessional Teacher Induction Matters**
* ***Heriot-Watt University –*Jane Bell and Jane Richardson:** **Intercultural Aspects of Teaching and Learning – Induction Session for HWU Teaching Staff**
* **University of Manchester – Ruth Fordham:** **The readiness and development of EAP tutors in preparation for pre-sessional courses**

The May event for 2020 was to be held at Manchester University, but has now been postponed until further notice. The theme for this conference will be around how **to deal with disciplinarity and/or specificity (are they one and the same?) on EAP courses whether they be Pre-sessional courses, In-sessional Language Development courses or other pathway courses.** More details are available at <https://www.baleap.org/event/bas-2020>

1. Postponement of two days of training and standardisation of Assessors which will now take place next year.
2. BAS signed a MoC with the Eaquals organisation (<https://www.eaquals.org/>) and there will be a presentation about BAS that will take place at the October Eaquals conference in Belfast.
3. BAS is still in the process of signing a MoC with the British Accreditation Council (BAC - <https://www.the-bac.org/> )

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