

BALEAP Accreditation Scheme Chair Report 2020 - 2021

1. The Scheme currently has 29 members with Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan being the only institution assessed in February 2020. The full list of members is available online at <https://www.baleap.org/about-baleap/accredited-institutions>
2. Unfortunately, all other assessments that were to take place last year were postponed until 2021 and those universities were given an extension on their current accreditation.
3. The scheme finances are in good shape with £19,320.00 paid in membership fees and £3,517.36 in direct expenses (assessment expenses and payment to the Administrator). Expenses are a lot lower than previous years due to the cancellation of last year's charitable May event usually incurring travel and catering expenses.
4. The working group that was 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 at two centres later this year.
5. The charitable May event for 2020 was to be held at Manchester University, but was postponed until May 2021. The event will now take place online on Friday the 21st May and will focus on the new scheme, which will officially be launched next year. Talks will include an update on the revised criteria and the necessity for centres to outline their particular contexts in greater detail.
6. Cancellation/postponement of two days of training and standardisation of assessors from last year which will now take place online in one day on the 20th May.
7. As a result of the MoC BAS signed with the Equals organisation (<https://www.eaquals.org/>) and there will be a talk about the scheme that will take place later in October this year at the Eaquals conference in Belfast.
8. BALEAP/BAS signed a MoU with Aqeduto (Association for Quality Education & Training Online).

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