**BALEAP Accreditation Scheme Chair Report 2021 - 2022**

1. The Scheme currently has 27 members and the full list of members is available online at <https://www.baleap.org/about-baleap/accredited-institutions>
2. Assessments resumed in 2021 (a total of ten of which two were new) but most of these were done online and some universities were given an extension on their current accreditation.
3. The scheme finances are in good shape with £18,630.00 paid in membership fees and £196.25 in direct expenses. Expenses are a lot lower than previous years due to the online charitable May event usually incurring travel and catering expenses.
4. The May day event held on the 21st May 2021 was an early launch of the new revised scheme. There were four talks related to the scheme:
* **An introduction to the new revised BAS Scheme** – Melinda Whong, Director, Center for Language Education, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
* **What makes an accreditation scheme ‘global’ and ‘internationally’ applicable?** - Ayşen Güven, Director Education, British Council, Ankara, Turkey and Tijen Aksit, School of English Language, Faculty Academic English, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
* **Developing and articulating EAP course principles** – Steve Kirk, **Head of Academic Development Programmes for Students and Diana Scott, Deputy Director of Summer Pre-sessional Programmes,** Durham Centre for Academic Development**, Durham University**
* **Preparing for accreditation and beyond** - Lisa Hanson, Deputy Director & School Education Director, Centre for Academic Language and Development, University of Bristol
1. There was a training day for BAS assessors held on the 20th May with a focus on the new context document as well as finalising the new criteria – down from 5 categories and 44 criteria to 2 categories and 20 criteria.
2. Scheme logistics were also discussed at the May training day event: fees, code of conduct and the role of the sponsors.
3. Sarah Aitken from the Eaquals organisation has been appointed as our external for the scheme. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sarah-aitken-331ab073/?originalSubdomain=uk>
4. The draft criteria were trialled at the Universities of Bristol and Glasgow and feedback was collated from all involved in the two pilots. These informed a series of training sessions that were held with assessors in November 2021 and February 2022.
5. There are currently 18 assessors and we will be recruiting more in the very near future.
6. As a result of the MoC BAS signed with the Eaquals organisation (<https://www.eaquals.org/>) there was a talk about the scheme that took place in October last year at the Eaquals conference in Belfast.
7. There is another Equals conference at the end of April 2022 and further discussions about possible joint BAS/Eaquals Higher Education assessments will take place.

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