

HAC activities between 3 September and 31 December 2020

Announcement by the President of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee

Budapest, 3 September 2020

First of all I would like to thank the Hungarian higher education institutions and partner organizations for their cooperation during the COVID-19 lockdown from March until July.

Due to the renewed spreading of the pandemic it is necessary to extend some restrictions until the end of this year. The HAC Board and its committees will hold their meetings in the online format as practiced from March until July. Institutional and doctoral school evaluation site visits and meetings will also be held exclusively online.

With the online format, committee and Board members will continue to have the opportunity to express their opinions and to discuss the issues at hand prior to decision-making. Voting will again be done via the HAC's TIR database. Experience in the second quarter of this year has shown that online interviews with stakeholders are able to provide sufficient background and information for the review teams to produce well-evidenced evaluation reports.

The Board of Appeals also continues to meet online to deal with appeals, as well as relevant complaints.

You can **reach the Secretariat staff for consultations by telephone or e-mail**. Personal meetings will not be possible.

Any physical meeting at the Secretariat is limited to the **delivery of printed documents**. In such cases, please **make an appointment by e-mail** to Ms. Gyöngyi Kondor at <u>kondor.gyongyi@mab.hu</u>.

For other issues, please write to the central mail address at <u>titkarsag@mab.hu</u> or to the relevant programme officer directly.

Please send us all documents you have been used to sending by post previously **also by e-mail**! Remember that the hardcopy and electronic copies must match exactly!

Applications for new programmes need to be sent as always to the Educational Authority, who upload them to TIR.

With applications for new education and learning outcome frameworks and for professorships, all documents set down in the relevant guidelines should be clearly marked and titled and sent to titkarsag@mab.hu.

If any deadlines set down in contracts for **institutional accreditation** or **doctoral school accreditation** need to be modified, please write to the programme officer in charge at bogdan.aniko@mab.hu or the doctoral schools working group at doktori@mab.hu.

I am confident that in the final quarter of 2020 we at the HAC and our partners will be able to perform our joint tasks effectively and in a cooperative way.

Valéria Csépe President

