

Summary of the Annual Meeting of the International Advisory Board 2-3 September 2022

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The International Advisory Board (IAB) of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (MAB) held its annual meeting on 2-3 September 2022. It was chaired by **Valéria Csépe**, MAB President. The IAB members present were **Tove Bull**, **Guy Haug**, **Lučka Lorber**, and **Mieczysław Socha**. Two members of the IAB (**Achim Hopbach** and **Liudvika Leisyte**) informed the Board and MAB of their absence due to illness.

The Annual Meeting had two main parts. The meeting started with a presidential greeting. It was followed by a presentation held by **Tekla Bodnár** on “Progress and developments – based on the recommendations of the MAB’s IAB”, and then by **Anna Szombathelyi** on the preparation of the MAB self-assessment report regarding the renewal of MAB’s membership in ENQA and registration in EQAR. The presentations were followed by a discussion session with invited members of the MAB ENQA/EQAR working group; the group members present were **József Berács**, **László L. Kiss**, **Gergely Kováts**, and **Viktória Lilla Pató**.

The Annual Meeting was open for MAB staff members as well.

The IAB members received the meeting documents by e-mail prior to the meeting. They comprised the agenda and the MAB Report. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the agenda.

On 3 September, the Board formulated its recommendations in its closed meeting.

Recommendations of the MAB’s International Advisory Board

The IAB commended MAB for the quality of the report prepared to the IAB, which was structured, informative and followed the points of last year’s recommendations. The IAB also commended MAB for its achievements and extensive activities in the past year.

At the same time, this meeting was the last one of the IAB in its current composition. However, the first three recommendations are long-term and are a message to the members appointed in the next term. The IAB would like to support MAB in its progress by making the following recommendations.

1. The IAB recommends that MAB should collect and measure the impact of its procedures and operations more systematically and in more depth. The IAB stressed the importance of checking the impact of MAB's work on the community. Furthermore, the Board recommends that MAB puts more effort into defending the underlying reasons for its decisions and activities more clearly.
2. The IAB highlights that it is essential for MAB to identify specific priorities in strategy. More attention should be paid to the main goals; priority should be given to the main missions. The IAB also underlined the importance of streamlining activities to maximize the best use of available resources, especially with regard to the preparation of self-assessment reports.
3. The IAB welcomes that MAB is actively engaged in international activities and is raising its international visibility; however, they also believe that the implementation of a critical attitude should be useful for MAB to determine what it would like to achieve in the field of internationalization.
4. Another area for reconsideration is doctoral schools. The IAB stressed the importance of rethinking the types of doctoral schools and programmes, their evaluation and accreditation. The IAB believes in the importance of the impact of doctoral schools on higher education, innovation, research, and quality.

The IAB proposes that henceforward the meetings should be held twice a year for more efficient work.

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