



2007-2008

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES



The following calendar summarizes the major activities and events attended by members of the Agency, since the effective beginning of its work in August 2007 until December 2008.

The main activities have included:

- Pilot Project (cf. annex)
- Participation in international events
- Contact with the various stakeholders: Roman Universities and Faculties, students, etc...
- Internal organization and strategic plan
- Work in common with the Congregation for Catholic Education on:
 - Statute of the Agency
 - Website
 - Database of ecclesiastical faculties
 - Handbook for Ecclesiastical Faculties
 - Description of the system of ecclesiastical studies



August 2007

- 20 Beginning of AVEPRO activities at the offices of the Congregation for Catholic Education (Congregazione per l'Educazione Cattolica), Rome, Piazza Pio XI, 3

October 2007

- 6 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC)
- 29-31 Participation of Fr Imoda, together with Mons. Zani, in the Seminar organised by the University of Salamanca on the Bologna Process. Address by Fr Imoda on: "*Quality Assurance* in the Bologna Process and the Holy See's Quality Agency"

November 2007

- 14 ENQA Seminar: *Current Trends in Quality Assurance*, taking place at the Pontical Academy of Sciences
Co-organised by: ENQA, Congregation for Catholic Education, AVEPRO
- 15 Work group aimed at giving a start to the work of the Agency:
Cong. Cath. Educ.: Mons. Zani, Fr. Bechina, Mons. Ide
Experts in Quality Assurance: Prof. Don McQuillan, IUQB (Irish Universities Quality Board), Emanuela Stefani, CRUI (Conferenza dei Rettori delle Università Italiane). Prof. John Davies (QA international expert), who could not physically attend sent a written contribution
AVEPRO: P. Imoda (President), A. Johnson (Director), V. Napoleoni (Secretary)
- 15-17 Participation of AVEPRO in the Second European Quality Assurance Forum, Rome (La Sapienza)
- 23 First meeting of the Work Group serving as advising group to the Agency:
Mons. Zani Undersecretary of CEC (Congregazione per l'Educazione Cattolica)
P. Bechina, CEC
Mons. Ide CEC
Prof. Blasi, former Rector of the University of Florence
Don Pellerey, former Rector of the Salesian Pontifical University
Dott. Finocchietti Director of CIMEA (Italian ENIC/NARIC)
Mons. Thivierge, General Secretary of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities)
Fr Franco Imoda AVEPRO
Annick Johnson AVEPRO
Valerio Napoleoni AVEPRO
Planning and Pilot Project approved
Useful contributions and advice from participants



AVEPRO

- 27 Meeting for the choice of the institutions of the Pilot Project (Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain)
Mons. Zani, Fr Bechina, Fr Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni
- 29 Meeting of information for the Roman Pontifical Universities and Faculties on the Bologna Process and Quality Assurance. Presentations by Mons. Zani (“The Holy See and the Bologna Process: Assessment and Perspectives”) and Fr Imoda (“Quality Assurance in the Bologna Process”). Place: Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome

December 2007

- 4 Participation of Annick Johnson at the meeting of the Students’ Conference of the Roman Pontifical Universities and Faculties and brief presentation of the Agency. Place: Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome
- 15 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC):
Outcome: Exchange of information and presentation of AVEPRO to the Commission
Confirmation of the choice of the 6 institutions of the Pilot Project (Rome Auxilium, Palermo, Salamanca, Burgos, Münster, Frankfurt)
- 20 Positive answer of the ENQA Board to AVEPRO’s request for the status of Associate of ENQA
- 21 CEC/AVEPRO meeting on the planning of the Pilot Project:
- Date
- Institutions
- Contents of the first workshop
- Letter of invitation to institutions
- Financial aspects

January 2008

- December- Preparation of the Guidelines for the Pilot Project by Prof. Don McQuillan
January
- 21 Participation of AVEPRO in the Audience of the Congregation for Catholic Education with the Holy Father
- 24 Visit to the Pontifical Universities of the Angelicum and the Gregorian with Prof. Don McQuillan
- 25 One-day encounter with CEC, Prof. Don McQuillan and John Davies, and Dr Emanuela Stefani on the work of AVEPRO in the context of European Quality Assurance



31 Answer to the ENQA survey on the work of European Quality Agencies

February 2008

- 6 Joint work meeting AVEPRO-CEC about the Pilot Project
- 19-22 Annick Johnson (Director of the Agency) as observer in the peer review group of the Department of mathematics of the University of Galway (Ireland) to get a practical knowledge of the procedures of internal evaluation
- 23 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC)
Update on the Statute of the Agency and on the beginning of the Pilot Project

March 2007

- 3 Information meeting on the activities of the Agency:
- CEC: Mons. Bruguès, Secretary and Mons. Zani, Undersecretary
- Mons. Thivierge, General Secretary of IFCU
- Don McQuillan, AVEPRO adviser
- AVEPRO: P. Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni
Visit with Prof. Don McQuillan to the Salesian Pontifical University
- 5-8 Father Imoda (President of the Agency) taking part in the peer review group of the Department of Psychology of the University of Galway (Ireland).
- 10 Actual beginning of the Pilot Project:
Workshop with the representatives of the 8 Faculties of the Pilot Project: Germany (Frankfurt Sankt Georgen and Münster), Italy (Palermo and Rome Auxilium), Poland (Cracow Ignatianum and Katowice) and Spain (Burgos and Salamanca)
Also present: Congregation for Catholic Education: Mons. Zani (Undersecretary), Fr Bechina (officer in charge of the Bologna Process) Place: Pontifical Gregorian University
- 11-12 Presentation by Fr Imoda, President, in the encounter with the Institutes of Religious Sciences (ISSR)

April 2008

- Contact made with possible members of the peer review groups for visits to Faculties of the Pilot Project
- Various experts from various nations consulted on the Statute of AVEPRO



- 28 Work meeting with CEC on the revised text of the Statute:
CEC: Mons. Zani, Fr Bechina F.S.O
Don Pellerey S.D.B, member of the Bologna Process Commission
Dr Stefani, AVEPRO adviser
Prof. Don McQuillan, AVEPRO adviser
AVEPRO: Fr Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni
Preparation of the site visits to the institutions of the Pilot Project. Place: Gregorian University
- 29 Visit with Prof. Don McQuillan to the following Pontifical Universities: Urbaniana, Holy Cross, Lateranense
- 30 One-day encounter on the organisation of the Agency's work with Prof. Don McQuillan and Dr Teresa Lee, from the Irish Quality Assurance Agency (IUQB)
Identification of priorities and competences requested

May 2008

- 3 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC).
Final revision of the Statute
- 13 Statute sent to the Secretariat of State for approval

June 2008

- 23 Pilot project
Workshop with members of the peer review groups for site visits to Faculties, members of the Congregation for Catholic Education: Mons. Zani (Undersecretary), Mons. Ide (Head of the Universities Department), Fr Bechina (Universities Department, in charge of the Bologna Process), and Quality Assurance experts: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland)
- 28 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC)

July 2008

- 11 Move into AVEPRO's new offices, Via della Conciliazione, 5



September 2008

- 9-10 Participation of Father Imoda, President, in the Conference on: *Quality Assurance in Universities and Higher Education Establishments in Europe*, in Strasbourg (France)
- 12 Agency's yearly budget plan sent to APSA (Vatican Central Administration)
- 24 Pilot Project Workshop with Coordinators of the peer review groups, representative of the Congregation for Catholic Education: Fr Bechina (in charge of the Bologna Process) and Quality Assurance experts: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland), Dr Teresa Lee (Quality Enhancement Manager, Irish Universities Quality Board)

October 2008

- 11 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC) Meeting with the representatives of AKAST, regional branch of AVEPRO in Germany
- October 20- November 7 Site visits at 6 Faculties of the Pilot Project (Münster, Frankfurt Sankt Georgen, Burgos, Palermo, Rome Auxilium, Katowice, Cracow)

November 2008

- 11 Presentation by Fr Imoda, President, to the Rectors of the Roman Pontifical Universities on self-evaluation in ecclesiastical Faculties
- 20-22 Participation of Annick Johnson, Director, in the Third European Forum on Quality Assurance in Budapest (Hungary)
- 24 Meeting with Father Vergez, Head of the Internet Office, about the creation of the Agency's web site

December 2008

- 1-2 Participation of Annick Johnson, Director, in the ENQA seminar held in London on: *Quality Assurance in Transnational Education – From Words to Action*
- 3-4 Work meeting on the strategic plan of AVEPRO with the Agency's advisers: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland), Dr Teresa Lee (Quality Enhancement



Manager, Irish Universities Quality Board)

- 9 Participation in the encounter of the Students's Conference of the Roman Pontifical Faculties. Presentation of the Agency and of Quality Assurance in the Bologna Process. Place: Pontifical University Angelicum
- 16 Drafting and submission of a Questionnaire for the evaluation of the Pilot Project