

Azerbaijan Ministry of Education  
Azerbaijan University of Languages  
University of Antwerp

## ENHANCING ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE: NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

International Conference

Baku, Azerbaijan

10 April 2008

### 9 April 2008

20.00 *Dinner*

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9.00 – 10.00 Registration - Coffee

10.00 – 12.00 Plenary session:

10.00 – 10.10 *Welcoming address:* Prof. Samad Seyidov, President of  
Azerbaijan University of Languages

10.10 - 10.40 *Speech:* Professor Misir Mardanov, Minister of Education of  
Azerbaijan

10.45 - 11.10 ***Keynote address: Professor Jan De Groof, Government Commissioner  
for Universities (Belgium), Professor at the College of Europe  
and TIAS (University of Tilburg, the Netherlands), President of  
European Association for Education Law and Policy, chargé de  
mission to UNESCO for the right to education.***

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11.10 - 11.35 *Universities in post-Soviet Azerbaijan: democratization and good  
governance.* Speech by Prof. Samad Seyidov, Rector of  
Azerbaijan University of Languages, Chairman of the Azerbaijani

Azerbaijan  
Delegation to the

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Vice President of the  
Council of Europe

11.35 - 12.00 The Bologna Process and the Turkish Experience. Speech by Prof.  
Selahettin Dikmen, Advisor on Education of the Embassy of  
Turkey in Azerbaijan

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch (Aquapark Restaurant)

13.00-14.30 Panel Discussion 1: Implementing Academic Quality Assurance in  
Azerbaijan: Environmental Scanning and Potential of Universities  
Chairs: **Prof. Jan De Groof** and Dr. Natig Yusifov

Presentations:

- 13.00 - 13.15 *Criteria for External Assessment of Universities within the framework of Bologna requirements:* Prof. Ilham Mustafayev, Head of the Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Republic
- 13.15 - 13.30 *Implementing Academic Quality Assurance in Azerbaijan: utilization of internal resources:* Dr. Jala Garibova, Vice President for International Relations
- 13.30 - 13.45 *Research and Academic Process: Heritage of the Past:* Dr. Dunyamin Yunusov, Vice President for Research Affairs, Azerbaijan University of Languages
- 13.45 - 14.00 *Challenges of Bologna Integration:* Dr. Gulheyran Rahimova, Baku State Dean, Head of International Programs Department, Baku State University
- 14.00 - 14.30 Discussion
- 15.30 - 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.00 - 16.30 Panel Discussion 2. Enhancing the Academic Process: Focus on Learning Outcomes**  
**Chairs: Prof. Gracienne Lauwers and Dr. Jala Garibova**
- 15.00 - 15.15 *Improving Students Knowledge Assessment System: A Good Practice of Azerbaijan University of Languages,* Dr. Natig Yusifc, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs. Azerbaijan University of Languages
- 15.15 - 15.30 *Integrating Learner-Centered Methods into Language Curricula:* Prof. Gulnar Huseynzade, Head of The Chair of the Methods of Teaching English, Azerbaijan University of Languages
- 15.30 - 15.45 *Teacher Development and Teaching Output:* Dr. Alison Mandaville, Fulbright Scholar (USA)
- 15.45 - 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00 - 17.00 Panel Discussion 3. Quality Assurance and Educational Management  
Chairs: Dr. Alison Mandaville and Dr. Azad Akhundov
- 16.00 - 16.15 ***Modernisation as a strategy for the implementation of the Bologna process: Gracienne Lauwers is Professor Education Law at Antwerp University and director of the Interuniversity Centre for Law and Policy.***
- 16.15 - 16.30 *Academic Quality Assurance and Good Governance Practices: Students' Role in Improving Educational Management:* Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy
- 16.30 - 16.45 *Student Assessment and Quality of Courses:* Prof. Rafael Abbasov, Director of Sociological Research Center, Azerbaijan University of Languages

16.45 - 17.30	Discussion
17.30 - 18.00	Closing Session: Recommendations for Follow-up <b>Prof. Jan De Groof</b> , Prof. Ilham Mustafayev, Dr. Natig Yusifov
18.00 - 19.00	Concert of Azerbaijani Music
19.30	Reception/Dinner

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Preparatory workshop with the team leaders of the consortium partners

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Conference

**11 April 2008**

Lectures and workshops conducted by the European students at the Azerbaijan University of Languages

**12 – 13 April 2008**

Discussions at the Azerbaijan Ministry of Education and Azerbaijan University of Languages about the outcome of the activities, the preparation of the second intensive training in Antwerp, and the follow-up cooperation.