



AICE Newsletter

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Message from the Editor:

Greetings from everyone at AICE.

Much has been written about the 2017 AICE Symposium in Minneapolis. Earlier this month, the event brought together professional evaluators, senior representatives from AACRAO and many university representatives for an engaging event culminating in new insights on best practices with three-year degrees from across the globe. I am grateful to my colleagues on the planning committee and to all attendees for this professional development opportunity, and I am already looking forward to planning the next AICE Symposium for 2018.

In a few short weeks, I will be traveling to the NAFSA annual conference in Los Angeles. Coincidentally, this year marks my tenth year in the field of credential evaluation, and I'll be returning to Los Angeles where I attended my first NAFSA Annual Conference in 2009. Consequently, I'd like to reflect how the field has changed in the ten years I have been in it.

Technology affects most professions, and the last ten years included significant changes in how business, politics, education, and social interaction uses technology. Of note, when I first started in this field, the electronic transfer of student data, credentials, and international communication was still in its early stages. Now, it is becoming the norm. As credential evaluators, embarking on the frontier of electronic international credential mobility, we are faced with new challenges of determining authenticity, verifying sources and combating new types of fraud and forgery. The easy response is to exclude electronic data, and maintain the tried and true methodology of relying on official documents received directly from the issuing institution via post. In the digital age, this is not only cumbersome, but is no longer sustainable. As an international educator, a credential evaluator, and an AICE Endorsed Member, I embrace the challenge of expediting student data transfer through technology, but I remain vigilant in maintaining authenticity and integrity in the process.

On April 27, 2017 in Melbourne, Australia, AICE became a signatory to the Groningen Declaration. The summarized goal of the Groningen Declaration is to "make Digital Student Data Portability happen" in an ethical, sustainable, yet accessible manner. I look forward to working

within the framework of the declaration to enhance the advancement of international education and the profession of credential evaluation through technology.

Sincerely,
Aleks Morawski
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Notable Events:

- The 2017 AICE Symposium took place in Minneapolis, MN, on April 5-6, 2017. AICE Endorsed members are thrilled with the results, and are working on incorporating the deduced insights in the AICE Standards.

For more information and a personal account of the event, please [click here](#).

- AICE became a signatory to the Groningen Declaration at the organization's 2017 Annual Meeting in Melbourne, Australia, April 26-28, 2017. For more information about the declaration, please [click here](#).

AICE and ACEI President Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert attended the event and signed the declaration on behalf of AICE and ACEI "to move our profession forward." For her reflection and explanation of the declaration, please [click here](#).

- AICE congratulates AICE and ACEI President Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert on her appointment as Chair of the AACRAO International Education Standards Council, April 2017.

Upcoming AICE Events:

- **The following NAFSA Workshops will be led by Aleks Morawski, (Foreign Credits, AICE Endorsed Member) and Suguru Fujiwara (University of Idaho, AICE Affiliate):**

- [Sunday, May 28, 2017: International Credential Evaluation: Understanding the Essentials](#)
- [Sunday, May 28, 2017: International Credential Evaluation: Secondary-Level Credentials](#)
- [Tuesday, May 30: International Credential Evaluation: Post-Secondary Level Credentials](#)

- **AICE Coffee Meet-Up at NAFSA**

Join the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE) for a casual gathering to chat about how AICE sets the standards for credential evaluation. Discuss important international issues facing us today and learn how AICE can foster partnerships.

Wednesday, May 31, 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Groundwork Coffee, Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall

- **"International Graduate Admissions - Examining the Requirements for International Degrees"** NAFSA Annual Conference, Friday, June 2, 2017, 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM, Los Angeles, CA. (Aleks Morawski, Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert). [View website](#).

AICE® Forum Highlights

This section includes topics discussed at the monthly AICE® Forum in April, 2017. Additional details can be obtained by contacting an AICE Endorsed Member or Affiliate.

1. Cuba – Updates on Document Authentication
2. Greece – 5-year engineering degrees
3. Ethiopia – Addis Ababa University and ECTS credits
4. St. Kitts and Nevis – Windsor University School of Medicine and an overview of CAAM-HP
5. Iran – Farsi Transcripts and Translations

For more information on these topics, and to reach an AICE member who submitted the discussion item, please contact info@alice-eval.org.

Please join us for the next AICE Credential Forum on May 18, 2017, 12:00 pm CDT

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Publications

• AACRAO has a new publication: [The AACRAO International Guide: A Resource for International Education Professionals](#). Beth Cotter and Jasmin Saidi contributed to this publication (section on Diploma Mills and Outsourcing International Credential Evaluations with a Historic Perspective). You may order this publication online or by post.

Blogs

ACEI hosts “*Academic Exchange*,” a blog on education-related topics:
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