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Message from the Editor:

Greetings from everyone at AICE.

I am delighted to introduce this edition of the AICE Standard having just returned from the 2018 AICE Symposium in Orlando, FL. The Symposium once again proved to be a very engaging and intellectually stimulating event showcasing the leaders in the credential evaluation industry discussing various aspects of institutional recognition across the globe. I'm confident that the productive discussion will lead to updates to the AICE Standards, the only document of its kind regulating the profession of international credential evaluation.

The 2018 Symposium was preceded by an evening reception sponsored by the China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center (CHESICC). At the

reception, it was clear that credential evaluators, while passionate about credentials, education systems, grading schemes and international documents, also know how to have fun. The spirit of collaboration continued throughout the day of the symposium and our networking lunch which was sponsored by Shorelight Education.

I'm grateful to our symposium sponsors, the distinguished panelists, and AACRAO for their collaboration on this event. I'd also like to acknowledge all the attendees, whose active participation made for an engaging day of discussion.

As a member of the Symposium Planning Committee, I can attest to the effort expended by the committee to make this event. However, seeing it come to fruition makes it more rewarding than the work it took. As early as the pre-symposium reception, and ongoing into the next day, many of us already started discussing topics for the 2019 Symposium. As such, I'd like to invite the readership to send symposium topics directly to me, and I'll gladly convey them to the committee. Furthermore, although the Symposium Planning Committee will take their deserved break until June, I hope to hear from more AICE Affiliates and Endorsed Members who are interested in event planning and program development to start working on the 2019 Symposium, tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 2019 abutting the AACRAO Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA.

Sincerely,
Aleks Morawski
Chairman of Scholarship and Publications, Association of

International Credential Evaluators (AICE)[®]
Director of Evaluation Services, Foreign Credits, Inc.

AICE Endorsed Members, Symposium Sponsors, and Friends in Orlando, FL, March 29, 2018 :



Announcements:

AICE would like to once again welcome the new Endorsed Members: Foreign Credential Service of America (FCSA) and UCREDO. Both organizations participated in the AICE Symposium, and their collaboration will prove to make AICE even stronger in setting the standard for credential evaluation.

AICE® Forum Highlights

This section includes topics discussed at the monthly AICE® Forum in March, 2018:



Cuba

Update on the AACRAO Cuba Project

AICE Affiliate Garrett Seelinger and AICE Endorsed Member Aleks Morawski shared their reflections on the Cuban education system and their recent trip to Cuba with AACRAO. The project was a success at many levels, but the team is still in the process of organizing new data. Much further research remains to be done on Cuba, but the first presentation on the trip was successfully delivered at AACRAO 2018, and a copy is available at:

<https://www.foreigncredits.com/Resources/Presentations/Cuban-Education-System.pdf>

European Union

General Data Protection

Regulations

Please review published information at [Insidehighered](#) for information about how these regulations can impact US campuses, as well as recommendation to aid compliance.



China

**Scottish
Qualifications
Authority**

(SQA) from Renmin University

SQA qualifications have become increasingly popular in China. However, the documents in question were issued by the Chinese University, and not by SQA. Participants agreed that the appropriate course of action would be to request documents issued by SQA, but if SQA is able to issue these, the credentials will be evaluated according to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework.

Aruba

**Aureus
University**

Aureus University School of Medicine does not have the equivalent of regional academic accreditation (no CAAM-HP, Dutch NVAO). However, some argue that ECFMG recognition and eligibility to take the USMLE is sufficient to establish recognition. Participants agreed that access to the USMLE and recognition by ECFMG are functional outcomes, but do not constitute regional academic recognition, which at this time is recognized as the authority of CAAM-HP (Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions).



Scotland

University of Dundee Master of Design

A U.S. resident completed a Master's degree in Design from a recognized institution in Scotland. Since the University of Dundee is not one of the ancient universities offering degrees called "Master's" as first university degrees, this credential is equivalent to a US Master's degree, because it requires a minimum of four years of undergraduate coursework for admission, and is structured in CATS credits representing a minimum of one year of full-time year-round study.

To join us for the next AICE Credential Forum on April 19th, 2018, please contact info@aice-eval.org.

Publications

- NAFSA released a new publication: **Managing a Successful International Admissions Office**, edited by Dr. David L. DiMaria, on March 1, 2017. AICE Endorsed Member Aleks Morawski (Foreign Credits Inc.) contributed by authoring the chapter on Foreign Credential Evaluation. This publication can be ordered from [NAFSA](#).
- NAFSA also released the **U.S. High Schools and Incorporating Education Abroad into Your Career Plan** – see the ACE network – [Click here](#).
- AACRAO's newer (2016) publication: **The AACRAO International Guide: A Resource for International Education Professionals**. Endorsed Members 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 on line or by post. Here's the [link](#).

Resources and Blogs

ACEI hosts "*ACEI -GLOBAL*," a blog on education-related topics:

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Upcoming Conferences and Presentations

Groningen Declaration Network Meeting – April 18 – 20, 2018, Paris, France

AICE and Endorsed Member ACEI are proud signatories of the GDN. Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert, President & CEO of ACEI and President of AICE will be attending the annual GDN meeting in Paris, France.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Conference – May 27 – June 1, 2018, Philadelphia, PA

SESSION TITLE: “Credentialing Vs. Outsourcing” Open Meeting

DAY: May 30, 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Presenters: Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert, Facilitator, ACEI*

SESSION TITLE: “Online Verification of Latin American Degrees, Programs and Institutions” Session

DAY: May 31, 2018

TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Presenters: Sonya Brauchle, Foreign Credits Inc.*

SESSION TITLE: “An Evaluator’s Guide to Institutional Recognition and Accreditation” Session

DAY: May 30, 2018

TIME: 1:00 PM– 2:00 PM

Presenters: Alexander Agafanov, Globe Language Services, Inc*

**AICE Endorsed Members*

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