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The **STANDARD**

AICE

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AICE Newsletter

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Message from the Editor:

Greetings from everyone at AICE.

I am opening this issue of the newsletter having just returned from Cuba, where I proudly represented AICE at the AACRAO Cuba Project researching Cuban educational practices. My fellow delegates and I are just starting to compile and analyze our data at this time, but I look forward to sharing our findings in the form of presentations at AACRAO and other conferences, publications, and updates to the AACRAO EDGE database.

Cuban society exhibits fundamental differences from what we are used to in the United States. However, I am pleased to report that my meetings with Cuban educators taught me that we share the same quest of improving, or as they would say “perfecting” our profession for the good of the students and their community. Education is a serious and celebrated profession in Cuba, and educators are actively involved in setting educational policies in a complex political system that manages to maintain a 99.9% literacy rate among citizens and one of the most developed higher education infrastructures. At the micro-level, I learned first-hand that such policies are developed by

educators coming together in departments and faculties to establish standards related to grading, teaching methods, performance indicators, etc. As a representative of AICE, I could not help but draw a parallel to how AICE Endorsed Members and Affiliates convene regularly at the monthly Credential Forum and annual AICE Symposium to solve mutual challenges and perfect the Standards, the hallmark of our organization. In summary, this visit taught me that we are more similar than we are different.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando, Florida at the AICE Symposium in a few short weeks. More information is available further in this issue.

Sincerely,

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Announcements:

- AICE would like to warmly welcome the new Endorsed Members: Foreign Credential Service of America (FCSA) and UCREDO. Both organizations completed a thorough application process, and demonstrated expertise, ethics, and a commitment to standards in the evaluation profession.

Notable Events:

- Sponsorship opportunities for the 2018 AICE Symposium are still available! Please see the forms attached to this newsletter for information on becoming a Symposium Sponsor. Sponsorship includes a feature in the AICE Symposium Program, along with opportunities to address the attendees during the one-day event. Please submit sponsorship forms by March 7 for inclusion in the print program.
- The AICE Symposium will take place on March 28-29, 2018 in Orlando, FL, immediately following AACRAO's 104th Annual Meeting. This symposium will strive to answer questions, generate discussion, and update the AICE Standards on the topic of institutional accreditation, specifically comparative regional academic accreditation. AICE invites all to attend a reception on the evening of March 28th prior to the day-long Symposium on March 29th. Information about the program and distinguished panelists is available at <http://aice-eval.org/events/>.

REGISTER TODAY!

The graphic is a rectangular promotional poster for the 2018 AICE Symposium. On the left side, there is the AICE logo (a blue wave above the text 'AICE') and a blue arrow pointing right containing the text '2018 AICE SYMPOSIUM'. Below this, the text 'Setting the Standard: Evaluating International Recognition and Accreditation' is displayed. On the right side, the text 'SAVE THE DATE!' is written in large orange letters, followed by 'ORLANDO FLORIDA' in green and 'March 28 – 29, 2018' in black. Below this, it says 'Collaborate with industry experts as we discuss standards for institutional recognition'. A yellow speech bubble contains the text 'Come for AACRAO... stay for AICE!'. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a city skyline with a 'UCF' logo and a Ferris wheel. At the very bottom, it reads 'AICE, Association of International Credential Evaluators' and 'Registration coming soon at : aice-eval.org'.

AICE® Forum Highlights

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



Ghana

Central University

AICE Affiliates and Endorsed members reviewed

credentials for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program based on coursework completed at a nurses' training college and a university. The documents provided an opportunity to demonstrate how to search for recognized institutions in Ghana.

Italy

MIB Trieste School of Management



Research concluded that MIB Trieste School of Management is NOT authorized by the Ministry of Education in Italy. Instead, it has the legal status of a non-profit consortium, whose members are universities, chambers of commerce, government agencies, professional associations and businesses, per the school website. AICE members and guests discussed the appropriate course of action when evaluating credentials from this, and other similar types of institutions, which are growing in popularity in Western Europe.

Syria



Damascus University Verification Procedure

In response to the refugee crisis and to curtail fraud, Damascus University is digitizing their records, which will facilitate easier verification of credentials. See: <http://www.damascusuniversity.edu.sy/2017-06-01-10-10-05>

Diploma Mill Update regarding Axact in Karachi, Pakistan



Despite Pakistani government interventions, Axact, the Karachi-based purveyor of diploma and accreditation mills continues operating while government authorities pursue further action.

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20180212140927240>



Nigeria

Online Verification Service

There is an online verification service entitled Electronic Transcript Exchange and Degree Verification for Nigeria which helps with the verification of post-secondary transcripts and degrees from Nigerian

institutions. See <https://www.etx-ng.com/home> . AICE does not endorse the specific verification service provider, nor do any AICE Endorsed Members of Affiliates. However, participants did share positive experiences using this service within our professional networks.

United Kingdom

PhD by Prior Output



Foreign Credits, Inc. received a “PhD by Prior Output” credential. After an initial review of the program, it was thought that this degree is most similar to an honorary doctorate, since it is clearly differentiated from a regular PhD offered by London Metropolitan University. However, based on a survey of the AACRAO IESC team, a consensus was reached that since the award of this degree requires an oral defense of the research, and is deemed equivalent to other UK PhDs, it is not an honorary doctorate, rather it is equivalent to a regular PhD.



India

Diploma in Radiodiagnostic Technology

This discussion demonstrated the requirement to follow an education ladder in order to build a US degree equivalence from multiple credentials. In this case, a high school diploma (standard XII), a three-year Bachelor of Science degree, and a two-year diploma in radiodiagnostic technology were submitted. The latter was issued by a private but authorized medical college in India and requires standard XII for admission. Although five years of post-secondary study were completed, the combination is not equivalent to a bachelor’s degree

because the years of study were not required to build on each other (in other words, still completed at the lower division, undergraduate level), and the applicant is still missing the equivalent of the fourth year of post-secondary coursework. A discussion followed on researching institutional recognition for private medical colleges and proper methodology for combining credentials for a degree equivalence.

To join us for the next AICE Credential Forum on March 15th, 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 orderd 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

International Educators of Illinois Annual Conference

– March 8 - 9, Shaumburg, IL

Foreign Credits Inc. (AICE Endorsed Member) Representative: Aleks Morawski, Director of Evaluation Services attending

NAFSA Region XII Northern District Conference

– March 18 - 19, Monterrey, CA

ACEI (AICE Endorsed Member) Representative: Alan A. Saidi, Senior Vice-President & COO attending

AACRAO Annual Meeting – March 25-28, 2018, Orlando, FL

SESSION TITLE: Research Findings in International Education: Top Ten Changes in EDGE 2017

SESSION ID: 7012

DAY: Mar 26, 2018

TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

PRESENTERS: Johnny Johnson, FCSA, *Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert*, ACEI, William Paver, FCSA*, Robert Watkins, UT Austin

SESSION TITLE: Diversity and Inclusion in International Recruitment

SESSION ID: 7143

DAY: Mar 27, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

PRESENTERS: William Paver, FCSA, *Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert*, ACEI, Laura Sippel, Laura Sippel Consulting, LLC

SESSION TITLE: Mutual Recognition: The 24th Joint Meeting of the ENIC-NARIC Networks

SESSION ID: 7297

DAY: Mar 27, 2018

TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Presenters: Melanie Gottlieb, AACRAO, Johan Rognlie, NOKUT,
Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert, ACEI*

SESSION TITLE: Zero to Expert in Credential Evaluation: Three Perspectives in Career Development

SESSION ID: 7075

DAY: Mar 26, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

PRESENTERS: Aleks Morawski, Foreign Credits*, Sully Saucedo,
Texas Women's University, Mark Moore, Texas State University

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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 Internatioanl Educators
Annjual 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, 3028

TIME: 1:00 PM– 2:00 PM

Presenters: Alexander Agafanov, Globe Language Services, Inc*

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