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The Review Team



Chair



Marc Vandewalle is Vice Chancellor of the University College Leuven-Limburg (UCLL) since academic year 2016-2017. UCLL is a University of Applied Sciences with a wide range of Bachelor and Advanced Bachelor programmes. Previously he was Secretary General of VLHORA, the Flemish Council of University Colleges. During this period, he organised QA programme visits in Flanders. Marc has been member of the Board of EURASHE for 4 mandates now (2010-2018). He was member of the Steering Committee of UASnet for several years. Before he was head of department of the business department of the Limburg Catholic University College. He held this position for 12 years, during which the educational approach was directed towards professional practice, competence-based learning, team-work and innovation.





Coordinating Reviewer

Kim O'Mahony is a Quality Officer in the Quality Support Unit, University of Limerick. With over 30 years career progression at UL, she began working in the field of quality management in 2000 with the implementation of a quality management system in the Information Technology Division, which was accredited to ISO.

The remit of Kim's current role as Quality Officer includes operational management of the unit, co-ordinating assessment of institutional compliance with statutory quality assurance requirements and guidelines, managing the internal quality review process and supporting the development of quality management systems. She has previously chaired quality reviews for RSCI in both Dublin and Bahrain. Kim has a Diploma in Information Technology from Dublin City University and a Master's of Science in Quality Management from the University of Limerick.

	<p>International Representative</p> <p>In 2005, Dr. Zorica Pantić became the president of Wentworth Institute of Technology. She is the first female engineer to lead a higher-education institution of technology in the United States. Under her leadership Wentworth increased its enrolment by 20%, improved facilities by investing \$240M, and increased its visibility.</p> <p>Before joining Wentworth, Zorica was the founding dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio; the director of the School of Engineering at San Francisco State University; a Fulbright fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and an associate professor at the University of Niš, Serbia. Zorica has served on various boards and professional organizations, including the Board of Directors for the World Association for Co-operative Education, the American Association for Presidents of Independent Universities and Colleges, the New England Association for Schools and Colleges, the Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, as well as the Presidents Council for the NCAA Division III.</p>
	<p>Industry Representative</p> <p>James Flynn manages university programmes at IBM based within the Innovation Exchange, which is part of the IBM Ireland Lab leveraging novel business models to drive technical innovations for IBM, its customers and partners. Having established sustainable relationships with academic institutions over many years, he has contributed to a collaborative environment involving over 150 partners through various research framework activities. Leveraging the Ireland Lab’s broad mission and expertise, these joint university and business partner projects target domains including, but not limited to Health, Telecommunications, Security, Automotive, Logistics and HR. James runs education programmes on a variety of Computer Science, Engineering and Business topics that provide industry and technology insight to both students and faculty, and help prepare the students to be ready for their professional career in the industry. As part of this role James has contributed to skills initiatives such the AMCHAM / HEA joint initiative to develop the Post Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice; he is also a member of the Board of FIT (Fast Track to IT).</p>

	<p>Learner Representative</p> <p>Oluwasegun Seriki is the Postgraduate Officer at DIT Students' Union, where he represents all postgraduate students across the DIT campuses. Seriki is currently pursuing a PhD in Construction Management, having gained a Masters of Engineering from Tsinghua University, Beijing and an honours Bachelor of Engineering from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria. He is participating in the NStEP (National Student Engagement Programme), a collaborative initiative by the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and QQI. The National Student Engagement Programme develops student capabilities and institutional capacity to enhance engagement at all levels across the higher education system.</p>
	<p>Quality Assurance Representative</p> <p>Fiona Crozier is Head of International at QAA and is responsible for QAA's international strategic engagement and review work, and for in country reviews of UK transnational education. Fiona first joined QAA in 1998. From 2013-15 she worked as Director of Quality at University College Cork, before returning to QAA in her current role. Her experience ranges from policy development, design and implementation of review methods, and the management of reviews. She was responsible for the drafting of the revised Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area. Fiona was Vice-President of the ENQA Board from 2009-13, and is a panel chair for ENQA reviews of quality assurance agencies across Europe.</p>