

Review Team for the Review of Reviews

Chairperson:



Mr Peter Williams is a graduate in English from the University of Exeter. Following a brief spell as a management trainee with the British Printing Corporation, and three years in the Registry of the University of Surrey, he moved in 1974 to the University of Leicester, where he was in charge of the Higher Degrees Office. In 1978 he was promoted to Assistant Registrar in the Medical School, becoming Secretary of the School in 1982. From 1984 until 1990 he was the Deputy Secretary of the British Academy. In 1990 Peter was appointed as the first (and only) Director of the CVCP Academic Audit Unit (AAU), one of the first quality assurance agencies, and between 1992 and 1997 was the Director of the Quality Assurance Group of the Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC), which took over the responsibilities of the AAU. In August 1997 Peter became the Director of Institutional Review in the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), which was formed by a merger of HEQC and the quality assessment divisions of the UK's higher education funding councils. In August 2001 he additionally took on the role of Acting Chief Executive. In March 2002 he was appointed Chief Executive of QAA. Peter retired as Chief Executive at the end of September 2009.

In addition to his work in the UK, Peter has made presentations and participated in a number of international quality assurance projects in Albania, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. In 2004-05 he was a Vice-President, and between 2005 and 2008 served as the President, of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and represented ENQA on the Bologna Process Follow-Up Group (BFUG). During his time with ENQA, he was one of the principal authors of the *European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education*.

Peter is currently Chair of the British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of Cardiff Metropolitan University and Chair of the Board of Academic Advisers and a Trustee of Richmond The American International University in London; he is also a member of the Education Honours Committee. In December 2011 Peter was appointed Chair of the Accreditation Review Committee of the National Council for Academic Accreditation and Assessment (NCAAA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In addition, Peter acts as an

independent consultant and undertakes reviews of higher education institutions and quality assurance agencies.

Peter holds honorary Doctorates of Laws from the University of Leicester and HETAC, an honorary PhD from the University of Gloucestershire and is a Fellow of the University of Worcester and an honorary Fellow of the College of Teachers. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and currently the Upper Warden of the Company of Educators. In June 2009 Peter was appointed as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday honours list in recognition of his services to higher education.



Dr Judith S. Eaton is President of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the largest institutional higher education membership organization in the United States. A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities.

CHEA works with the presidents and chief academic officers of colleges and universities, accreditors, policy makers and higher education leaders around the world, providing authoritative information and leadership on issues related to accreditation and quality assurance, the federal government-accreditation relationship and enhancing public confidence in accreditation. CHEA is the only private sector body in the United States that “recognizes” U.S. institutional and programmatic accreditors for quality, scrutinizing these organizations and affirming that they meet CHEA’s quality standards. At present, 60 accreditors are CHEA-recognized.

Prior to her work at CHEA, Dr. Eaton served as chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, where she was responsible for leadership and coordination of 32 institutions serving more than 162,000 students statewide. Previously, she was president of the Council for Aid to Education, Community College of Philadelphia and the Community College of Southern Nevada, and served as vice president of the American Council on Education. She also has held full- and part-time teaching positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

A sought-after speaker on higher education issues both in the United States and internationally, Dr. Eaton currently serves on a range of boards and has authored numerous books and articles on higher education and accreditation topics.

Co-ordinating Reviewer



Pedro Teixeira is Associate Professor at the Department of Economics (University of Porto) and Director of CIPES (Centre of Research on Higher Education Policy). He holds a PhD in Economics (Exeter University, UK), a Masters in the Economics of Higher Education at CHEPS (University of Twente, The Netherlands), and a BA in Economics (University of Porto, Portugal).

His research interests focus on the economics of higher education, notably on markets and privatisation, and the development of human capital as a research program. He is the author "Jacob Mincer - A Founding Father of Modern Labour Economics" (Oxford UP, 2007), which was awarded two prizes, including the Best Book Prize by the European Society of History of Economic Thought. He has also co-edited the following volumes: "Markets in Higher Education - Reality or Rhetoric?" (Kluwer, 2004), "Cost-Sharing and Accessibility in Higher Education - A Fairer Deal?" (Springer, 2006), "Public Vices, Private Virtues? Assessing the Effects of Marketization in Higher Education" (Sense, 2011), and "Reforming Higher Education: Public Policy Design and Implementation" (Springer, 2013). He has also published several articles and book chapters on the history of economic thought and on the economics of higher education.

He is a member of the Panel of Experts of the Institutional Evaluation Program (EUA) since 2005 and has participated in institutional and program evaluations in Italy, Spain, Colombia, Portugal, and Romania. He is a member of the panel of experts appointed by the Ministry of Education (Portugal) to the external assessment of schools. He holds several editorial responsibilities, including being a member of the Editorial Board of Higher Education, the European Journal of Higher Education, and the Journal of the European Higher Education Area. He is a member of the Board of CHER – The Consortium of Higher Education Researchers (since 2007) and of RESUP – The French Network of Higher Education Researchers (since 2007). He is a IZA Research Fellow (since 2003) and a PROPHE Associated Researcher (since 2004). He was Visiting Researcher at Centre for Higher Education Studies of UC-Berkeley (2005), Visiting Professor at SUNY- Albany (2006) and Visiting Fellow at Oxford University (2011-2013).