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## RE-ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE for TRAINING INSTITUTES

EAGT's training standards require that after 5 years an accredited institute has to apply for re-accreditation. This procedure has the aim of verifying that the institute continues to fulfil EAGT training standards and to support it in its process of high quality development. It is also an important moment of contact in the continuing relationship between accredited institutes and EAGT and also provides feedback not only for the institute, but also for the work of the TSC and for the EAGT's development. Indeed, accreditation processes are important moments of contact between EAGT and institutes; not only owners, but also teachers, supervisors, therapists, students and graduates. So, TSC has looked for a good balance between saving costs and time and maintaining a direct and supportive contact with the institute.

This process has to be different from the first accreditation because there is already a connection between TSC and the institute and TSC has already the documents about its structure and functioning.

This re-accreditation procedure is considered as an experiment for two years (Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2012). After this period, the TSC confirms or makes changes to the procedure.

This is the re-accreditation procedure:

1. The institute **receives an invitation** for the re-accreditation (in copy to the TSC chair) from the EAGT office manager six months before the expiring date of the accreditation.
2. TSC appoints **one expert** that follows the institutes re-accreditation process.
3. The institute will send to the EAGT office manager and to the TSC expert a detailed report at least two months before the following TSC meeting. This report describes the following items:
  - the development of the institute after the first accreditation with particular view to the received recommendations and conditions;
  - a description of the actual situation (how many trainees, how many courses, financial situation, etc.);
  - eventual changes which might have occurred during the last 5 years regarding:
    - changes in the training (programs, teachers, hours, locations, etc.);
    - changes in the institutes structure (ownership, board, chambers, etc.);
    - changes in the institutes connections (with NOGT, national and international organisations, universities, etc.).
4. The expert makes a **short report** based on the documents and the dialogue with the institute. In this report s/he will give her/his recommendation for becoming or not becoming re-accredited. S/He can suggest recommendations or conditions.
5. The expert asks the EAGT office manager to invite to the next TSC meeting **a representative of the NOGTs** where the institute runs training programs (it is possible that the Institute runs training programs in more than one country).
6. This report will be discussed in a specific moment of the **TSC's following meeting**. The participants to that meeting are: the TSC, the representative of the institute, a representative of the NOGT of the country where the institute runs training programs.
7. After the meeting, **TSC makes a decision** about the re-accreditation and, if necessary, will set recommendations or conditions for it.

In some cases and for specific reasons, TSC can decide to appoint an expert to visit the institute. This can happen when the Institute has changed its structure or training programs a lot after the previous accreditation (i.e. fusion with another institute) or when there have been many problems in the follow up after the previous accreditation. In this case, like for the first accreditation, the expert makes a report that will be discussed during the following TSC meeting. The representative of the NOGT is invited to participate in this discussion.

The involved costs for the re-accreditation procedure will be covered by the Training Institute. The fee is € 300,= (€ 200,= for EAGT and € 100,= for the NOGT). In case the institute will be visited, the costs are similar to the first accreditation.

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