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ENQA Full Membership of ARACIS

Dear Radu,

I am pleased to let you know that, at its meeting of 2 June 2009, the Board of ENQA agreed to grant ARACIS's Full membership of ENQA for five years from 2 June 2009.

On the basis of its scrutiny of the final review report on ARACIS, the ENQA Board and its Review Committee agreed that ARACIS met the necessary requirements for being granted ENQA Full Membership. Though the ENQA Board concluded that ARACIS is in substantial compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines, it found that there were some areas for development, included in Annex 1 to this letter. ARACIS should submit a progress report on these areas no later than June 2011, and they will also be considered in conjunction with the next external review.

In addition, the Board expressed the wish that granting ENQA Full membership to ARACIS will reinforce its role and the reception of its contribution to the development and improvement of Romanian higher education.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ENQA Secretariat.

Please accept my congratulations to ARACIS for being granted Full Membership in ENQA.

With kind regards,



Bruno Curvale, ENQA President



Annex 1: Areas for development

The Board suggests that, in addition to the other panel's recommendations, ARACIS should pay particular attention to the following questions:

- Internal QA procedures should be more developed. A further opening up of the work of ARACIS to the outside world is recommended. ARACIS should have a clear description and implementation of its internal QA system. The appeals procedure should be more clearly described;
- A system-wide analysis should be developed;
- Stakeholder participation in the Council: the Council should incorporate views from outside the HE community.

