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The Review Team



Chair

Dr Achim Hopbach has over 25 years of experience in higher education, having served as research assistant, in university administration, higher education policy, and quality assurance. He recently set up his own consultancy business after having retired from leading the quality assurance agencies in Austria and Germany for 15 years.

Dr Hopbach has extensive experience in the development and implementation of quality assurance legislation, systems and processes in Europe, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. He has served and serves as panel member and chair of evaluation panels in Europe and beyond. His consultancy activities focus on the areas of cross-border higher education and branch campuses, design of quality assurance systems and setting up higher education institutions.

He held and holds various positions in quality assurance agencies and associations, such as President of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) from 2009 to 2013; member of the board of national agencies in Hong Kong, Dubai, the Holy See, and on international advisory boards of various agencies.

Dr Hopbach holds a PhD in History.



Coordinating Reviewer

Professor Bairbre Redmond is Full Emeritus Professor in Higher Education at University College Dublin and also an international higher education consultant, with considerable global experience of high-level, change-management projects. She was Provost of Universitas 21 [U21], from 2016 – 2021. U21 is a leading global network of twenty-eight top, worldwide, research-intensive universities, across eighteen countries, which collectively enrol over one million students. As Provost, Bairbre was the international network's lead academic. She worked closely with U21's Presidents and Vice Chancellors, advising and implementing the network's overall strategic direction in order to maximize its benefits for its students, researchers, academics and professional staff.

Bairbre was previously Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Deputy Registrar, Teaching and Learning at University College Dublin [2008 - 2016]. In this role she provided senior university academic leadership in developing and supporting excellence in teaching and academic development in order to deliver the most effective student learning opportunities. This was achieved by promoting all-university approaches to teaching, learning and assessment with proven efficacy; rewarding outstanding teaching and educational leadership; focusing on quality enhancement in education and providing quality learning environments, systems and services.

Bairbre retains a particular research interest in the advancement of reflective approaches in higher education, particularly in how effective approaches to reflective learning and critical thought can be incorporated in curriculum design.



Fiona Crozier has worked in higher education for 30 years. She has worked in quality assurance nationally and internationally.

She is experienced in the development, implementation and operationalisation of institutional and national QA systems and has participated in reviews of QA agencies and HE institutions as chair, secretary and panel member nationally and internationally.

Her most recent post was Head of International at QAA UK. She is now an independent consultant. Recent projects include involvement in the evaluation of QA processes and standards during the COVID-19 crisis in Georgia and Indonesia, development of internal QA systems at several institutions, involvement in capacity building projects globally and the development and

	<p>articulation of regional QA frameworks in Europe and ASEAN to facilitate international trust and partnerships.</p> <p>She is a former Vice-President of the Board of the European Association for Quality Assurance.</p>
	<p>Professor John O'Brien is Founder and Director of The Food Observatory, UK. He is a former CEO of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and former Deputy Head of the Nestle Research Centre (staff 650) where he led the Food Safety and Integrity Research Programme. His experience spans the international food industry from senior leadership positions in Groupe Danone (France) and Nestlé (Switzerland) to various consultancy and advisory projects in Ireland, Europe, Japan and USA. He has held lectureships at University College, Cork and the University of Surrey.</p> <p>O'Brien holds/has held non-executive directorships of several scientific and technical organisations including the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) (Washington), Institute for Food Safety & Health at Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago), ILSI Europe (Brussels, as Chair), and Campden BRI (UK), Feeding Tomorrow (USA), and the Institute of Food Science & Technology (UK). He is currently a member of the Science Council of the Food Standards Agency (UK), where he recently chaired a Working Group on Global Food System Risks and is a Visiting Professor and Chair of the Advisory Board at the Nutrition Innovation Centre for Food & Health (NICHE) at Ulster University. He has served on academic external review boards/course validation panels at Wageningen University, Maastricht University, Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University.</p>



Cerys MacAllister is a 2nd year masters student of vocal performance at The Royal Academy of Music in London, where she earned a scholarship to study. She graduated from The Royal Irish Academy of Music and Trinity College Dublin with a first class honours BA in Music Performance.

At the RIAM, Cerys worked as Welfare Officer on the Students Union and as Student Union President in her final year. She was prevalent in reforming the Students Union within the RIAM and writing the first constitution for the institution. Cerys has worked on the Board of Studies and with the Director of the Conservatoire to analyse and review courses in the institution. Cerys currently works as Student Representative at The Royal Academy of Music in London for post graduate studies in vocal performance.