

## EAQUALS AGM – Krakow, 24-26 April

EAQUALS held its 2007 AGM and International Conference in the historic town of Krakow, under the patronage of the Jagiellonian University and of the Mayor of Krakow. The meeting coincided with the annual conference of PASE, the Polish Association of Schools of English. In the joint opening ceremony in the Jagiellonian University, **Professor Wladyslaw Miodunka**, Pro-Rector of the university, Professor in applied linguistics, and a leading expert on Polish as a Foreign Language, emphasised Poland's contribution to Europe's cultural heritage and welcomed EAQUALS to Krakow. **Adrian Underhill** gave a very stimulating talk on the subject of **Standards, organisational learning and school leadership**, emphasising that unless procedures and actions are consciously based on the values an organisation subscribes to (e.g. in the way the work of EAQUALS schools refers to the Guide to Inspections, which itself is based on the EAQUALS charters), individual professionals cannot work, learn or lead effectively and efficiently.



## EAQUALS WORKSHOP 2007 Budapest, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2007

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## Changes in EAQUALS



**Paul Hammond, New ISC Chair**

**Paul Hammond** takes over from Ludka Kotarska as **ISC Chair**. Ludka stepped down after a 6 year period in which she systematised the EAQUALS inspection scheme. She is staying on the EAQUALS Board as **Special Advisor**, with a brief concerning the design of joint inspection schemes with Associate Members, and schemes for the accreditation of areas other than language teaching programmes. **Ania Kolbuszewska** (Extensive Schools) and **Kevin McNally** (Intensive Schools) were elected as **Board members without portfolio** and **Brian North** was re-elected for a second **term as EAQUALS Chair**.

**Membership:** The AGM was preceded by a discussion forum in small groups that formulated proposals later voted on by the AGM.

The significant changes carried are as follows:

- Representatives of EAQUALS **17 Associate Members** will in future be able to vote on all issues not involving inspections, and can stand for election for posts other than Chair or Chair of the Inspections Sub-Committee (ISC).
- A new relationship category of **"Project Partner"** is created for organisations for which the categories of "Full Member" and "Associate Member" are not appropriate. This may be the case with, for example, university departments.
- A category of individual **"Inspector Member"** is created for qualified EAQUALS inspectors who are freelance. This will enable them to participate fully in EAQUALS activities.

## Self Help Guides

Among the 12 areas that were the subject of sessions in Krakow, EAQUALS Self-help Guides were presented on the following four areas. The packs have been made available in the members' area of the EAQUALS website.

1. *Curriculum & Syllabus Design*
2. *Managing and Appraising Staff*
3. *Teacher Development: observation, in-service training, performance review.*

4. *Practical (H)elp: The EAQUALS Guide to introducing the European Language Portfolio in Schools.*

## Special Interest Projects

The Krakow meeting also inaugurated the following Special Interest Projects that will be fully launched at the Budapest Workshop

- Accreditation of on-line language learning
- School twinning & networking
- Teacher training (e.g. treatment of error, pronunciation teaching)
- Training academic managers
- Can-do descriptors – review, implementation
- ELP implementation
- Tools to translate EAQUALS materials (French & German)
- Quality management guide (QMS processes, ISO 9001)
- Qualitative research
- Accreditation of teacher training courses.

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We look forward to seeing you in Budapest.

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