**APQN Academic Conference (AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM), 2024**

**26 to 29 September 2024**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

**DEADLINE: June 15, 2024**

## Quality Assurance and Global Tertiary Education: Navigating Challenges and Embracing Innovation

## I       Background

APQN Academic Conference (AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) are annual highlight events to discuss and advance quality assurance in higher education in the Asia Pacific. APQN Board is delighted to announce that the next AAC and AGM will be hosted by the Russian Register **on September 26 - 29 (Thursday - Sunday), 2024 in Saint Petersburg ,Russia.**

The target audience for the AAC and AGM are primarily those associated with quality assurance in the Asia-Pacific Region. It includes all types of APQN members and observers, the Board, the Committees and the various Project Groups. In addition, other higher education institutions (HEIs), quality assurance agencies (QAAs), and organizations working in the field of quality assurance in any part of the world are welcomed to attend AAC events which are only open to all registered delegates with the exception of the AGM which are for APQN members only.

## II       Conference Themes

Theme of 2024 AAC:
*Quality Assurance and Global Tertiary Education: Navigating Challenges and Embracing Innovation*
Sub-themes:
(1)   QA for Cross-Border Higher Education: International Standards, Challenges and Solutions;
(2)   Embracing Digitalization for QA: Innovations and Future Trends;
(3)   QA in Higher Education Institutions: Fostering Excellence in Teaching and Learning in all Stages of Life;
(4)   Enhancing Internal Quality Assurance of QAAs: Innovations and Governance.

## III    Timeline - key dates and events

| Time | Key Event |
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| December, 2023 | Press releases and the announcement of APQN 2024 AAC and AGM |
| February 1, 2024 | Call for Papers for 2024 APQN Academic Conference (AAC) |
| Before May 30, 2024 | 1. Deadline of Call for Papers for 2024 Academic Conference (AAC)<br>2. Call for the Host of 2025 AAC and AGM<br>3. Call for Nominations for 2024 APQN Awards |
| Before June 30, 2024 | 1. Deadline for the EoI to Host 2025 AAC and AGM<br>2. Deadline for the Applications for APQN Awards |
| July 1-20, 2024 | 1. Online Registration is open<br>2. Announcement of accepted papers<br>3. Announcement of the EoI to Host 2025 AAC and AGM by APQN Board<br>4. Announcement of the Applications for APQN Awards by APQN Board<br>5. The first draft of the Programme of 2024 AAC & AGM |
| September 26, 2024 (Thursday) | Arrival in St. Petersburg, Russia for APQN 2024 AAC and AGM |
| September 27-28, 2024 (Friday-Saturday) | APQN Academic Conference and Annual General Meeting |
| September 29, 2024 (Sunday) | Half-day City Tour of St. Petersburg, Russia |

## IV    Guidelines for paper submissions

Submissions should not exceed **3000 words** (min. 2000 words) in length, including the appendices, tables, illustrations and photographs, and an abstract (up to 200 words) and a bio-sketch with a photo of the author (up to 100 words). The paper must be in English and submitted as a Microsoft Word Document. More details can be found in the "Guidelines for the Authors and a Format Model for the Papers" in the appendix.

A review of the submitted papers will be conducted by a Review Committee. The inclusion of any submission and inclusion of submissions into the program is at the prerogative of the Review Committee. No correspondence will be entertained. If your paper has been selected for presentation, the format will be as follows: 1) 15 minutes for presentation; 2) 10 minutes for questions/discussion.

Selected papers will be presented at the 2024 AAC and published in the "Anthology of 2024 AAC" by APQN after the Conference. Publishing permission will be requested from the author. Submissions (in Microsoft Word) will be received by the APQN Secretariat (apqnsecretariat@163.com) and local organizer, Russian Register (zvezdova@rusregister.ru).

You are expected to label your paper file as "your name + your country + Sub-theme number". We are looking forward to receive your submissions by June 15, **2024**.

If your paper is accepted for presentation at the 2024 APQN Conference, the distribution of supplementary material to the audience will be at your own discretion and responsibility.

*All Papers MUST strictly follow the following format and Layout of template below*
*including margins, fonts, naming conventions and HARVARD referencing system*

*Paper 3000 words maximum*
*All papers not using the template below may be rejected*

*Please select "Narrow" for your paper layout margin.*

**Title of paper (Font: Times New Roman, Bold, size: 12, Centralized)**

Authors <u>First Name, Last name</u> only (Font: Times New Roman, non-bold, size: 10, centralized)

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**Abstract:**

Abstract is **<u>compulsory</u>** (Font: Times New Roman, non-bold, size: 11, Justify)

**Contents** (Number each heading and sub-heading using numbers 1., 1.1., 1.1.1.,  2., 2.1., 2.1.1., etc.)
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1.1.1.  Sub-sub heading
In conclusion….

2. Heading
2.1. Sub heading
2.1.1. Sub sub headings

3. etc.

**Diagrams, Figures, illustrations, tables**
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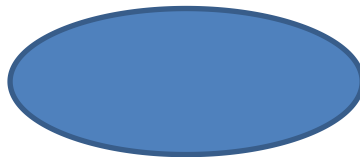Table 1: Xhsjoisps

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**Authors Bio:**

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Author name, title, organization

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