

Overview of key events since the VEPR workshop April 2014

To locate the work of the UKES/EES VEPR Pilot Initiatives in a broader professionalization context, here is a brief list of some of the significant events that have taken place since the VEPR workshop in London in April 2014.

- UKES and EES have both set up working groups to begin implementation of their respective VEPR pilot projects. The UKES group is led by Derek Poate and the EES group by Pam Oliver.
- The meeting on professionalization that took place during the EES conference in October 2014, produced the “Dublin Consensus” on the desirability of a charter of fundamental principles that would be common to all professionalization initiatives. This recognizes the need to:
 - a) adapt professionalization initiatives to diverse regional and national contexts, and,
 - b) promote coherence and make possible mutual recognition and portability between different professionalization processes.
- Jim Rugh has proposed the set up of an International Network under IOCE auspices to promote collaboration among all VOPEs involved in professionalization initiatives.
- Riitta Oksanen, EES Vice President and President Elect, and EES representative to IOCE, has initiated a web based IOCE discussion forum about evaluation professionalization¹.
- IDEAS has commissioned a study about credentialing and Linda Morra Imas has circulated draft terms of reference for a qualification system for development evaluators.
- Bob Picciotto, leader of the EES professionalization thematic working group (TWG) and board member of EES and UKES, circulated for comment and discussion a first draft of “Guiding Principles of Voluntary Evaluator Peer Review (VEPR)”.
- A draft that took account of UKES board comments was approved by the EES board. It was subsequently revised to take account of IDEAS' comments and the changes were endorsed by the EES board. The revised draft shown below may serve as input in the development of a concise charter of fundamental principles for professionalization of evaluation - in line with the Dublin consensus.
- The Nordic seminar on the Future of Evaluation held in Helsinki on September 17 2015 included a debate on professionalization (see Bob Picciotto's ppt presentation below).

- The JSC Chair, Ian Davies, will make a presentation about evaluation professionalization and VEPR at the forthcoming Evaluation Conference to be held in Krakow on September 26-28 2015.

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¹ <http://www.ioce.net/forum/forum/open---forums/professionalisation---aa/140---ioce---common---principles---for---credentialing---approaches>