

Overview of key events since the VEPR workshop April 2004

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 professionalisation thematic working group (TWG) and board member of EES and UKES has circulated for comment and discussion a first draft of “Guiding Principles of Voluntary Evaluator Peer Review”. A draft that takes account of UKES board comments will be submitted to the EES board for approval. The result may serve as a basis for the development of a charter of fundamental principles for professionalisation of evaluation consistent with the Dublin consensus.
- The JSC Chair, Ian Davies, will make a presentation about VEPR at the forthcoming meeting of the Network of Evaluation Societies of Europe (NESE) to be held in Prague on June 10, 2015

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