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## FEEDBACK ON EXPERT PANEL REPORT

ON PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION CARRIED OUT AT YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY:

### Bachelor in Biology and Master in Genetics

The report of the expert panel was discussed by the Academic Council and self-assessment implementation team of the Faculty of Biology. The pilot programme accreditation procedure conducted at the Faculty of Biology, Yerevan State University is an important component of Faculty development. The active collaboration, participation on the training and discussions of Self assessment implementation team within YSU (particularly YSU quality assurance center), as well as collaboration with ANQA and NVAO helped to perform realistic and open assessment and evaluation of quality of education of two academic programmes at Bachelor's and Master's levels.

However the Faculty is fully agree that many aspects of the SER are not precise and require further clarification. However main issues were discussed in details during the session, which were quite useful for us to understand the problem and to develop plans for the future action.

Thanks to the Expert panel for important recommendations, with which the Faculty is fully agree and supporting, and there are already plans developed to implement the main part of the recommendation and to rich the high standards in education and teaching.

#### Feedback on Standard 1

To solve the issue of the limited research possibilities and University and Faculty of Biology agreed to restructure the research laboratories at the Faculty. So, by the end of 2013 year the new structure of the Research Institute within Faculty of Biology will be defined, which will

results in establishment of new research infrastructure within Faculty , which will be connected with Education and will collaborate more effectively with the Intuitions of NAS Ra, this will help also to increase and spend the budget allocated for the research more effectively. Starting from Sep. 2013 the Faculty id implementing another project under the auspices of the World Bank and was implemented by the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia, Project Implementation Unit. The aim of this project is to Establish Center of Excellence in Applied Biosciences which will link the national and international stakeholders into the one big education, research production platform. Regarding the structure and content of the programme, the Faculty will revise it according t the recommendations, however this process should be done in step by step manner, taking into consideration overall market demand. Regarding the Biomedical Sciences, as It was already mentioned the Faculty of Biology has two programmes Healthcare Biotechnology, as well as Distance learning programme in Biomedical sciences, which was developed in collaboration with the Yerevan state medical University after M. Heratsy. However, all the recommendations are quite important and Faculty will follow them to improve the programme stricture to meet the standard requirements.

#### Feedback on Standard 7

The Faculty of Biology is implementing all the mechanisms developed by the Quality Assurance department and the timeline of introduction and implementation of the specific mechanism or procedure is defined by the YSU QA Center. So the planning to implement specific QA procedures in 2013/2014 is defined and agreed by the QA Center.

In General Graduation works and Master Thesis works are structurized, they are divided into the two groups – theoretical and research based. The structure is strict and includes – introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusion, references, and assessment criteria which was developed by the faculty of Biology are based on YSU general procedures and specific structure of the thesis and graduation works.

The Faculty and YSU QA Department are discussing the recommendations of Expert panel to divide tasks and to have more effectively operating QA system t Faculty level.

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