



## **Study Tour in Switzerland 29 October – 2 November 2012**

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Objectives**

The objective of the second study tour is to get familiar with the Swiss system of quality assurance in higher education, and to draw lessons from the various meetings and workshops for further use in Armenia. The overall objective of the international visits is to contribute to the further development of an Armenian quality culture.

### **Delegation**

1. ANQA – Ruben Topchyan, director
2. ANQA – Susanna Karakhanyan, head policy development and implementation unit/deputy director
3. YSU representative – Aleksandr Grigoryan, vice rector of educational affairs
4. YSMU representative – Armen Mkrtychyan, assistant professor and senior specialist quality assessment and assurance
5. SEUA representative – Eduard Hakobyan, head Electrical Engineering and Electric Drive (and panel chair)
6. YSU student representative – Laura Simonyan, student bachelor Romance-Germanic Philology
7. NVAO – Michèle Wera, senior policy advisor & project manager ARQATA

### **Programme**

#### *DAY 1 – Sunday 28 October: Zurich & Bern*

- Travel to Bern via Zurich; no official programme

#### *DAY 2 – Monday 29 October: Bern*

- S1 – State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER)
- S2 – Rector's Conference of Swiss Universities (CRUS) & Swiss University Conference (CUS)
- Meeting / Dinner with stakeholders

#### *DAY 3 – Tuesday 30 October: Bern*

- S3 – Swiss Center of Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education (OAQ)

#### *DAY 4 – Wednesday 31 October: Bern & Lausanne*

- S4 – Student Union (VSS-UNES-USU)
- Travel to Lausanne
- S5 – Visit HEI 1: University of Lausanne

#### *DAY 5 – Thursday 1 November: Lausanne & Zurich*

- S6 – Visit HEI 2: Federal Polytechnic Lausanne
- Travel to Zürich
- S7 – Meeting / Dinner with Rolf Heusser, chairman European Consortium for Accreditation in higher education (ECA)

#### *DAY 6 – Friday 2 November: Zurich*

- S8 – Visit HEI 3: University of Zürich
- Farewell lunch
- Travel home