

CHAPTER 3

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CHE

1. CONFERENCES

4th Annual Consultative Conference of the CHE

The 4th Annual Consultative Conference of the CHE was held on 6 November 2002. It is required in terms of the White Paper and serves as a mechanism for the exchange of ideas between HE stakeholders and the CHE, and for the identification of key challenges. About 100 people attended the conference.

The Consultative Conference sought to engage critically around the central issues and challenges for higher education during 2003 and beyond. This theme was addressed by key officials of the CHE, representatives of higher education constituencies and notable academics and researchers.

CHE Discussion Forum


In accordance with its mandate to contribute to the development of HE through conferences, a CHE *Discussion Forum* was held for higher education leaders, policy-makers and researchers on 23 September 2002 at the University of Pretoria's Groenkloof Campus. The subject of the forum was 'A decade of higher education reform in Argentina'. The forum was addressed by Dr Marcela Mollis, Director of the Research Programme on Comparative Higher Education at the Research Institute of Education at the School of Philosophy and Literature, at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr Mollis is a full professor of Comparative Education and History of Education as well as a former Ford Foundation and Japan Foundation fellow in the field of Comparative History in Higher Education. She is author of a number of publications in the field of comparative education both in English and Spanish.

This third CHE *Discussion Forum* follows previous ones on 'Key Global and International Trends in Higher Education: Challenges for South Africa and Developing Countries' (with Prof. Philip Altbach) and on 'Globalisation, National Development and Higher Education' (with Prof. Manuel Castells).

2. CHE PUBLICATIONS

In accordance with its mandate to contribute to the development of HE through publications, the CHE and HEQC produce a range of publications - Research Reports, Policy Reports, Policy Advice Reports, Policy Documents, Discussion Documents, Occasional Papers, Conference Reports, Newsletters, Kagisano, the CHE's Higher Education Discussion Series and Organisational Brochures. In addition, when necessary, the CHE also issues Press Releases.

The following publications were produced during the past year:

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Research Report
 Governance in South African Higher Education
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Policy Report
 Promoting Good Governance in South African Higher Education
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Policy Advice Report
 CHE Advice to the Minister of Education: The Proposed New Higher Education Funding Framework of the Ministry of Education and its Implications for the Reconfiguration of Higher Education
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Occasional Papers
 No: 1 - Human Resource Development and Higher Education Planning: Important National and Continental Initiatives
- 
Discussion Documents
 A New Academic Policy for Higher Education
 Programme Accreditation Framework
 Institutional Audit Framework
- 
Kagisano
 Reinserting the Public Good into Higher Education Transformation
- 
Annual Reports
 CHE Annual Report 2000-2001: The State of Higher Education in South Africa
- 
Organisational Brochures
 Quality Assurance in Higher Education: The Higher Education Quality Committee
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Press Releases
 Meeting between the Council on Higher Education and the Minister of Education on the Ministry's Higher Education Restructuring Proposals; The CHE Colloquium: Building Relationships between Higher Education and the Private and Public Sectors and Contributing to their High-Level Personpower and Knowledge Needs; and The New Membership of the Council on Higher Education (2002-2006).

A complete list of all CHE publications since its inception is to be found at the back of this report under 'CHE Media'. The CHE website - <http://www.che.ac.za> provides electronic versions of all CHE publications.

3. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

There were also a number of additional activities. These included:

Bilateral meetings with stakeholders

Meetings were held during the past year with all the key national HE stakeholders - SAUVCA, CTP, APPETD, NUTESA, NTESU, SATSU, SAUSRC, NASDEV.

The CHE also met with the Portfolio Committee on Education (National Assembly) on 17 September 2002 to formally present the CHE Annual Report for 2000-2001 and discuss critical challenges facing South African higher education.

Participation in the Committee of Heads of Research and Technology (COHORT)

The CHE is an active member of COHORT, an important forum that regularly brings together all the heads of science and research councils and, more recently, national higher education organisations (CHE, Higher Education Branch of the DoE, SAUVCA and CTP) and the Ministry of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology to discuss matters of science and technology policy and development and strategies for addressing challenges in these regards. The CHE CEO serves on the Executive Committee of COHORT.

External conferences, seminars and workshops

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the CHE, the HEQC Executive Director (ED) and other senior staff of the CHE and HEQC addressed and represented the CHE at, numerous regional, national and international seminars, workshops and conferences of stakeholders, HE and HE-related organisations, and HE institutions.

The CHE CEO delivered keynote addresses at the conferences of NASDEV, NUTESA and the Psychology Society of South Africa (PSYSSA).

The CHE CEO, the HEQC ED and the CHE Project manager all participated as guest lecturers in the new Masters programme in Higher Education Policy, Management and Administration offered by the University of Western Cape.