



Quality Promotion Conference: 26 to 28 February 2019

First Announcement

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) is a statutory body established under the provisions of the Higher Education Act [Act 101 of 1997], as amended, and its legislative mandate include promoting quality in higher education, auditing the quality assurance mechanisms of higher education institutions, and accrediting programmes of higher education.

One of the approaches to promoting quality in higher education adopted by the CHE over the years has been that of convening workshops and conferences. The functions of the CHE, as stipulated by the Higher Education Act, also include arranging and coordinating conferences.

The CHE is pleased to announce that it is organising a quality promotion conference which will take place from **26 to 28 February 2019 in Pretoria, South Africa at the CSIR International Convention Centre.**

The theme of the conference is:

Promoting Academic Integrity in Higher Education

The aim of the conference is to provide a platform for sharing experiences, lessons and good practices, as well as for raising issues and stimulating dialogue on the need to maintain academic integrity across the higher education sector. This would help ensure that the credibility and global competitiveness of the South African, and indeed African higher education qualifications, are not compromised.

Professionals who are involved or have interest in the promotion of quality in higher education, as well as students and other higher education stakeholders, from South Africa and other African countries, are cordially invited to take part in the conference. The target group includes, but is not limited to:

- Quality assurance managers and/or practitioners in higher education institutions;
- Officials from national qualifications authorities or commissions;
- Deans of Faculties and Heads or Chairpersons of Departments in public and private higher education institutions;
- Registrars in public and private higher education institutions;
- Students in public and private higher education institutions;
- Registrars of Professional Bodies
- Academics;
- Researchers in the fields of ethics, quality assurance and promotion;
- Higher education policy and/or regulation developers;
- Higher education policy analysts;
- Officials from the Ministries and/or Departments of Higher Education; and

- Representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with interest in the higher education.

The conference will comprise plenary sessions, parallel paper presentation sessions, poster session, panel discussion session, a gala dinner and an excursion. The keynote speakers at the plenary sessions will include world renowned experts in matters to do with promotion of academic integrity. The panellists for the panel discussion session will similarly be a mixture of local and international experts in the field.

Call for Abstracts

Academics, researchers, practitioners and all others who have something to share about the promotion of academic integrity in higher education are invited to submit abstracts for platform and/or poster presentations at the conference. The abstracts should be on topics that speak to the following conference subthemes or streams:

- **Stream 1:** Philosophical, conceptual and/or theoretical discourses about academic integrity;
- **Stream 2:** Academic integrity in curricula and qualification standards;
- **Stream 3:** Academic integrity in teaching and learning, assessments and certification;
- **Stream 4:** Academic integrity in research and publication;
- **Stream 4:** Manifestations and trends of practices that threaten academic integrity; and
- **Stream 5:** Good practices for promoting academic integrity in the 21st Century.

Abstracts submitted should adhere to the following requirements:

- Not more than 350 words long;
- Reflect titles, names of authors and their institutional or organisational affiliations;
- Bear email addresses of the corresponding authors;
- List the five (5) key words;
- Typed using 11-point Arial or Century Gothic font type; and
- Text lines justified and spaced consistently at one-and-half line spacing.

The abstracts should be sent to the conference Organising Committee through the following email address: Mokatsane.S@che.ac.za (cc Dlamini.P@che.ac.za). The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **31 October 2018**, and the Organising Committee will confirm acceptance of abstracts by **16 November 2018**. Communication conveying messages of acceptance of abstracts will be sent only to those authors who would have registered for the conference. It is therefore recommended that authors register for the conference by the time they submit their abstracts.

Publication of Conference Papers

Full papers presented at the conference will be published by the CHE. Authors will be allowed two months after the conference to revise their papers in line with the inputs received at the conference. The revised papers will further undergo a peer review process before being published and only the papers that the peer reviewers will recommend will eventually be published.

Registration for the Conference

Each one of all those who intend to be part of the conference should complete and submit an official registration form which can be accessed by clicking here: [Registration](#). Please follow the submission instructions on the form after completing it in full.

Registration for the conference will close on **8 February 2019**. However, in the event that the target number of registered participants is reached before the planned closing date, the Organising Committee reserves the right to close registration earlier than the date reflected above.

Registration Fees

Early Registration: up to 31 October 2018

- Delegates based in South Africa: R4 800 per delegate
- Delegates based outside South Africa: 360 US Dollars per delegate

Registration after 31 October 2018

- Delegates based in South Africa: R5 600 per delegate
- Delegates based outside South Africa: 415 US Dollars per delegate

Details of payment methods appear on the registration form.

Further Information

Further information about the conference, including registration and payment queries, should be addressed to the following members of the Organising Committee:

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More details about the conference and information updates can also be accessed from the conference website: <https://qualitypromotion.wixsite.com/gpc2019che>