DEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME — FINDINGS REPORT	
RESPONSIBLE NKUA QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	DATE: 28/12/2022
Amalia Nippi	

SUBJECT: Internal Evaluation of the Joint Postgraduate Programme “Endovascular Techniques” of the School of Medicine by NKUA’s Quality Assurance Unit

On 28 December 2022, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Quality Assurance Unit completed its review of the internal evaluation procedures of the Joint Postgraduate Programme “Endovascular Techniques” of the School of Medicine.

The quality data and supporting evidence on which the review was based were:

1. Course outlines

2. Available quality data from the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE) information system (OPESP) from 2015–2016 onwards

3. Student evaluation questionnaires

4. Annual internal report of the Postgraduate Programme Accreditation Working Group

5. Quality objectives for academic year 2022–2023

6. NKUA Internal Quality Assurance System Procedures Manual

The examination of the above by the competent staff of the NKUA Quality Assurance Unit established that completion of the programme’s internal evaluation procedure was lawful, followed the principles of the institution’s Internal Quality Assurance System and complied with the standards of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE).

Furthermore, the internal evaluation procedure led to:

I. Evidence-based identification of the programme’s achievements.

II. Identification of areas requiring improvement within the programme.

III. Identification of applicable improvement actions.

IV. Initiatives for independent improvement action within the Department’s programme, where feasible.

V. Decisions on further independent actions within the institution, where feasible.

FINDINGS IDENTIFIED

1. Satisfactory secretarial infrastructure and administrative support.

2. Use of interactive teaching materials in programme courses.

3. High graduate employment and labour-market absorption.

4. Scientific expertise, notable research activity and high-quality teaching by faculty members participating in the programme.

5. Innovative teaching subjects in which the Department is pioneering.

6. Strong international academic outreach, significant numbers of visiting professors and scientific collaborations.

7. A website with enriched content.

8. Numerous research projects undertaken during postgraduate studies, subsequently presented at conferences and published in scientific journals.

9. A long period allowed for dissertation submission, causing delays in the award of postgraduate degrees.

10. Low student participation in the electronic (or other) evaluation process.

PROPOSED CORRECTIVE / PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

1. Further strengthen existing buildings and technical infrastructure, including laboratories, and secure funding to improve laboratory facilities.

2. Strengthen the programme’s research potential, with emphasis on international research partnerships, increased mobility of postgraduate students and participation in international scientific conferences.

3. Develop laboratory infrastructure (rooms, software and equipment purchases, etc.).

4. Encourage closer communication and collaboration between postgraduate students, their Academic Adviser and the lecturers of each course.

5. Support students wishing to attend scientific conferences through technological equipment and expense coverage.

6. Use information and communication technologies (ICT) to improve education quality and internationalise research and teaching.

7. Highlight corrective changes based on student evaluations so that the contribution of students’ participation is visibly acknowledged.

8. Strengthen distance-learning materials.

9. Increase practical training exercises.

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MINUTES OF INTERNAL EVALUATION

DATE OF NKUA QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT MEETING	MEETING NUMBER
26/01/2023	1st

AGENDA ITEMS — DECISIONS

ITEM	DECISION
Approval of the Internal Evaluation Procedure for the Joint Postgraduate Programme “Endovascular Techniques”	By decision of the NKUA Quality Assurance Committee, the internal evaluation procedure of the School of Medicine’s Postgraduate Programme “Endovascular Techniques”, the accompanying report, and the list of preventive and corrective actions are approved.
Decision to submit a proposal for accreditation of the Joint Postgraduate Programme	The NKUA Quality Assurance Committee approves the accreditation proposal and all supporting documents in the accreditation submission dossier and will take the necessary steps to submit them to the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE).
Responsible member of the Quality Assurance Committee	By decision of the Quality Assurance Committee, its member Theodoros Papaioannou, Professor at the School of Medicine, is designated Supervising Adviser for the implementation of corrective actions arising from the programme’s internal evaluation.

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LIST OF PREVENTIVE / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Date of NKUA Quality Assurance Unit meeting: 26/01/2023 Meeting number: 1st

PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

ACTION	PROCEDURE / PROCESS	SCHEDULED DATE OF CHANGE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1. Further strengthen existing buildings and technical infrastructure, including laboratories, and secure funding to improve laboratory facilities.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
2. Strengthen the programme’s research potential, with emphasis on international research partnerships, increased mobility of postgraduate students and participation in international scientific conferences.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
3. Support students wishing to attend scientific conferences through technological equipment and expense coverage.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
4. Use information and communication technologies (ICT) to improve education quality and internationalise research and teaching.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
5. Highlight corrective changes based on student evaluations so that the contribution of students’ participation is visibly acknowledged.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
6. Strengthen distance-learning materials.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

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1. Develop laboratory infrastructure (rooms, software and equipment purchases, etc.).	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
2. Encourage closer communication and collaboration between postgraduate students, their Academic Adviser and the lecturers of each course.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos
3. Increase practical training exercises.	4.1	31/12/2023	Professor Georgios Geroulakos

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