



CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

THOMAS GUGGENBERGER, M.A.
born July 4, 1965 in Tamsweg, Austria, Austrian citizen
Married with Lic. Mireya Escobar-Valdivia Guggenberger, 3 children

EDUCATION

1971-83 Primary and high school in Tamsweg, Austria
1983-89 Studies of psychology, education, philosophy and English language & literature at the universities of Salzburg und Graz (graduation in 1989)
1989-92 Postgraduate course German as a Foreign Language, University of Graz
1993 Spanish courses at Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua, Nicaragua
1996 Postgraduate course: Designs of Educational Policies and Management of Educational Reforms, UCA-UNESCO

FURTHER TRAINING

Evaluation, quality assurance, project management, educational reforms, new teaching and learning techniques, lifelong learning, development cooperation, Child Rights and psychotherapy in Europe, USA and Latin America.

CIVIL SERVICE

1990-91 Social psychologist at Crisis Intervention Centre, Graz

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Austria:
1998-92 Teacher at public and private schools in Graz & Vienna

1992-94 **Nicaragua:**
Institute for International Cooperation, Vienna:
As coordinator responsible for setting-up of a language department at agricultural university of Managua, Nicaragua incl. academic affairs, personnel and financial resources, process monitoring and final evaluation.

- Austria:**
1994-95 Teacher at public and private schools in Vienna
- 1995-98 **Nicaragua:**
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Managua, Nicaragua:
As Programme Officer responsible for:
 - Planning, coordination and implementation of 2 programmes incl. financial monitoring
 - internal and external evaluations of programmes and projects
 - design of a monitoring system for the Country Programme
- Austria:**
9/1998-2001 Teacher at experimental and high school in Vienna
- 2/2001-2/02 **University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna**, Head of Continuing Education, Curriculum Reform and Quality Development:
 - design of Bachelor- and Master programmes,
 - continuing education management,
 - e-Learning,
 - organizational development and QA
- 10/2005 **Head of Quality Management:**
 - design of a university wide quality management system
 - evaluation of organizational units, professors, study programmes, courses
 - development of guidelines, criteria and benchmarks
 - focal point for Austrian Quality Assurance Agency
 - head of a QA expert group within the Euro League for Life Sciences – ELLS
 - project coordinator and member of various projects in quality assurance, quality development, QM, benchmarking (European University Association EUA, European Commission EU, Association for European Life Science Universities ICA, World University Service WUS, Austrian Quality Assurance Agency AQA)
 - member of center for development research at BOKU
 - coordinator of development project with Agrarian University Nicaragua, Managua

FURTHER ACTIVITIES

- Youth work, cultural exchange, assistance to refugees, human rights, e.g:
- 1987-88 Assistance to children suffering from cancer and to their parents within "Medicine and Ethics", County Hospital Graz
- 1994-95 Collaboration in the Guatemala Committee Vienna
- 1995,96 Electoral observer of EU in Guatemala and in Nicaragua
- 1998- Collaboration in Austrian-Latin American community in Vienna

**FOREIGN
LANGUAGES**

English, Spanish
(Negotiation level, UN-Proficiency Certificate in both languages)

IT SKILLS

MS-Office, Novell, moodle Learning Management System, homepage
TYPO 3, BOKU data ware house "Business Objects"

**LECTURES &
PUBLICATIONS**

Barnhouse/Cajina/Guggenberger/Nelson: English for Students of
Agriculture. CENIDH 1994
„Perspectives for Quality Assurance at BOKU“, conference on
Internationalisation and Quality Assurance. University of Hohenheim,
Germany 2004
“SWOT Analysis on Implementation of Bologna Reforms“, DIT Dublin, May
2005, EUA Quality Culture Rd.III
“BOKU Institutional Plan“, Vienna, Feb. 2006, EUA Quality Culture Rd. III
“Quality Assurance within the ELLS Network“, Swedish University of
Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden 2005
“Accreditation in Austria“ EUSAEE Workshop in Dresden 2005
“Quality Assurance: From Course to Programme“ ELLS conference,
Warsaw 2006
“Activities of the QA Support Group“, ELLS conference, Vienna 2007
“Habilitation Procedure at BOKU“ International Workshop on
Benchmarking, Prague 2007
Benchmarking in den Life Sciences. Gestaltung von QM-Prozessen im
Leistungsbereich Forschung. Conference „Qualitätsmanagement und –
entwicklung im Europäischen Hochschulraum, University of Veterinary
Medicine Vienna, June 2007
Quality Assurance of Int. Master Programmes and Evaluation of
Departments, Tempus Opening Conference SUNISP, Zagreb 2008
“Accreditation of Joint Master Programmes“ ELLS conference, Prague 2008
“Evaluation Report: Faculty of Agriculture Novi Sad“, Vienna, 2008
“Meta Evaluation of 2 Int. Master Programmes“, QUALITY Project, WG 4,
Maribor 2008
“Quality Audit“ Forum Education, Rosalia 2009
“Structural Projects“, ICA-CASEE Conference Vienna 2010
“Promoting Quality by Networking“, invited speaker, ICA week of
Conference, University of Zagreb 2010
“Quality Management at BOKU“ Slovak University of Agriculture Nitra 2011
“Changing Minds and Structures: The Nicaraguan Agricultural University’s
Growing Involvement with Rural Communities“ Austrian Agency for
International Cooperation in Education and Research, Vienna 2010
Gerzabek et al.: Co-author of Intellectual Capital Report of BOKU 2004
Contributions to Intellectual Capital Reports of BOKU 2005-2010
Moitzi, Guggenberger & Weingartmann: Tools for Quality Assurance and
Assessment of Agricultural Engineering Programmes and the Issue of
Disappearing Rare Knowledge in Austria, proceedings USAEE workshop in
Bonn 2006.
Gerzabek/Guggenberger/Mayr: Benchmarking in Life Sciences –
Gestaltung von QM Prozessen im Leistungsbereich Forschung. QM und –
entwicklung im europäischen Hochschulraum. Wien 2007
Ostheim/Haas/Guggenberger: Guidelines for Curriculum Development and
Quality Assurance of Joint Master Programmes. Hohenheim 2007
Ostheim/Haas/Guggenberger: Accreditation and External Evaluation of
Master Degree Programmes in the Euroleague of Life Sciences. Vienna
2008.

„Accreditation of Joint Master Programmes”, Prague 2008
“Promoting Quality by Networking”, Univ. Zagreb, 2010
Reimann/Prinzellner/Haas/Michalek/Guggenberger:
e-Learning: Didactical Recommendations and Quality Assurance. An
Overview. Vienna 2012.
Wurzinger/Mentler/Guggenberger/Pflug/Lippovich:
DEPARTIR-Studierendenzentriertes Lernen im Kontext ländlicher
Entwicklung an der Universidad Nacional Agraria Nicaragua, Bologna Tag,
FH St. Pölten 2012
“Evaluation of ELLS Summer Schools”. SLU, Malmö 2012
Thomas Guggenberger/Verena Pflug: „Brückenschlag zwischen Theorie
und Praxis – die Beiträge des Projekts DEPARTIR zum Austausch von
Universität und Landwirtschaft“, in BOKU/Nicaragua Nachrichten, 2013
Probst, L; Pflug, V; Brandenburg, C; Guggenberger, T; Mentler, A;
Wurzinger, M (2014): Action learning in real-world settings in Uganda,
Nicaragua and Italy: empowering students to explore their future roles as
responsible actors for sustainable development.
[Higher Education, Mobility and Migration in and out of Africa, Vienna, June
19-21] In: Vienna Institute of Demography (Austrian Academy of Sciences),
University of Graz, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Higher
Education, Mobility and Migration in and out of Africa

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