

# QUALITY BOARD

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#### **Executive Summary**

The APPLY project puts in place a comprehensive quality assurance framework in order to ensure the impactful and sustainable use of project deliverables. This framework provides control to the project implementation, ensures that the outputs are of a high quality with respect to the nature of the project and that the project complies with relevant program management standards and policies from the European Commission. The aim of this document is to present the members of the project Quality Board and to define the processes and mechanisms for their effective collaboration. The Board is responsible for the continuous monitoring and review of the quality assurance policy as described in the APPLY Quality Assurance plan.



#### 1. Introduction

The project "A new Master Course in Applied Computational Fluid Dynamics" (APPLY) is funded by the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education programme. It aims to develop a master's degree that will combine a high-order overview of computational methods and fluid mechanics with real life educational problems in India, Malaysia and Thailand. It also develops digital professional courses, tailored to the industry needs in the three countries, addressing the new challenges posed by the wide area of application of CFD tools.

This document aims to present the responsibilities, membership, decision-making processes and communication arrangements of the APPLY project Quality Board (QB). It is based upon the Description of the Action<sup>1</sup> and on the Quality Assurance Plan developed by ReadLab and approved by the project Management Board. Although, according to the Description of the Action, the members of the Quality Board were to be appointed at an event parallel to the project kick off meeting, the postponement of this meeting resulted in APPLY partners designating QB members through digital channels of communication (project skype meeting and shared restricted platform).

#### 2. Quality Board Responsibilities

The Quality Board is responsible for administering and maintaining the APPLY Quality Assurance Plan and for implementing the quality processes and quality assurance / quality improvement activities that ensure the efficient, effective and impactful project delivery.



Figure 1 - Steps for APPLY deliverables' QA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See in particular Sections *E.1 Project Activities and Methodology* and *E.2 Quality Control and Monitoring, WP4 - Task* 4.3 Evaluation and improvement of the MSc programme and WP5 – Quality Assurance and Monitoring.



More specifically, the Board will:

- continuously monitor, assess and review the APPLY project processes and deliverables, using the QA standards and tools presented in the project Quality Assurance plan;
- develop the toolkits for the evaluation of the APPLY MSc Programme (task 4.3);
- review and enhance quality assurance policies / procedures; •
- encourage and support the development of a quality culture.

The QB will work freely and without interference. The APPLY Coordinator and the project Management Board will facilitate its co-operation with all partners and ensure its access to all necessary information.

#### 3. Quality Board Membership

The APPLY Quality Board consists of one designated person per partner. QB members and their substitute members have been appointed for their thematic knowledge and/or prior experience in academic or project quality assurance and evaluation.

Partner Status **Appointed QB Member** Acronym Full Member Watchapon Rojanaratanangkule P1 Chiang Mai University CMU Substitute Arpiruk Hokpunna Full Member Piyanun Charoensawan P2 Naresuan University NU Substitute Patomsok Wilaipon **Full Member** Jamil Hamali UiTM Ρ3 Universiti Teknologi MARA Substitute Ling Siew Eng **Full Member** Ramesh T Subramaniam Ρ4 UΜ Universiti of Malaya Substitute Ramesh Kasi **Full Member** Santosh Patil Ρ5 Manipal University Jaipur MUJ Substitute Ravi Kumar Sharma Full Member Satish Shenoy Manipal Academy of Higher P6 MAHE Education Substitute Mohammad Zuber R. Vasudevan Full Member Ρ7 Vellore Institute of Technology VIT Substitute Bibin John

The APPLY QB members are the following:



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Table 1 - APPLY Quality Board members

#### Short bios of the Quality Board Members

**Watchapon Rojanaratanangkule** obtained his Ph.D degree from University of Southampton. His study was related to vortical flow and it was supervised by Prof.Coleman, one of the leaders in CFD research. During this time he worked part-time as teaching assistant and supervised assignments and experimental laboratory. After graduation, he started working at CMU and he has been very active in CFD research. His experience in British's CFD education complemented very well with Germany's and American's approaches to A. Hokpunna and Y. Khunathorn. The combination of three different viewpoints could allow to develop a new education paradigm for modern CFD master's course. Currently he is a recipient for Thailand Golden Jubilee fund.

**Arpiruk Hokpunna** obtained his Master's degree in Computational Science and Engineering for TU-Munich and his doctoral thesis was a development of higher-order method in CFD at the Department of Hydrology, the same university. Afterwards, he spent a year at Institute of Applied Analysis and Numerical Simulation, University of Stuttgart. During this time, he worked as a researcher as well as teaching assistant in various Graduate level courses and he had familiarized all the key aspects of simulation technologies and CFD educations. After he came back to Thailand in 2010, he has been employed as a lecturer for 10 years and has been invited to teach special courses in four different universities. This period gave him insight into characteristics of the students in the current generation including the management perspective in developing and organizing international Master's program.

Associate Professor **Piyanun Charoensawan** received all her three degrees in mechanical engineering from Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. She has been a scholarship holder in *Royal Golden Jubilee (RGJ) Ph.D. programme of Thailand Research Fund (TRF)* & Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). After finishing her PhD, Piyanun has worked at the department of mechanical engineering, Naresuan University in 2003. She has experience in consultancy work of energy conservation in the industrial factories supported by the department of alternative energy development and efficiency, Ministry of Energy of Thailand. She is currently a curriculum committee of postgraduate degrees in mechanical engineering. Her research interests include heat pipe science & technology, heat transfer, two-phase flow and solar energy.



Associate Professor **Patomsok Wilaipon** received his BEng. in Mechanical Engineering from Kasetsart University and MEng and PhD from Khonkaen University before serving as a lecturer at Naresuan University. He has specialized in renewable energy and drying technology. Patomsok also has experience in consultancy work in industrial energy conservation. Additionally, he has been trained in several courses in Education Standards and Quality Assessment in Thailand and abroad. He is currently a curriculum committee of postgraduate degrees in mechanical engineering.

Professor Dr. Jamil Hamali graduated from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) previously known as MARA Institute of Technology with a Diploma in Business Studies, MARA Institute of Technology. He obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo USA, MBA (Distinction), United States International University, San Diego, USA and PhD (Total Quality Management), University of Salford, Manchester, United Kingdom. Currently, Jamil Hamali is the Rector of UiTM Sarawak. Before assuming this post, he was the Deputy Director (Student Affairs) of UiTM Sarawak and Dean of the School of Business, UiTM Shah Alam, Malaysia. Besides holding administrative post, he is heavily involved in conducting various consultancy studies, seminars and training specializing in the area of total quality management, marketing, strategic planning, motivation, team building, communication, entrepreneurship, leadership, change management, study skills, problem solving and decision making. He is also an accomplished researcher and has several publications to his credits. On the International front, Jamil Hamali maintains his collaborative works with the High-Performance Organization (HPO) Research Group of University of Salford, Manchester, United Kingdom.

Ling Siew Eng is an Associate Professor in Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences at Universiti Teknologi MARA, Sarawak branch (UiTMCS) since 2002. She obtained her PhD in Measurement and Evaluation in 2010. Her speciality is on designing and developing instrument for various purposes. Her area of teaching and research is on Mathematics, Statistics and Education. Currently, she is one of the quality members of the UiTMCS team and leads the Measurement and Analysis section. She is actively involved in university quality activities and won a few quality awards. She has conducted statistical and measurement workshops for researchers, and postgraduates. Beside this, she was a speaker for many programs to improve students' interest and motivation in statistics ranges from students. Since 2010, she is also actively involved in developing e-content for teaching mathematics and statistics. One of her involvement in e-content is developing virtual reality content in teaching mathematics. She is also actively engaged in research especially in the data analysis for all research that she is involved at both national and international levels. Her latest research is a collaboration project between European Union and Asia countries. Her publications include books, monograph and articles in journals. Her latest book is Foundation Mathematics. Besides this, she is also actively involved in teaching innovation.

Prof Dr. **Ramesh T Subramaniam** is a material scientist experienced in preparation, development and characterization of polymer and polymer electrolytes as a source of energy for use in various electrochemical devices. Prof Dr. S. Ramesh is well recognized in his field, internationally and locally, evidenced by the many international and national awards he has received. He was selected as a "TWAS Young Affiliate Fellow" in 2009 by The World Academy of Sciences - one of the five from the South & Southeast Asia and Pacific region. He also received the "UTAR Annual Research Excellence Award" in 2009. In 2010, he received the "Pacifichem Young Scholar Award" from the American Chemical Society and in 2011, the "Young Scientist Award" from IUPAC. In 2012, he received the "IAP Young Scientist Award" and the following year was selected as a "Young Scientist of the Global Young Academy (GYA)". In 2014 he was selected as one of the "Top Research Scientists



Malaysia (TRSM)". It was a great honor for him to be elected as a "Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM)" in 2016 and in the same year he received the "International Association of Advanced Materials Scientist Medal" (IAAM Scientist medal) from the International Association of Advanced Materials. In 2017, he was conferred the "Established Scientist Award" by Royal Society and also elected as a "Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)". He is also a recipient of the "Fulbright Fellowship 2017" with a tenure at the Princeton University, USA as a Visiting fellow and a recipient of the "International Senior Research Fellowship 2018" at Durham University, UK where he had a tenure as Visiting Senior Fellow. He was awarded the "MTSF Science & Technology Award" by Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF) in 2018. He has also been honoured the University of Malaya Excellent Lecturer (Sciences) Award 2019.

Dr. **Ramesh Kasi**, a chemical engineer, is working as Associate Professor in the Physics Department, University of Malaya from 2010. He is teaching undergraduate and postgraduate level students. He has served in many administrative positions as Programme Coordinator, Treasurer for the research centre, Course file coordinator, Curriculum Review Committee for MSc Applied Physics and Industrial Training Coordinator. He has published more than 100 research papers in high ranked journals having 1550 citations and H-index of 21. He has been successful in securing substantial funds for research from University of Malaya and Malaysian government funding agencies (FRGS), international funding like Erasmus+. He is also a senior member in leading professional associations. He has been involved in organizing international conferences (ICFMD 2013, 2015 Solar Asia 2013) and participated as panel of judges in national science fair for children. He has been awarded an Excellent Service Certificate in 2018 at University of Malaya. He has presented many research papers in international conferences.

Dr. Santosh Patil is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Manipal University Jaipur, from April 2016. He received his PhD from Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia. The title of his Ph.D. thesis was: "Evaluation of Frictional Contact Stresses in Spur and Helical Gears". Previously, he has experience of working as an Assistant Professor at KLE Dr. M. S. Sheshgiri College of Engineering and Technology, Karnataka, India. He has Masters in Design Engineering and BE in Mechanical Engineering. He has an adequate and versatile teaching and research experience of over nine years after his post-graduation. He also holds an administrative post of Deputy Director-International Collaborations for Manipal University Jaipur, since June 2018. His main research interests are in the areas of Finite Element Methods, Gears, Mechanics, Basalt/carbon laminates and Stress Analysis. He has published more than 20 papers in peer review international journals and conferences with a good number of citations in journals indexed in reference bases. He has delivered a significant number of invited lectures in recent years (both in India and abroad) and is a reviewer of 6 SCI high impact journals. He has completed a research project entitled "Gear Dynamic Stress Test Rig" which was of RM 45950 grant (Rs 8 lakhs approx.). Recently, he is working in areas pertaining to plastic gearing, its applicability and testing for its fatigue bending, for which he has received a seed grant of 1.6 lakhs. In recent years, the focus of his research is to study the performance analysis of Nylon gears manufactured by different techniques and study their strengths for different loading conditions. His other works include design of fixtures and testing methods for different sized gears and design of a stability mechanism to avoid two wheeler fall or skid. Also, basalt/carbon laminate analysis for buckling and lowvelocity impact testing is ongoing.

Dr. **Ravi Kumar Sharma** is Associate Professor in Department of Mechanical Engineering, Manipal University Jaipur. He is teaching undergraduate and postgraduate level students. He has published more than 15 international peer review journals with high impact with 577 citations. He has received his PhD from



University Malaya during 2016. He has been successful in securing substantial funds for research from government funding agencies and worked in Indian and Malaysian scenarios. His research interest being CFD, Phase change materials, thermal energy storage and Heat transfer. Presently is guiding 5 PhD students and a few Master's students in these fields. He has delivered a number of invited lectures in recent years (both in India and abroad) and is a reviewer of many SCI high impact journals. He has worked on a few research funding projects on thermal and phase change materials. Also, having a good network of research community and international exposure.

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Dr Enrique Garcia-Melendo is an electrical engineer with Master's degree in Electrical University at Purdue University (USA) and a researcher from the Grupo de Investigación en Turbulencia y Aerodinámica en la Ingeniería Mecánica y Aeroespacial (TUAREG). Dr Garcia-Melendo Ph. D. degree is on the atmosphere dynamics of the giant planets of the Solar System, becoming atmospheric dynamics his main topic of research. He was a researcher for Fundació Privada Observatory Esteve Duran (FPOED), in charge of the 0.61 m Cassegrain telescope, and for Grupo de Ciencias Planetarias (GCP) at the Basque Country University (UPV/EHU), as a researcher in the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics field. He followed his research in atmospheric dynamics in the Solar system as a full time tenure at the UPC, collaborating with other professors and students for the design of software for the numerical simulation. Dr Garcia-Melendo authored and co-authored over





50 journal articles and 25 reports, further other scientific production as book chapters or congress presentations.

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#### 4. Quality Board Decision-Making

All members have equal status, acknowledging the importance of the expertise and experience that each member brings to the Quality Board. The person appointed by the WP5 leader, ReadLab, shall chair the Board. The chair guides the committee in terms of task (monitoring the QA Plan, focusing on scope and timesframe) and process (how the group works), helps the Board to work collaboratively and ensures a balanced contribution from all Board members. Any disputes that might arise will be addressed openly and honestly and will be dealt with as foreseen in WP Management.

The Quality Board will closely cooperate with the APPLY project Coordinator, Management Board and WP Leaders.

#### 5. Quality Board Communication

Quality Board members will communicate through the APPLY project shared platform. If at least one of its members requests a meeting, this will be promptly arranged by the Quality Board chair and delivered virtually. All members will be notified of the meeting arrangements and agenda one week in advance.