



IMI-Kiev receives IQA accreditation

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IMI-Kiev has become the first business school in Ukraine (and only the third school in the former USSR) to receive the IQA, the accreditation certification developed by Ceeman, the Central European Management Development Association, *writes Kester Eddy*.

"Following a peer review in early April, we have unconditional accreditation for a five-year period," says Oksana Kukuruza, head of public relations at IMI.

IMI implemented a number of measures to meet the accreditation requirements, including a formalised research policy (with guidelines on time and resources allocated), and provision of additional faculty development programmes, with more promotion of PhDs for young faculty.

Relationships with corporate partners have also been given a more standardised policy, and in international relations emphasis has been moved to the creation of joint programmes together with other business schools, rather than simple exchange visits for students and faculty.

"We anticipate that will promote an increase in MBA applicants.

"We think that many who want an internationally recognised programme will now choose IMI-Kiev rather than a western school," says Ms Kukuruza. www.ceeman.org