



INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMY for
QUALITY

*A community of the world's leading executives, practitioners
and academics dedicated to promoting the cause of Quality*



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International Academy for Quality (IAQ) is a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State of Wisconsin, USA. The Headquarters is located at 600 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Administration office of IAQ is managed by a part time officer of American Society for Quality (ASQ). IAQ is a member based organization with limited membership from around the world. There are no employees. As of now there are 134 members from 45 countries.

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After signing the UN Global Charter in December 2010 IAQ revisited its purpose and values to align it with the Global Compact principles. In 2012 IAQ redefined its purpose and values as follows

The IAQ Way:

Moto: Quality for Humanity

By our mutual contributions IAQ advances quality throughout the world for the benefit of humanity, pursuing excellence through professionalism based on uncompromising fundamental values of respect for individual, integrity in thought and action and compassion for all living beings.

This constitutes two parts:

Purpose:

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Elaboration of purpose statement:

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We work collaboratively to achieve results, both as individuals and in actual or virtual teams

IAQ advances quality

We seek to expand application of the philosophy, principles and methods of quality management, while developing new approaches to address the changing needs, particularly in the context of environment, conservation, healthcare and education.

throughout the world

We will focus our priority on the fundamental social and economic needs of developing nations and ageing societies

for the benefit of humanity.”

The benefit we seek is for humanity in terms of physical, emotional and intellectual well-being of people that could lead to peace and harmony with equity and justice for the greater good.

Core Values:

Excellence

We expect the best of ourselves and one another and the outcomes of our efforts.

Professionalism

We work together in voluntary activities using fact-based management that leads to excellence..

Respect

We honor individual cultures and beliefs that express the human spirit, cooperating in harmony with nature.

Integrity

We stand up to challenges and maintain our convictions in the face of adverse conditions.

Compassion

We reach out with openness, kindness and concern in our relations with others without politics.

We as members live by these values and promote the same with organizations we work with.

Members collectively and individually contribute to the sustainability objectives working with their clients and for development of new methodologies and technologies that could be used by various organizations to address various development issues under the Millennium Goals and now the Sustainable Development Goals to make the planet earth a better place to live in.

Collective work is done through following Think Tanks.

1. Quality in Governance: Done excellent work and contributed to the IAQ image. Some of the leading business leaders and top executives have received Bertin Quality in Governance Medal (BQiGM). This includes Chairman of Corning Inc. US, Komatsu Ltd. Japan and Tata Group in India. This group works closely with Global Corporate Governance Forum (GCGF) of the International Finance Corporation. Winners of this medal include luminaries heading various corporations supporting the Global Compact.
2. Quality in Education: This Think Tank works in conjunction with UNESCO and GUNNI. It has conducted collaborative work in India, Vietnam, Thailand and Kazakhstan contributing to improvement in quality of education.
3. Quality in Healthcare: Members of this Think Tank work with various healthcare agencies in different countries. Last Chairperson of the Academy from 2012 to 2014 was Sr. Mary Jean Ryan, Chair of the Board of SSM Healthcare Systems one of the largest healthcare service provider in USA. She motivated people across the 4 continents to improve quality in healthcare.
4. Quality in Innovation: This Think Tank is attempting to bring quality and innovation together to find solutions to the problems pertaining to sustainability issues.
5. Quality to Save the Planet: This Think Tank has one task force working on Planet Earth.
6. Quality through Structured Improvement: To develop new improvement methodologies those are relevant for issues of conservation and sustenance.

In addition many Academicians in their respective countries are developing and implementing methods and techniques to improve quality, reduce waste, improve environment, develop capabilities and conserve resources leading to the benefit for the organizations and the societies in which they operate.

Academy partners with many regional organizations in building such capabilities. This includes American Society for Quality, European Organization for Quality, Japanese Union of Scientists and Engineers, Asian Network for Quality, Asia Pacific Quality Organization and Middle East Quality Association. Also support National quality organizations in various countries.

Our primary approach is to build capabilities within organizations and within societies through individual work of the Academicians. This has a multiplier effect for improvement in quality of products, services and life. Collectively we learn from each other and enhance our effectiveness.

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For the first time in the history of the Academy a lady became the chair from 2012-2014 and we consciously worked towards gender diversity.

Recognizing the need for involvement of the top management to drive quality of life and services a new category of membership as Councilor was established. It is planned to get top notch business executives known for quality, conservation and sustainability to become the councilors. First councilor of the Academy is none other than the honorable Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, Honorary Chairman of Toyota Motor Corporation as a foremost champion of sustenance, conservation and environment friendly approaches. He would be the role model for the Academy.

Recognizing the need for actively conducting application research and promoting MDG the Academy for the first has planned a World Quality Forum of its own in Budapest from October 26 to 27 where academicians and other specialists will share their experiences in different societies to learn from each other and improve effectiveness of their work.



Janak Mehta,
Chairman,

Attachments:

1. Brochure of the conference is attached.
2. Copy of presentation about IAQ