Statements of EOQ President and EOQ National Representative Organizations’ Leaders at the 60th Anniversary of EOQ (1956 – 2016)

- **EOQ PRESIDENT – George Georgiades**
  “On behalf of me and my colleagues of the EOQ Executive Board we congratulate the EOQ leading for the last 60 years, as well all participants and followers. Team spirit and hard work brought a lot of changes in Quality theory. We focus on our commitment to help in solving all obstacles that may arise due to the fast moving world wise and achieve all our new targets with My EOQ strategic plan. Be this day the first day of another sixty successful years to come. Congratulations!”

- **AUSTRIA - Konrad Scheiber - CEO, Quality Austria – Trainings, Zertifizierungs und Begutachtungs GmbH**
  “We are excited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our long-standing partner EOQ, which means being part of an internationally accepted network of highly qualified experts, since more than half a century. Our partnership is particularly characterized by global thinking, which goes beyond borders. EOQ certificates are a door opener for an international career and our quality customers benefit from it, which is our common goal.”

- **BELGIUM - Johan Vermeersch - VCK President**
  “For many decades, EOQ and the Flemish Quality Management Center have always found common ground in their belief that quality is a crucial element for modern businesses in a competitive global market and that quality can only exist where businesses go beyond the search for technical perfection. For thirty years, EOQ has offered VCK the opportunity to pursue international partnerships and a continuous confrontation of VCK’s ideas with those in other countries. At the same time, VCK contributed to EOQ’s identity in putting its own know-how to the European network’s use. Looking at the future, VCK hopes that EOQ will continue to perform as a platform of international collaboration to ensure the survival of quality in the economy of the future.”

- **BULGARIA - Katerin Katerinov- Chairman of Management Board Association "Club 9000"**
  “The Management Board and the members of the Association "Club 9000" greet the executives and the members of the European Organization for Quality most warmly on the occasion of its 60th anniversary! I had the unique opportunity to participate in the solemn 50th Anniversary Congress of the EOQ in 2006 in Antwerp. I am happy that the life presents me with the opportunity to celebrate with you the 60 Jubilee of EOQ in Helsinki and I am looking forward to the opening 60 Congress! 60 years! This is the age of maturity, wisdom, commitment to expanding and strengthening the movement for quality management in the economic and social life of Europe! Thanks to the continuous cooperation and support of its members, the European Organization for Quality has become the undisputed leader of the member states in their efforts to constantly improve the quality of our products and services, to expand market position and strengthening the leading position of European economy by increasing its competitiveness. The
dynamic development of science and technology, the sharp increase in the investments for the implementation of “Plan Juncker-2020" directed at the European Organization for Quality and the national representatives of Member States in the EOQ sets new higher and responsible goals and objectives to achieve sustainable development and prosperity of modern Europe. I wish to the hospitable hosts and delegates successful and fruitful 60th Anniversary Congress! Happy 60th anniversary EOQ!”

- CYPRUS - Andreas Ioannides - President of the Cyprus Association for Quality (CyAQ)
  “On behalf of the Cyprus Association for Quality I would like to warmly congratulate ЕОQ on its 60th anniversary. Quality is everybody’s responsibility, it is important for all of us to continuously cherish and abide by its principles. The EOQ has been playing for the past 60 years a vital role in spreading the ideas of quality in all aspects of life throughout Europe. Cyprus Association for Quality reaffirms its commitment to the Vision and Mission of ЕОQ and promises to strive to behave in ways consistent with its values and principles in Cyprus ”

- CZECH REPUBLIC - Miroslav Jedlicka - Chairman of CSQ
  “Allow me to congratulate both on my behalf, but also on behalf of all members of the Czech Society for Quality to such an important anniversary as the 60 years of the establishment and existence of the European organization for Quality. During this time the EOQ has been significantly influencing affairs not only in Europe but worldwide. Through its good reputation and excellent references the EOQ strongly encourages all national representatives, strengths their prestigious position in individual countries and relieves their work. The best I can speak on behalf of the Czech Society for Quality and demonstrate concrete evidence of the support by EOQ. The adoption of the National Quality Policy, publication of the Charter of Quality or the awarding of the National Quality Awards by the Quality Council of the Czech Republic is by top political elites of the Czech Republic including the President and the Prime Minister perceived positively, because in all these figures the EOQ name. We wish you as many good, successful years as you have had before. This desire is of course very acquisitive, because if you will succeed, all national representatives of yours including the Czech Society for Quality, will succeed and I presume it is our common goal. On behalf of all elected and executive bodies and all members of the Czech Society for Quality I would like to cordially greet you and wish you all the best.”

- ESTONIA – Tiia Tammaru – President of Estonian Association for Quality
  “During its 25 years of history Estonian Association for Quality (EAQ) has been member of European Organization for Quality (EOQ) almost from the very beginning, thanks to Professor Walter Masing, who was one of the founders of EOQ, but also a founder of the quality movement in Estonia. It was during the World Quality Congress in Helsinki in 1993 when EAQ joined EOQ and one day of the Congress, the Baltic Connection Day was held in our capital Tallinn. 20 years later, in 2013 we had the honor to host an EOQ
Congress in Tallinn ourselves, under the slogan of ‘Quality Renaissance – Co-creating a Viable Future’. The whole experience in EOQ has been one of co-creation. Despite of the big diversity of EOQ member organizations, we have always had something very essential and unique that unites us – shared values and passion for Quality. It has been a great privilege to be a member of the EOQ family and through it also part of Global Quality Community. On behalf of Estonian Association for Quality I congratulate EOQ and all its members and partners on the 60th anniversary and wish the organization a lot of success and drivability in fulfilling its mission of making the world a better place and improving European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense.

• FINLAND – Tani Järvinen – CEO of Finnish Association for Quality
  “The Finnish Quality Organisation, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016, congratulates EOQ on its 60th anniversary on this same year. For us, EOQ is an important organisation and platform for the co-operation between national organisations to share and spread quality knowledge, and a forum to share a common interest and passion for quality.”

• FRANCE – Pierre Girault and Xavier Quérat-Hément – Co-presidents of AFQP
  “Association France Qualité Performance (AFQP), congratulates EOQ for the last 60 years achievements. France is proud to have contributed to EOQ’s foundation. We are looking forward in the next 60 years to continue to see EOQ’s significant contribution to transforming the world through Quality. BON ANNIVERSAIRE A L’EOQ!”

• GEORGIA - Grigol Kuntchulia - President of GAQ
  “On behalf of Georgian Association for Quality (GAQ) I would like to congratulate you on the 60th anniversary of the European Organization for Quality. For us, for each member of EOQ, it is an honor to be the part of the organization, which has faced lots of challenges and has taken well-deserved place among the leading quality organizations in the world. The Agreement on Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between Georgia and European Union attaches significant importance to active cooperation of GAQ with European Organization for Quality, which will by all means positively affect competitiveness of Georgian products and services and will definitely improve the quality of life of Georgia as well. Allow me to once again congratulate on this significant day! I’d like to greet each member of this respected society taking part in our common celebration.”

• GERMANY - Udo Hansen - DGQ President
  “The EOQ has been on the market now for six decades. In these years, the meaning of quality and quality management has changed considerably. Occasionally, the EOQ was driver of this development, sometimes it remained observer. The German Association for Quality, DGQ, committed itself to a European voice of quality when it contributed to founding the EOQ in 1956. Nowadays, we are again committed to make the EOQ an even stronger player on the market and an important voice of quality in Europe,
alongside of its national member organisations. We expect the EOQ to play a major role on the future European market – not only for positioning quality in all its aspects, but to offer support to the economy, to politics and administrations, to civil society and to its partner organisations. Despite 60 years of age, early retiring is no issue on the agenda. And at the age of 67, we expect that EOQ has become more active than ever before. Happy birthday!"

- **GREECE - Dinos Lambrinopoulos - Chairman of the HMA Board**
  “On the occasion of the celebrations of EOQ’s 60th anniversary, we wish to thank EOQ for disseminating the idea of Quality, all around Europe in such an effective way throughout the years. We feel honored for being a member of EOQ organization, and the positive contribution of the EOQ activities to our network is highly appreciated. It is worth mentioning that in the past years Greek Quality Leaders have been elected European Quality Leaders, four times, thing, which is a strong proof by itself of the good spirit of cooperation that exists among HMA and EOQ.

In these difficult moments for Europe and while significant changes are taking place, we believe that there is a strong need for competent managers that will be able to improve the EU Society through the promotion of Quality in its broader sense and so we wish for EOQ to continue to offer specially designed programs for quality professionals and managers and to continue to be one of our most valuable partners in Europe.

Many congratulations and I wish you to attain many more success in the years to come!”

- **HUNGARY - Prof. Dr. Pal Molnar - President and CEO of HNC**
  “The Hungarian National Committee for EOQ (HNC for EOQ) was established by a large group of Hungarian Quality Experts in 1972 and became Member in the European Organization for Quality in the same year. The EOQ Membership has been very supporting for the quality development in Hungary regarding products and services as well as concerning extension of the knowledge and competency of the Hungarian Quality Experts. The HNC for EOQ was the host and organizer of following EOQ Congresses:

  - 1978  23. EOQ Congress, 129 papers, 900 participants from 45 countries
  - 2000  44. EOQ Congress, 178 papers, 1100 participants from 53 countries
  - 2011  55. EOQ Congress, 149 papers, 620 participants from 61 countries

The HNC is the largest and most important registered non-profit public quality organization in Hungary at present which intends to play a strong role in the future not only on national level, but also in the European Organization for Quality (EOQ) and worldwide.”

- **KAZAKHSTAN – Prof. Azat Abdrahmanov - President of KOQIM**
  “On behalf of Kazakh Organization for Quality and Innovation Management (KOQIM) I would like to emphasize our sincere congratulations on EOQ’s 60th anniversary. Advanced ideas and best experiences in quality provided by EOQ, have been supported by its thousands of followers in Europe and as well as in many other countries around
the world. KOQIM confirms its commitment to the Mission and Targets of EOQ and will strive in achieving core value of quality in our country.”

- **KOSOVO - Prof. Dr. Edmond Hajrizi - President of Quality Kosova**
  “We combine innovation and research based on EOQ values to promote the success through quality in a young European country. Congratulations!”

- **MOLDOVA - Ion Prisacaru - President of Ecofin**
  “The Association of Auditors and Management Consultants from the Republic of Moldova was integrated in EOQ’s family for 5 years. For 5 years European Organization for Quality has become for us the School no.1 in promoting Quality. This fact and the hosting of 119th EOQ General Assembly meeting in Republic of Moldova got a benefit to the business society of our country by promoting it in the EOQ Member Countries. Celebrating 60th years of activity, we sincerely thank you for promoting the high standards of quality, sincere greetings and wishes of prodigious activity addressed to EOQ management and members. We wish you all the success for many more years to come!”

- **NETHERLANDS – Gerard Berendsen – President of NNK**
  “Quality is the foundation of all good things in life and business. Therefore we continuously cherish and foster its principles. EOQ plays already for 60 years an important role in this. Congrats! We hope that EOQ not only will double its age but also will double the efforts and will continue to set the quality agenda together with us.”

- **NORWAY - Sidsel Winther Storaas, MSc - NFKR President:**
  “For NFKR, EOQ represents a unique and valuable network of sister organizations with ideas, solutions, opportunities, professionalism and enthusiasm and a heritage and infrastructure for the future. NFKR wants to take part in developing EOQ into 60 new successful years. Congratulations and greetings from Norway”

- **POLAND – Dr. Michał Pachowski, President of the Polish Centre for Testing and Certification**
  “The 60th anniversary of the EOQ coincides with 25th anniversary of the PCBC membership in this esteem Organization. During 60 years, the EOQ has been focused on creating and maintaining a common vision of quality in Europe through cooperation of its members. The EOQ Vision and Mission have been achieved with a great success. We appreciate the EOQ contribution into the development of quality awareness in our organization and country. We began in difficult times, when Poland was not a member of the European Union and the EOQ was one of the few European organizations open for membership of “outsiders”. During 25 years of cooperation we have gained many advantages, the most beneficiary for our organization have been training activities conducted according to EOQ Harmonized Schemes. About 80 000 persons were trained by the PCBC in cooperation with the EOQ Personnel Registration Unit. On the occasion of the EOQ 60th anniversary, we wish Mr. President, Executive Board and all Members
inexhaustible energy and creativity to develop activities aiming at the promotion of Quality in the coming years. Greeting and congratulations for all EOQ Members!"

- **PORTUGAL - António Ramos Pires - President of APQ Board**
  “APQ – Portuguese Association for Quality congratulates EOQ for leading the European Quality Movement during the last 60 years. EOQ had a fundamental role in the second half of 20th century, where big changes in Quality theory and methods were made. In this beginning of 21st century EOQ is facing new challenges, because the world is moving fast and new approaches are needed, but we are confident that EOQ will continue able to find the best answers. Portugal is very glad to have integrated the European Quality Movement from the beginning of its activity and APQ intends to continue to give its best contribution to EOQ. Congratulations for the past 60 years and happiness for the future!”

- **ROMANIA - Liliana Nitu, PhD - President of Romanian Association for Quality**
  “For the last 60 years, EOQ has been a pillar of stability in a continuous changing world. EOQ has brought us high levels of knowledge, communication, collaboration and partnership and not the last, shown us the importance of seriousness, unity and support between partners. EOQ has brought us fairness, equal distribution of knowledge, values and responsibilities and connected us into a multinational organization that made possible more than any country alone could do. We hope that all the good values and beneficial practices EOQ provided in the last 60 years will continue to be shared in the future and may we are the change we wish to see in the world!”

- **SLOVAKIA - Martin Luptak - Vicepresident of Slovakian Society for Quality**
  “60 years. First word to say is CONGRATULATION. EOQ is good supporter and platform of ideas and competence sharing on European and more and more worldwide level. For Slovakian Society for Quality EOQ membership means be a part of strong European network which is more and more important for today world competence. EOQ is good network to share ideas, partnership, development, knowledge, experience, competence, wisdom, information, values, sustainability, responsibilities and on the last build a strong and good friendships. Congratulations and greetings from Slovakia!”

- **SLOVENIA - Janez Bencina - President of SZKO**
  “Slovenian Quality Association is a proud EOQ member. We’ve been together on QUALITY JOURNEY to be better on the way to the better. Our vision is that Quality Management should be transformed to Performance Management.”

- **SPAIN - Miguel Udaondo - President of the Spanish Association for Quality (AEC)**
  “On behalf of the Spanish Association for Quality (AEC) I would like to congratulate to EOQ for the important accomplishments done during these 60 years and wish lot of successes and innovative developments for the future. EOQ acts as a promoter of quality management in its widest meaning and as a key influencer in education, offering a crossroads of ideas, knowledge, research and information for the mutual benefit of all the members. The goal is progress and development of European people and European society as a whole. Anniversaries are a time to look back and an occasion to look ahead
to wonderful tomorrows. I am sure we will continue working together in the promotion of this new quality that is coming: a dynamic and renewed quality adapted to the new era. Once more, congratulations from Spain!"

- **SWEDEN - Per-Olof Lund - President of SFK**
  “Belonging to EOQ, the main European Organization dealing with Quality Matters, expands our network throughout Europe for the benefit of our members in the Swedish Association for Quality. We congratulate EOQ on its 60th Anniversary and wish all the best for the future of this Organization as well as continued successful work in the area of Quality.”

- **TURKEY - Sebahittin Korkmaz - TSE President**
  “Our institute has not only hosted three Congresses of European Organization for Quality throughout its membership but also made important contributions to improvement of quality infrastructure in Turkey and Europe by developing new projects and through actively participating in EOQ’s endeavors. TSE is determined to continue this close cooperation with EOQ with the motivation to take it to new heights. I would like to congratulate EOQ’s 60th Anniversary with sincere feelings & thoughts as the President of TSE which had started its journey in 1976, as a full member of EOQ.”