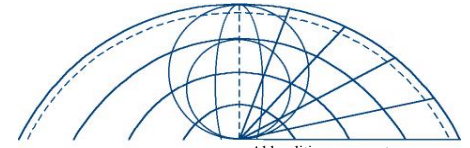




**ASIIN**

Interaction between  
the **Accreditation Council** and the  
Accreditation Agencies



Akkreditierungsagentur  
für Studiengänge der Ingenieur-  
wissenschaften der Informatik,  
der Naturwissenschaften und  
der Mathematik e.V.

# Policy Shift/Change of Paradigm ASIIN

- **Transfer of autonomy from the state education ministries towards institutions of higher education with regard to their management and organizational structures**
- **Introduction of performance-oriented financing schemes and global budgets**
- **Preparations for a complete reform of the German employment law**
- **Growing appearance of private institutes of higher education on the German education landscape**
- **Introduction of new internationally compatible and modularized study programmes completing with a Bachelor´s or a Master´s degree.**
- **New forms of quality assurance/control/assessment and licensing requirements for BA/MA study programs.**

In combination with a shortage of public funding and the continuing diversification and globalization these factors have induced **competition** in the German higher education market.

# The replacement of state-controlled framework regulations for final examination by a new market oriented system of accreditation



- The “old system”
    - **Framework regulations for final examination** issued by the Standing Conference of Länder Ministers of Education (KMK) together with the German Rectors conference (HRK)
    - Stipulation of all aspects of a field of study in a highly bureaucratic and complicated procedure, frequently lasting years
- goal: guarantee a homogeneous higher education quality nationwide**

- The “new system”
    - institutionalization of a nation-wide web of accreditation and evaluation agencies
    - privatization of quality assurance measures and retreat of relevant state authorities
- goal: to induce more competition and to guarantee high standards in the new BA/MA-study programs**

# Accreditation in Germany

## German Accreditation Council

*(established by resolution of the Conference of  
Ministers of Education in December 1998)*

The A. C. has accredited

**AQUAS**

Agency for  
Quality  
Assurance and  
Accreditation of  
Study  
Programs

**ZEVA**

The Central  
Evaluation and  
Accreditation  
Agency

**ACQUIN**

The Institute of  
Accreditation,  
Certification and  
Quality Assurance

**ASIIN**

Accreditation  
Agency for Study  
Programs in  
Engineering,  
Informatics,  
Natural Sciences  
and Mathematics

**FIBAA**

The Foundation  
for International  
Business  
Administration  
Accreditation

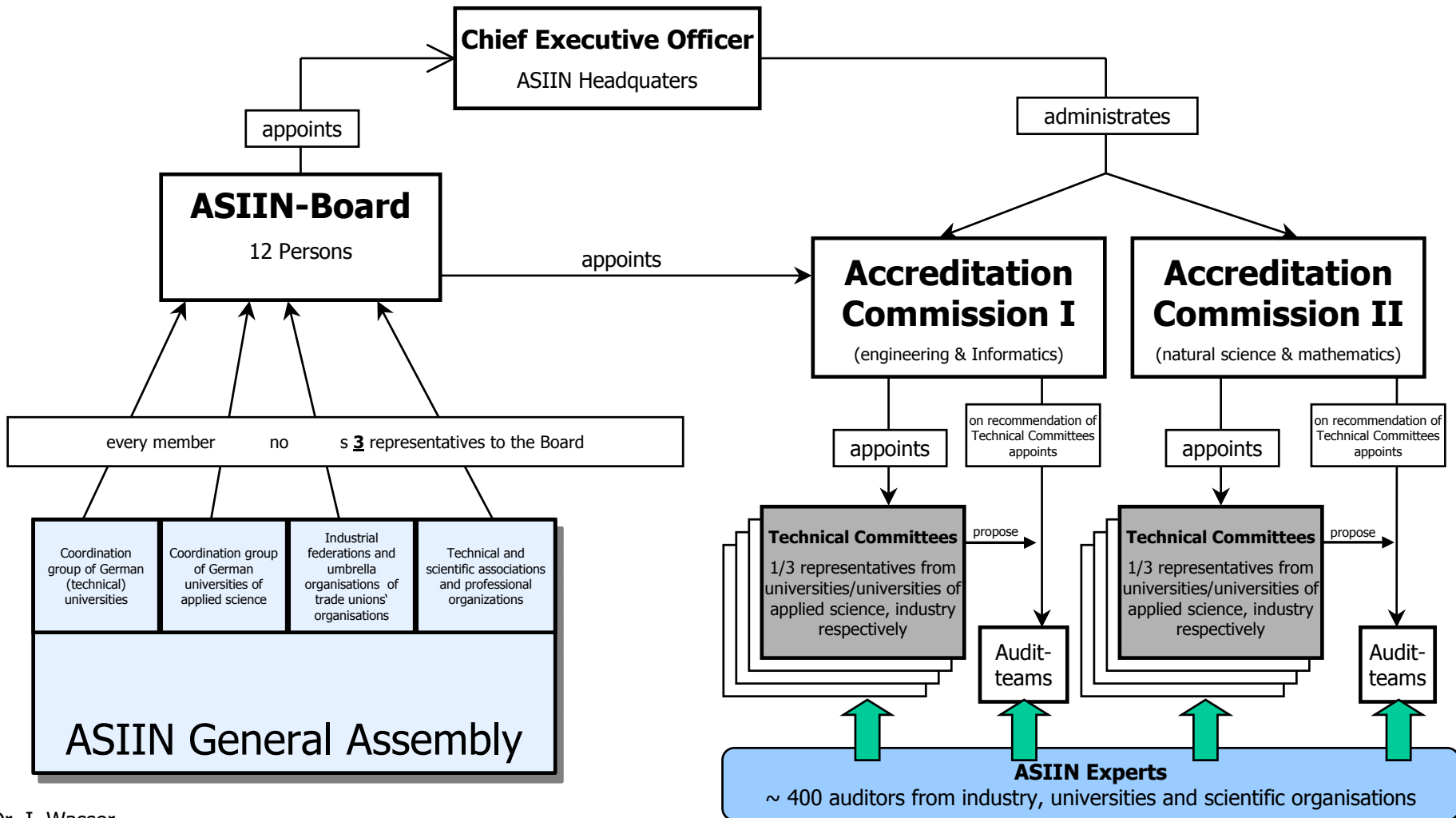
**AHPGS**

Accreditation  
Agency for Study  
Programs in  
special education  
strukture, Health  
and Social Work

**cross disciplinary regional  
membership: Individual  
Universities**

**field specific  
members: industry, technical  
scientific associations  
professional organisations  
No state subsidies**

# Organizational structure of the ASIIN



# History of the Organization

- July 1999      Founding of the ASII
- June 2000      ASII accredited by the German Accreditation Council
- Sep 2000      Founding of the ESOEPE\*
- Dec 2000      Adoption of general requirements, fieldspecific criteria and procedural principals of accreditation
- Sept. 2002      Expansion of the agency (ASIIN): creation of a commission for the natural sciences and mathematics
- May 2003      Start of a series of national peer formation sessions
- June 2003      Provisional membership in the Washington Accord
- September 2003      Some 130 study programs accredited
- April 2004      Meeting with stakeholders from industry

# Interaction between the A.C. and the agencies: points of discussion

- The accreditation of agencies by the A.C.
- The monitoring of the agencies work by the A.C.
- The A.C. as a regulating power in the accreditation market
- The negotiation of external accreditation agreements
- The composition of the A. C.
- The financing of the A. C.

# The composition of the Accreditation Council (NEW)

## **17** Members of the Accreditation Council

<b>4</b> representatives of the "Länder" (state secretaries)	<b>4</b> representatives from higher education	<b>5</b> practitioners (one state secretary of the interior)	<b>2</b> international experts	<b>2</b> students
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„This composition demonstrates the general societal dimension of the education policy restructuring process – all stakeholders should be involved.“

# The financing of the A. C.

## Accreditation Council

- financed by the KMK
- he who pays the piper, calls the tune