



UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE EARNS AACSB INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Tampa, Fla., USA (August 16, 2018)—**AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)** announces that the **University of Liège** has earned accreditation for its HEC Liège Management School. Founded in 1916, AACSB is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools, and the largest business education network connecting students, educators, and businesses worldwide.

“AACSB Accreditation recognizes institutions that have demonstrated a focus on excellence in all areas, including teaching, research, curricula development, and student learning,” said Stephanie M. Bryant, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “We congratulate the University of Liège and Dean Wilfried Niessen on earning accreditation, and applaud the entire HEC Liège Management School team—including the administration, faculty, directors, staff, and students—for their roles in earning this respected honor.”

Synonymous with the highest standards of quality, AACSB Accreditation inspires new ways of thinking within business education globally and, as a result, has been earned by only 5 percent of the world's schools offering business degrees at the bachelor level or higher. Today, **820 institutions across 53 countries and territories** maintain AACSB Accreditation. Furthermore, **187 institutions** maintain a supplemental AACSB Accreditation for their accounting programs.

“I would like to express my thanks to all the members of HEC Liège and the University of Liège,” said Wilfried Niessen, director general and dean of HEC Liège Management School, University of Liège. “I also thank the companies that supported us and participate in the development of our school as well as our network of alumni—a force for our international reputation. Everyone has committed themselves to this process with determination, and this accreditation is the result of the work done. The AACSB International Accreditation is a recognition of the quality of HEC Liège and our engagement at an international level. I express my gratitude to AACSB for its valuable support.”

AACSB Accreditation provides a framework of 15 international standards against which business schools around the world assess the quality of their educational services. These standards ensure continuous improvement and provide focus for schools to deliver on their mission, innovate, and drive impact. AACSB-accredited schools have successfully undergone a rigorous review process conducted by their peers in the business education community, ensuring that they have the resources, credentials, and commitment needed to provide students with a first-rate, future-focused business education.

“The University of Liège’s commitment to earning accreditation is a true reflection of their dedication—not only to their students, alumni network, and greater business community, but to the higher education industry as a whole,” said Bryant. “Today’s students are tomorrow’s business leaders, and the addition of the HEC Liège Management School to the network of AACSB-accredited business schools will have a lasting positive impact for their institution, both locally and globally.”

AACSB International also announced that **Fundação Getulio Vargas-Rio de Janeiro, Hanyang University-ERICA**, and **Peking University HSBC Business School** have earned accreditation in business.

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