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Dear Eugenia and Alfons,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that, during its meeting on 17th September 2013, the EQUIS Awarding Body voted to confer the EQUIS Accreditation label upon ESADE Business School for a further period of five years, under the new Special Re-accreditation process for schools that have been previously accredited for three consecutive periods of five years.

The Awarding Body was impressed with the significant progress made since the School was last accredited by EQUIS in 2008 and the seriousness with which it has addressed its development objectives, as summarised in Section 2.2 of the Peer Review Report. All the staff of the School should be congratulated on this result.

The Awarding Body encourages you to consider the suggestions for further improvement made in Section 2.1 of the Peer Review Report in formulating your three Development Objectives for the next 5 years.

I am enclosing a hard copy of the Peer Review Report as it was submitted to the Awarding Body, as well as some Post-Accreditation Guidelines to be taken into account.

On behalf of the EFMD and the EQUIS team, I should like to congratulate you on this achievement and wish you every success in your plans for the future development of your School.

Yours sincerely

David M. Saunders PhD
Chairman
EQUIS Awarding Body

**Enclosures**

**Post-Accreditation Guidelines:**

**Follow-up process after accreditation for 5 years:**
Schools that are EQUIS accredited for a period of 5 years should agree with the EQUIS Office on three strategic development objectives for continued improvement. The School selects these major objectives and submits them to the EQUIS Director within one month of the EQUIS Awarding Body meeting. The Awarding Body Members encourage the School to link its choice of objectives to the key issues discussed during the Peer Review and spelled out in the Peer Review Report. The process then requires that the School sends a short interim progress report to the EQUIS Office 2,5 years after the date of the current Awarding Body decision. In addition, the School must go through a full re-accreditation process before the end of Year 5.

**Follow-up process after accreditation for 3 years:**
Schools that are EQUIS accredited for a period of 3 years are requested to file a 5-10 page annual update report on progress made in the Areas of Required Improvement indicated by the Awarding Body. The reports are due immediately before the end of Year 1 and Year 2 (at the date of the accreditation by the EQUIS Awarding Body). In addition, the School must go through a full re-accreditation process before the end of Year 3. Non-compliance with this process will imply losing EQUIS Accreditation and its related benefits.

**EQUIS Publicity Policy (enclosure)**:
Guidelines on the use of the EQUIS logo and the way public reference can be made to EQUIS accreditation.

**EQUIS Policy on Major Restructuring of a Business School (enclosure)**:
Major changes may take place within a school during the accreditation period. These may have an effect on the institutional scope and the quality of the School. This Policy provides an opportunity for assessing how to act prudently with respect to the EQUIS Accreditation of the School. The EQUIS accredited School must inform the EQUIS Office of any significant restructuring.