



занимает первое место по рейтингу Общества в течение многих лет, то Общество может доверить этому департаменту аккредитацию других вузов, как это сделано, например, в отношении департамента электроники и электротехники Шеффилдского университета. Такое доверие является очень почетным как для самого департамента, так и для всего университета, и департамент предпринимает все возможные усилия в развитии учебного процесса и научных исследований для того, чтобы оправдать это доверие и остаться на первом месте по рейтингу. Система общественной аккредитации, осуществляемой самыми авторитетными в своей области знаниями людьми, позволяет существенно увеличить объективность оценок, избежать волокиты и взяточничества столь свойственных государственным чиновникам и структурам.

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I had an opportunity to do this regarding British accreditation system in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and

Electronic and Electrical Engineering of Sheffield University. I am very grateful to professors of these departments Geof Tomlinson and David Hove for their generous willingness to help me.

The accreditation of the programs and specialities is in England the responsibility of non-governmental organisations which have special permissions from government to do this. For instance, the accreditation of the programs and specialities concerning to mechanical engineering is carried out by Royal Society of Mechanical Engineers which was established by James Watt many years ago. The members of the Society are British scientists and manufacturers brought an essential contribution to the development of mechanical science or industry. They are very famous and respectable people among their

Accreditation system:
British approach

International accreditation of the programs and specialities provided by Tomsk Polytechnic University (TPU) on educational services market is getting especially important due to TPU aspiration to enter international market of educational services. It is extremely useful for this purpose to get acquainted with national accreditation systems in advanced European countries.

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TPU's partner — Sheffield University is
centuries old*



colleagues and have moral and financial capital enough to be independent. The Society does not have any financial support from the government and carries out its activity for the members donations.

An University, willing to accredit any mechanical program or speciality, send a request to the Society. The Society send to this University a special commission consisting of the members of Society. This commission could work in the University rather long - up to some weeks. The members of commission have meetings with professors and students, visit the lectures, seminars and laboratory, get acquainted in details with methodical materials and laboratory equipment, visit exams and finally they make a report. This report is considered at the session of Society where the decision about accreditation is made. In case the decision is positive, the Society gives corresponding certificate confirming that the program or speciality are taught

by this University according to recent standards and industry requirements.

Accreditation of Electronic and Electrical Engineering programs and specialities is carried out also by corresponding Society.

Besides this activity the Societies evaluate the rating of similar departments of all British Universities. If a department of this or that University takes the first place in the Society rating during a long period the Society can trust this department the accreditation of other Universities as it has been done, for instance, for Electronic and Electrical Engineering of Sheffield University. Such a trust is very honest both for the department and for the whole University and the department does all the best to develop the study and research activities for justification of this trust.

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