



## FORUM NEWS

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Illinois Wesleyan University

Lesley University

Union University

The University of Vermont

## Registration Deadline for Guided Standards Assessments is Thursday, September 30

The deadline for registering for a Guided Standards Assessment is this Thursday, September 30. Guided Standards Assessments are ideal for evaluating specific areas of education abroad programs and for identifying areas for improvement. Three assessments are currently being offered to Forum institutional members:

- 1) Assessing Short-Term and/or Faculty-Led Programs**
- 2) Assessing Organizational and Program Resources**
- 3) The Affiliated Programs Portfolio and the Home Institution**

The schedule for the initial webinars for these Assessments will take place in mid- to late-October (depending on the availability of participant teams) rather than in early October as previously indicated.

For more information, visit the Forum website:

<http://www.forumea.org/httpwww.forumea.orgstandards-gsa.htm>

To register, please visit:

[http://www.regonline.com/forum\\_standards\\_assessments](http://www.regonline.com/forum_standards_assessments)

## Forum and IIE Partner on New "Snapshot" Survey

Forum institutional representatives will receive an e-mail this Friday with a request to complete a new "Snapshot" Survey that has been developed by the Forum and the Institute for International Education (IIE). The Survey will provide timely data on education abroad enrollments for the 2009/10 academic year in anticipation of the *Open Doors* 2010 Annual Press Briefing that will be held in November during International Education Week. The *Open Doors* 2010 Annual Press will present data from 2008-2009.

The Snapshot Survey asks respondents to provide their best estimates for education abroad enrollments during the 2009-10 academic year even if all credits have not yet been awarded. The regular, more detailed *Open Doors* survey will include the more precise data next year.

The results of the new Survey will help to provide a more complete and up to date picture of education abroad enrollments. Members will note that there are questions that address non-credit education abroad activities, education abroad program characteristics, and the ongoing impact of the economic crisis. These additional questions addresses the need to collect more extensive data on a broader range of education abroad program types and characteristics and it is expected that this area of the Survey will be expanded

### DATES AND DEADLINES

Thursday, September 30:

GSA Registration Deadline

Friday, October 15:

- Public comment period on Standards/Ethics drafts ends
- Snapshot survey submissions due

Monday, November 1:

Forum Conference Registration Opens

Monday, November 15:

in the future.

Institutional members are strongly encouraged to complete this important Survey by October 15, 2010 in order to have their data included in the results.

## Forum Collaborates with EDUESPAÑA to Expand Education Abroad Capacity in Spain

The Forum and EDUESPAÑA (<http://www.eduespa.org/>) collaborated to offer a workshop in Madrid on September 22-23 to help expand education abroad capacity in Spain. Attending were 35 participants from Spanish universities and language institutes, who learned about key trends and issues in U.S. education abroad and were trained in how to use the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad to develop and improve programs.

The Forum is involved in similar projects to expand education abroad capacity in Brazil, India and Turkey, working in partnership with the Institute for International Education, with funding provided by the U.S. Department of State. A new project begins later this year to expand education abroad capacity in STEM fields in Egypt, about which more details will be announced in the near future.

## Symposium on Advancing Australia - USA Cooperation in Higher Education

Registration is still open for the upcoming Symposium to be held in Sydney, Australia on October 10-11, 2010 in advance of the Australian International Education Conference. The theme of the Symposium is *Advancing Australia – USA Cooperation in Higher Education*, and will bring together 80-100 university leaders, managers, academic staff, and government representatives responsible for international education programs in Australia and the United States.

In addition to the Forum on Education Abroad, the other sponsors of the Symposium are: IEAA: International Education Association of Australia; NAFSA: Association of International Educators; and AIEA: Association of International Education Administrators.

For more information, and to register, please visit:

[http://www.ieaa.org.au/Events/ShowEvent\\_IEAA.asp?id=213&page=1](http://www.ieaa.org.au/Events/ShowEvent_IEAA.asp?id=213&page=1)