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2010 Annual Conference: “Vision and Value in Education Abroad”

The Forum on Education Abroad announces a call for session and workshop proposals for the Sixth Annual Forum Conference to be held at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 24-26, 2010. The Forum conference theme, “Vision and Value in Education Abroad,” takes up the central importance of creating and maintaining a compelling vision for education abroad while communicating its value. The conference will focus on articulating the vital nature of education abroad and the many benefits that it brings to students, organizations, institutions, communities, and societies. This theme is especially important as institutions and organizations address the challenges brought on by the current global economic crisis, when both the vision and the value of education abroad may be called into question.

The early-bird conference registration rates will remain the same as the 2009 Annual Conference rates.

The deadline for proposals is July 15, 2009. A full description of the conference theme and the call for proposals are available at: <http://www.forumea.org/Call10.htm>.

Announcing the First Standards of Good Practice Institute

The Forum is pleased to announce the inaugural Standards of Good Practice Institute to be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in conjunction with the Forum Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Institutes will offer participants the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Forum Standards of Good Practice and hone their skills in implementing them.

The first Institute, Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety and Security, will be dedicated to the risk management issues with which we all struggle. Risk management incidents generate specific concerns and questions that lead to broader questions, which lead to an overarching concern: What is the best way to manage risk in education abroad, and how do we make the right risk management decisions? The practical, hands-on focus for this day will include concurrent sessions that will provide participants the knowledge to improve their institutional and organizational strategies for incident prevention and response. A plenary keynote address will offer a broader perspective on the Institute theme. The Institute will be limited to 150 participants, with Forum members receiving priority registration and a discounted rate. “The Standards Institute provides a full day of in-depth exploration of a specific Standard, guided by the leading experts on the topic,” explains Forum President and CEO, Brian Whalen. “The Institute will be the ideal way to learn how to apply the best practices in health, safety and security for education abroad.”

Annual Fireside Dialogues

The Forum will again offer two Fireside Dialogues in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Both will be held March 26-28, immediately after the Conference, and will be hosted by Davidson College, located 19 miles from downtown Charlotte. Participants will stay in the charming town of Davidson and meet on the College's campus. Fireside Dialogues are limited to 20 participants. They are led by experienced facilitators who create an open, collegial environment for sustained, frank dialogue on important education abroad topics to enhance participants' knowledge, understanding and skills.

The Forum is pleased to offer a new Fireside Dialogue topic for 2010: "Institutional Leadership for Education Abroad," intended for Provosts and Deans seeking to develop and advance education abroad in broad and deep ways across their institutions. Participants will generate this Dialogue's topics such as staffing and financial models, managing relationships with provider organizations and international partners, and faculty incentives and curriculum development. The limited size, residential setting and focus on dialogue and problem-solving makes this a distinctive gathering during which participants will develop strategies for their campuses and organizations.

The second Fireside Dialogue, "Mid-Career Professionals: Topics in Leadership," has been offered successfully twice before. This Dialogue is ideal for mid-career colleagues who seek a rare opportunity to explore the nature of leadership with senior leaders in the field and with each other. It focuses on the development of key skills essential to leadership both within organizations and within the field of education abroad as a whole. Discussion topics include strategic planning, university and organizational governance, personnel management, financial and resource management, and personal advocacy.

"Vision and Value in Education Abroad" Forum 2010 Conference Calendar

Pre-Conference: Standards of Good Practice Institute: Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety and Security	Wednesday, March 24
Pre-Conference: Half-Day and Full-Day Workshops	Wednesday, March 24
Annual Conference Opening Reception	Wednesday, March 24
Annual Conference Sessions and Plenary Sessions	Thursday-Friday March 25-26
Post-Conference: Fireside Dialogues	Friday-Sunday March 26-28

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