



FORUM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10:
"Demystifying Study
Abroad Finances"
webinar

February 18:
"An Introduction to the
Forum's Standards of
Good Practice for
Education Abroad,"
Houston, hosted by
Rice University

February 24:
"An Introduction to the
Forum's Standards of
Good Practice for
Education Abroad,"
Indianapolis, hosted
by the Institute for
Study Abroad –
Butler University

New Graphic Identity Program for Forum Institutional Members

Institutional members will now be able to display a membership logo, and link to a web page that explains the significance of membership in the Forum. "The membership logo signifies a commitment to the Standards of Good Practice and to the Forum's overall mission. Forum member organizations and institutions will be able to use the logo on their web sites and publications to send the message that they are committed to Standards," said Forum President and CEO Brian Whalen. "The membership logo will become one of the ways to identify an organization's commitment to quality in education abroad."

The new membership logo and guidelines for its use may be accessed in the online Toolbox: <http://www.forumea.org/standards-toolbox.cfm>

A second logo is now available to members who have successfully completed the Quality Improvement Program (QUIP), and it will link to a web page describing this recognition. "This logo recognizes member institutions and organizations for meeting the Standards through the formal QUIP review process, and as such it is the highest recognition of quality offered by the Forum, and we believe by the field," according to Whalen.

New Resources Available to Members

Two new resources have been added to the Forum's online Toolbox and are accessible to Forum members:

- *Alignment and Accountability in Education Abroad: A Handbook for the Effective Design and Implementation of Qualitative Assessment Based on Student Evaluations* by Lilli Engle and Pat Martin. Based on their highly successful Forum workshop on the topic, Engle and Martin have created a handbook that offers strategies for the development of meaningful qualitative assessment questionnaires to be completed by students during and/or after their term of study abroad.
- *Strategies for Education Abroad Advocacy on Campuses* provides campus-based Forum members with strategies and resources for raising the profile of education abroad on their campuses. It identifies critical constituents, offers key strategies and tips for working with institutional colleagues, and provides suggested tools and further resources to consult. This resource was prepared by the Forum's Advocacy Committee: Diane Elton, Jason Fenner, Mark Ferguson, Mitch Leventhal, Les McCabe, Heidi Sonesson (Chair), Susan Thompson, and John Wells.

Thank you to these colleagues for their work in bringing these resources to Forum members.

Standards Workshops Offered in Houston, Indianapolis

The Forum will offer its signature workshop, “An Introduction to the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad,” in both Houston and Indianapolis, hosted by Rice University and the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University.

Thursday, February 18, 12:30 – 4:00 PM, Rice University, Houston (Hosted by Rice University)

Wednesday, February 24, 1:00 – 4:30 PM, Omni Hotel, Indianapolis (Hosted by the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University)

The workshop provides an overview of and training in the use of the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad*, the *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*, and the *Standards of Good Practice for Short-Term Education Abroad Programs*. The workshop is ideally suited both for those unfamiliar with these documents, as well as for colleagues who want to delve more deeply into how to use them for program development, assessment and improvement. Workshop activities include analyses of case studies that teach participants how to use these resources to assess education abroad programs. For more information on the workshops, including how to register: <http://www.forumea.org/StandWorkshop2010.htm>

Webinar on Education Abroad Finances

Due to the high demand, the Forum is pleased to offer its “Demystifying Education Abroad Finances” webinar again on Wednesday, February 10th from 1 – 2:30pm. Colleagues who were on the waiting list for the first webinar will be given priority registration. Participants will be sent materials in advance and encouraged to ask questions and suggest specific topics that they would like to be addressed. The webinar is designed to be as interactive as possible with a focus on the sharing of best practices in education abroad financial management. The content presented focuses on the essential concepts in education abroad finances based on the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad and The Code of Ethics for Education Abroad. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.forumea.org/webinar.htm>

Annual Conference Update

Nearly 700 people are already registered for the Forum's Sixth Annual Conference, “Vision and Value in Education Abroad,” to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 24-26. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about the conference, the pre-conference workshops and Standards of Good Practice Institute, available sponsorships and how to register, visit: <http://www.forumea.org/Charlotte2010.htm>

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