



## FORUM NEWS

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### 2009 STATE OF THE FIELD SURVEY

All Forum institutional representatives will receive their link to the 2009 State of the Field Survey on Thursday, October 15. The Forum State of the Field Survey takes the pulse of the field on a wide range of issues for all education abroad constituents. Survey data has a significant impact on the field and on the direction of future Forum initiatives.

Thanks to Elise Rayner, Charlotte Blessing, Kim Kreutzer, and to members of the Data Committee and Forum Council for developing this year's survey.

The Survey closes Monday, November 2.

### “Vision and Value in Education Abroad”

March 24-26, 2010

Charlotte, NC

### Annual Conference Registration Opens Online October 15

Did you know that what “happens at the Forum conference” doesn’t “stay at the Forum conference?” The roundtable sessions, workshops, Standards of Good Practice Institute and Fireside Dialogues will make a direct impact back at your institution, organization, and programs. Conference sessions help to provide the tools needed to improve programs and support quality education abroad.

What happens at the conference helps shape the agenda for Forum projects. As a membership organization driven by the participation of its members, conference attendees have a direct impact on shaping the Forum’s future through contributing to sessions such as ones on ethics, standards of good practice, assessment of student learning, advocacy, curriculum, and data collection.

This is one of the few conferences that fosters genuine dialogue among peers without the distractions that sometimes get in the way of the substantial exchange of ideas. The collegial atmosphere allows participants to make contacts they would not be able to make elsewhere.

Conference registration includes two receptions, two breakfasts, two lunches and coffee breaks. Conference participants receive all recent Forum publications. This year, all participants will receive a copy of *The History of U.S. Study Abroad: 1965 – Present*, a multi-author work that documents the history of the field over the past 40+ years.

To find out more about the conference and to register, visit:

<http://www.forumea.org/Reg10.htm>

### Standards of Good Practice Institute: Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety and Security

On Wednesday, March 24 the Forum will convene its first Standards of Good Practice Institute, “Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety and Security.”

Through presentations, discussions, analyses of case studies, and simulations, participants will take away an advanced understanding of education abroad risk management practices and broaden and deepen their understanding of best practices. The Institute’s luncheon keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Eric Shaw, who spent three years commanding the

United States Coast Guard's Barque EAGLE, "America's Tall Ship," including deploying overseas with cadets and officer candidates from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Shaw will discuss a model for reducing risk exposure and consequences by drawing on his experiences at sea. Institute session topics will include negligence and risk management; student psychological challenges and issues; faculty directors and risk management; crisis management and public relations; medical strategies; student responsibility for student health and safety; lessons learned from crisis responses; disability accommodation and insurance planning; acceptable risk and how students understand it; navigating between safety and liability; tracking and reporting critical incidents; and reviewing the Forum's Standard on health, safety and security.

Registration for the Institute opens on October 15 and is limited to the first 150 registrants; more information is available at:

<http://www.forumea.org/Instit10.htm>

## Pre-Conference Workshops

The Forum will offer a wide range of half- and full-day pre-conference workshops on the same day as the Standards Institute. The workshops are designed to assist institutions to develop best practices in several education abroad areas, including financial models, student learning, and assessment. The workshops are an excellent value and registration for them also opens on October 15.

- **The Vision and Value Behind the Dollar Sign: Financial Models for Education Abroad**
- **Crossing Borders, Creating Culture: Digital Storytelling and Study Abroad**
- **The Blueprint for Intercultural Learning: The What, the How, and the Why**
- **Using the Global Perspective Inventory to Assess the Value of Education Abroad**
- **Developing International Online Course Collaborations that Build Bridges to Study Abroad**
- **QUIP Peer Reviewer Training**

Detailed information on the workshops is available here:

<http://www.forumea.org/Workshops10.htm>

## Fireside Dialogues

Attending a Forum Fireside Dialogue is an excellent way to focus on education abroad topics and issues in a relaxed, collegial atmosphere facilitated by leaders in the field. Two Dialogues will be offered immediately following the Annual Conference, both hosted on the campus of Davidson College. The number of participants is kept small to facilitate interaction and discussion, and a waiting list will be maintained. The two Fireside Dialogues offered this year are:

- **"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 help generate this Dialogue's topics, which will include staffing and financial models, managing relationships with provider organizations and international partners, and faculty incentives and curriculum development. The focus will be on the sharing of best

practices and discussion of strategies to address the challenges facing participants' institutions. *Facilitators: Mary Dwyer, President, IES Abroad and Chair of the Forum Board of Directors; Neil Weissman, Provost and Dean of the College, Dickinson College; Daniel Wubah, Vice President and Dean of the Undergraduate College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

- **“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. *Facilitators: Katharine Krebs, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Binghamton University; Shaik Ismail, Director of International Programs, Linfield College; David Larsen, Special Assistant to the President, Arcadia University.*

Registration for the Dialogues opens along with conference registration on October 15, and more details can be found at:

<http://www.forumea.org/FD10.htm>

## Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

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