

BEVI Project Launched

Nine institutions and organizations have been selected and are expected to participate in the Forum BEVI Project, which will document study abroad outcomes by using the Beliefs, Events, Values Inventory over the next three years. The nine participants in the project are:

- Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA)
- Dickinson College
- Institute for the International Education of Students (IES)
- James Madison University
- Michigan State University
- Mount Holyoke College
- Saint Mary's College
- The University of Texas at Austin
- Wells College

The Forum will still consider applications from institutional members that are interested in joining the project. For more information about the project, visit <http://www.forumea.org/research-bevi.htm>.

Peer Reviewer Training: Join Us in Minneapolis!

Based on the successful pre-conference workshop in Austin, the Forum will be offering a Peer Reviewer Training Workshop on the University of Minnesota campus, coinciding with the NAFSA conference in Minneapolis. Completion of this workshop is a prerequisite for serving as a Peer Reviewer for the Forum's [Quality Improvement Program \(QUIP\)](#), but does not guarantee selection. Registration is limited to 30 people.

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2007, 1 – 4 pm
Place: University of Minnesota Alumni Center
Cost: \$75

Interested? To register, email info@forumea.org.

Forum Presentations in US and France

It's been a busy month for the Forum. At the AIEA conference in Washington, DC in mid-February, President and CEO Brian Whalen presented in three sessions: an IIE sponsored workshop on "Global Competence: Government Study Abroad Initiatives;" a Forum-sponsored session on the results of the Standards Pilot Project with Joe Tullbane of Saint Norbert College and Nancy Kanach of Princeton University; and a presentation on the Beliefs, Events and Values Inventory (BEVI) with Craig Shealy of James Madison University and Dawn Pysarchik of Michigan State University.

Laurie Mossler, Director of Global Education at Dickinson College, promoted the Forum and its publications at the American Council on Education's (ACE) International Collaborative meeting held in Washington, DC on March 9-10.

Also on March 9, Brian Brubaker, Dickinson College's Associate Director of Study Abroad, presented the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice* and the Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) to the Resident Directors of US study abroad programs in France at their meeting held at the Dickinson Toulouse Center.

If you'd like to share this newsletter with your colleagues, a PDF is available at our online [Archives](#).

NOMINATE AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER

The fourth cycle of Undergraduate Research Awards will begin on Monday, April 2. The Forum considers these awards a testimony to the myriad ways in which students come to understand other cultures and societies through a research framework.

Application deadline is Friday, June 8. For more information, criteria, application and recommendation forms, visit:

<http://www.forumea.org/research-awards.htm>

ON THE WEB

Keep your eye on the Forum [website](#). There is always something happening. Recently, we've posted [minutes](#) from the 2007 annual meeting, a full [summary](#) of the dialogue sessions at the conference, summary of the [evaluation survey](#), and [presentations and resource materials](#) from the conference.

And don't forget: if you have a job opening, you can post it on the [ForumJobs](#) page. If you've contributed a job listing, please check if it's still current. Thank you!

IN THE MAIL

A Guide to Outcomes Assessment in Education Abroad and *A History of US Study Abroad: Beginnings to 1965* have been mailed to members who didn't attend the conference. Look for them in your mailbox.