

Call for Nominations for Forum Council

Are you or one of your colleagues interested in contributing directly to the work of the Forum? The Forum Council is an elected body that sets the agenda and carries out the Forum's initiatives. Six positions on the Council are open this year, and the Forum welcomes nominations from colleagues who can dedicate their time to contribute to the various Forum projects.

If you are interested in serving on the Forum Council or wish to nominate a colleague, please submit the following in support of your nomination:

- a description of the qualifications of the candidate and their interest, referencing specific ways in which they would contribute to the Forum's goals and projects;
- a *curriculum vitae*;
- full contact information.

Please send to info@forumea.org. The deadline for nominations is **May 1, 2009**.

The nomination committee of the Council will assemble a slate of candidates and the Forum Council election will be held by e-mail ballot. Results will be announced in the Forum News. For more information on the Council, visit <http://www.forumea.org/>

Portland Conference Evaluations

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback about the conference. A total of 226 attendees submitted evaluations of the Fifth Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, a response rate of 31%. 58% respondents had attended a previous Forum Conference and 73% of respondents were from Forum member institutions.

Overall satisfaction with the conference was very high. In response to the question, "please rate your overall satisfaction with the conference," participants answered this way: 23% outstanding; 57% very good; 19% good; 1% fair.

The top reasons for attending the conference were:

1. Dialogue about substantial issues in education abroad
2. Contribute to a Forum project
3. Network with colleagues at my level of experience
4. Learn about the field of education abroad
5. Advance my career

The evaluation also provided more than 300 ideas, comments and suggestions! The Conference Committee for the Forum Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina (March 24-26, 2010) will utilize the conference evaluation data and comments in its planning.

Planning Your Nominations for the Undergraduate Research Awards

The Forum's Undergraduate Research Awards highlight outstanding examples of student academic work conducted as part of education abroad programs. This year's deadline for nominations is June 26, 2009. More information on the Awards and applications are available on the Forum web site: <http://www.forumea.org/research-awards.htm>.

We are often asked, "How can I identify worthy students and their projects?" Forum members have found it best to start the process well before the spring semester ends. Now would be an excellent time to contact faculty and program directors, explain the awards, and ask for potential nominees.

If you would like to share this issue with your colleagues, a PDF is available at our online [Archives](#). The Forum News is free to the public—sign up at www.forumea.org