

## The Forum in Australia

Forum President and CEO Brian Whalen gave a keynote address at the Australian Outbound Mobility Forum in Melbourne, Australia on April 3. Hosted by the University of Melbourne, the Forum attracted over 100 colleagues from almost all of the 39 Australian universities. Whalen's talk, "Creating and Sustaining Education Abroad Standards: Lessons Learned," led to discussions about how the Forum Standards might apply to Australian outbound students. Whalen also met with Australian government officials in Canberra in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Education to discuss standards development and implementation. At Swinburne University in Melbourne, he met with Stephen Connelly (President) and Dennis Murray (Executive Director) of the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA), to discuss areas of cooperation and establish reciprocal memberships in each other's association. Whalen also visited the University of Wollongong where he discussed with colleagues the University's various quality assurance assessments and programs. "I want to thank our wonderful Australian colleagues, and especially the 13 Forum member institutions, for welcoming me and for their strong support of the Forum's mission," said Whalen.

Whalen also recently presented on the Standards of Good Practice and Quality Improvement at the AACRAO Conference in Chicago, and will also give the keynote address at the Western Virginia International Educators meeting at the University of Virginia's College at WISE on April 24.

### WELCOME!

Welcome to these new Forum institutional members:

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Charles University

University of Wisconsin-  
Eau Claire

### REMINDER: FORUM COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please send your nominations or expression of interest in serving on the [Forum Council](#) by May 1, 2009 to [info@forumea.org](mailto:info@forumea.org).

## No Increase in Membership Dues

At its most recent meeting, the Forum Board of Directors approved the recommendation not to increase membership dues for 2009-10. "Forum membership will remain an outstanding value and an important indication of institutional commitment to Standards of Good Practice," said Forum President Brian Whalen. "That is why, despite the financial crisis, we have seen over a 30% increase in membership this year." Invoices for membership renewal will be sent out in early May.

## Charlotte Conference Committee Hard at Work

The conference committee for the Sixth Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 26-28, 2010 is hard at work and will announce the conference theme and call for session and workshop proposals soon. The Forum thanks the following colleagues for dedicating their time to serve on this important committee: Kline Harrison, Wake Forest University (Chair); Lisa Baum, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Victor Betancourt, Marymount University; Nigel Cossar, University of Melbourne; Monique Fecteau, Tufts University in Paris; Margery Ganz, Spelman College; Dennis Gordon, Santa Clara University; Shaik Ismail, Linfield College; Naomi Otterness, Warren Wilson College; Anders Uhrskov, Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS); and Paul Watson, American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS).

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