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Call for Member Participation: Feedback and Comments on Revisions to the Standards of Good Practice

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Forum members are invited to review and provide feedback on proposed revisions to the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad. The Standards Committee and several Working Groups are recommending a number of additions and revisions that will result in the 4th edition of the Standards and the 2nd edition of the Code of Ethics, both of which will debut at the Forum’s 7th Annual Conference in Boston, April 6-8, 2011.

Members may access drafts of the proposed revisions by signing in to the online Toolbox on the Forum website: [Standards Toolbox](#)

The Forum has developed a set of points to consider when reviewing these documents to help guide comments and suggestions; these are also available in the Toolbox.

A public comment period will begin on September 15, 2010, and Forum members and the public may continue to provide feedback until October 15, 2010. The Standards Committee and the Working Groups will then consider the feedback and comments for inclusion in the final version.

Several roundtable sessions at the Annual Conference in Boston will focus on the new edition of the Standards. All Forum members are urged to engage in this important process by providing feedback during this member comment period.

The additions and changes to the Standards include:

- Revisions to the *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*
- New language related to environmental and social responsibility
- Revised standard on health, safety and security (Standard #8)
- Revised language on non-discrimination
- New guidelines on institutional relations and marketing (proposed appendix to the Standards)
- New guidelines on academic advising (proposed appendix to the Standards)
- New additions to queries related to assessment, as they appear throughout the Standards

Additional areas that are expected to be ready for member comment during the fall semester include:

- Guidelines for relationships between provider organizations and schools of record
- Guidelines for undergraduate research abroad

Call for Member Participation: Education Abroad Incident Database

The Forum is pleased to announce a call for all Forum institutional members to participate in the Education Abroad Incident Database Project. **Members interested in participating in the project should complete the registration forms (available at: <http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>) and send to info@forumea.org by September 1, 2010.**

The Education Abroad Incident Database builds on the successful Incident Database Pilot Project that was discussed at the Standards of Good Practice Institute earlier this year. The Preliminary Report on the Pilot, and a summary of the evaluations, may be found here:

<http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>

The Incident Database represents the field's first serious effort to collect comprehensive data on the range and number of incidents that occur on education abroad programs. By documenting and learning about education abroad incidents, the field will be better prepared to refine protocols for health, safety, security, and risk management, and continue to develop and disseminate effective best practices. Moreover, the field will be better able to understand factors that contribute to incidents, and thereby be prepared to mitigate and plan for risk, as well as utilize resources more strategically.

The Forum encourages all of its institutional members to participate in this important project.

The Forum will manage the data collection, analysis and dissemination of information that results from the project and has taken steps to insure the confidentiality of the information collected. More information on the project, its goals and processes, may be found here:

<http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>

Proposals for April, 2011 Standards of Good Practice Institute Due July 31

There is still time to submit a proposal for the Standards of Good Practice Institute, "Ethics and Integrity in Education Abroad," to be held on April 6, 2011 in Boston in conjunction with the Forum's Annual Conference. Institute proposals are due by 5pm on July 31, 2010. A full description of the Institute theme, the call for proposals, and proposal forms are available at:

<http://www.forumea.org/Institute11.htm>

Deadline for Nominations for the Excellence in Research Award is July 31

The deadline for receiving nominations for the Forum's new Award for



Excellence in Research is July 31, 2010 at 5pm. The Award for Excellence in Research recognizes significant research studies that benefit the education abroad field. The Forum will award this honor to exceptional candidates nominated by Forum institutional members in order to highlight excellent research that furthers our understanding of education abroad. In addition to honoring researchers, the award contributes to the improvement of education abroad by disseminating research that can serve as critical resources for the field, and encouraging rigorous inquiry into important education abroad topics. For full information and nomination forms, please see <http://www.forumea.org/ForumEAaward-excellenceresearch2010.htm>

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