

Forum Board Endorses Code of Ethics for Education Abroad

At its meeting on July 18, the Forum Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse the organization's recently published Code of Ethics for Education Abroad. Forum Board member Gregg Kvistad, Provost at the University of Denver, noted "The Code of Ethics provides excellent guidance to institutions and study abroad organizations and can be used as a basis for the development of specific policies and procedures that are ethically sound."

Forum President and CEO Brian Whalen stated that the Code of Ethics was produced with the input of hundreds of higher education colleagues from around the world, and is a "living document that will develop and adapt to future changes in the education abroad field."

At its meeting last summer, the Forum Board had endorsed the organization's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad, of which the Code of Ethics is now a part.

WELCOME!

Welcome to these new Forum institutional members:

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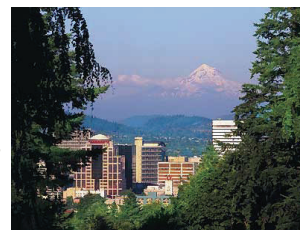
Ohio University

Southern Illinois
University-Edwardsville

National University of
Ireland-Maynooth

Update on the Forum BEVI Project

Forum members participating in the BEVI Project gathered at the Forum conference in Boston and plan to meet later this fall to analyze the data that has been collected since the project began last year. The project continues to make steady progress, and the pilot phase should be completed early in the fall, 2008 semester. During the pilot phase, the Beliefs, Events and Values Inventory instrument has been administered to nearly 2,500 students. The results of this testing will provide information on the effectiveness of education abroad programming and also help to validate and refine the instrument. A recent preliminary analysis shows promising data that is helping to identify the underlying variables of international learning. Forum members participating in the BEVI Project include: Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA), Dickinson College, Institute for the International Education of Students (IES), International Studies Abroad (ISA), James Madison University, Michigan State University, Saint Mary's College, Saint Olaf College, University of South Carolina, University of Texas at Austin, and Wells College. For more information on the BEVI project: <http://www.forumea.org/research-bevi.htm> .



DATES TO NOTE

August 15, 2008: Session and Workshop Proposal deadline

September 15, 2008: Online conference registration opens

February 18-20, 2009: Fifth Forum Conference, Portland, OR

Portland Conference Session Proposals

The 2009 Conference is already receiving quite a bit of attention! Along with innovative proposals, the Forum has fielded a number of questions about how to develop sessions based on the conference theme, "Being There: Teaching and Learning Abroad." If you have an idea for a session or workshop and could use some feedback, contact the Forum staff at info@forumea.org. For proposal forms (due August 15, 2008), visit <http://www.forumea.org/dialogue-conference.cfm> .

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