



FORUM NEWS

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

As the Standards Development Organization for education abroad, the Forum practices openness, transparency, balance, consensus, and due process. For this reason Forum members are encouraged 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 here: [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. Comments and suggestions should be emailed to info@forumea.org

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.

Call for Member Participation: Education Abroad Incident Database

The Forum has announced 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>

Boston Conference Update

A record number of session proposals were received for the Seventh Annual Conference in Boston, April 6-8, 2011. Thank you to everyone who submitted a proposal. The conference committee expects to reach final decisions in the coming weeks and those who have submitted session proposals will be notified. Full information about the conference is available here: <http://www.forumea.org/conference11.htm>

Membership Renewals Due

Renewal invoices have been emailed to all Forum members for the 2010 – 2011 membership year, and were due by August 20. If your institution or organization has not yet renewed its Forum membership, please do so! **For the second year in a row, there is no increase in membership fees.** If you have not received a renewal invoice, have a question, or have changes to membership information, please contact the Forum at info@forumea.org or 717-245-1031.



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