



## FORUM NEWS

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### QUIP Update

A total of 21 institutional members have participated in the Forum's Quality Improvement Program since it began less than two years ago. Eight members have completed QUIP and thirteen are at various stages of the self-study or peer review phases of the process. The types of member organizations participating in QUIP include 7 provider organizations, 12 U.S. universities/colleges, and 2 international universities. QUIP applies the Forum *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad* through a self-study and peer review process, managed by the Forum, based on an objective protocol. The Forum Review Panel, a group of seven senior international educators, review the self-study and peer review reports and makes a final determination about the participating organization's conformity with the Standards. The focus is on the assessment and improvement of all aspects of education abroad operations, and reviews are tailored to meet the needs of the participating organization. Organizations and institutions that complete QUIP successfully receive recognition for doing so and may use the Forum's word mark and quote from the recognition letter on their web sites and in their program brochures. For full information about QUIP see <http://www.forumea.org/standards-quip.cfm>

### Incident Database Pilot Project Update

A total of 26 Forum member institutions and organizations have been confirmed as participants in the Education Abroad Incident Database Pilot Project. Participants represent the diversity of the Forum membership and include small and large public and private U.S. colleges and universities, program provider organizations, and international universities. The full range of education abroad program types will also be represented. A total of over 600,000 program days will be reported on during the period between August 15, 2009 and February 1, 2010. The goal of the project is to test a means of collecting accurate information on the number and range of incidents that occur on education abroad programs to help inform health, safety and security policies and practices. More information on the project is available at: <http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>

### BEVI Project Update

The Beliefs, Events, Values Inventory (BEVI) Project has completed its pilot phase. To learn more about project developments, preliminary findings, and its transition this Fall from the "pilot" and into the "formal" phase, please see the report at <http://www.forumea.org/research-bevi.htm>

### Sixth Annual Conference: Vision and Value in Education Abroad Charlotte, North Carolina, March 24-26, 2010

Mark your calendars: on-line registration opens Thursday, October 15, 2009. The Conference Committee is currently reviewing session and workshop proposals and the Forum will be contacting those who submitted proposals in the near future. Some conference sponsorship opportunities are still available and more information may be found at: <http://www.forumea.org/Sponsorship2010.htm>.

The Forum thanks the following members who will serve as host institutions for the conference: Davidson College, Duke University, James Madison University, Marymount University, Meredith College, Old Dominion University, Rhodes College, University of North Carolina Charlotte, University of Richmond, University of Tennessee Knoxville, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, Wake Forest University, Warren Wilson College, Washington and Lee University and Wofford College.

### Membership Renewal Deadline!

The deadline for Forum membership renewal is August 15. If your institution or organization is a member of the Forum and wishes to continue to receive member services and benefits without interruption, please

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