



FORUM NEWS

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New Resources Added to Toolbox

A reminder that two new resources have recently been added to the Forum's online Toolbox and are now accessible to Forum members:

- *Alignment and Accountability in Education Abroad: A Handbook for the Effective Design and Implementation of Qualitative Assessment Based on Student Evaluations* by Lilli Engle and Pat Martin. Based on their highly successful Forum workshop on the topic, Engle and Martin have created a handbook that offers strategies for the development of meaningful qualitative assessment questionnaires to be completed by students during and/or after their term of study abroad.

"It was at a Forum conference a few years ago when I first heard about this new and extremely effective way of eliciting study abroad student feedback. I was convinced that this novel approach was a 'paradigm shift' that would eventually alter the way evaluations were done within the field. The publication of this fully developed version represents a tremendous advance in approaching the assessment of outcomes and will likely motivate and assist professionals to do what I did... rethink and revise their study abroad questionnaires to reflect this more nuanced and productive methodology."

-- Bruce La Brack, Professor Emeritus, University of the Pacific

- *Strategies for Education Abroad Advocacy on Campuses* provides campus-based Forum members with strategies and resources for raising the profile of education abroad on their campuses. It identifies critical constituents, offers key strategies and tips for working with institutional colleagues, and provides suggested tools and further resources to consult. This resource was prepared by the Forum's Advocacy Committee: Diane Elton, Jason Fenner, Mark Ferguson, Mitch Leventhal, Les McCabe, Heidi Soneson (Chair), Susan Thompson, and John Wells.

Over 870 Registered for Annual Conference; Online Conference Registration ends Wednesday, March 10

Over 870 people have registered for the Forum's 6th Annual Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC March 24-26, 2010. Online conference registration ends at 5pm this Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Those who have not registered online by the deadline may register on site. Register online here:

<http://www.forumea.org/Reg10.htm>

Conference Hotel Information

The Forum's block of rooms at the special conference rate at the Westin Charlotte has been filled, and for some nights during the Forum conference, the Westin Charlotte is full. To assist the Westin in planning for front desk staffing and expedite the check-in process, conference participants are asked to send an email to DeShona.Birtha@westin.com indicating your anticipated arrival time at the hotel.

The Forum has arranged a special conference rate for overflow accommodations at the Hilton Charlotte Center City, about two blocks away from the conference hotel. For more information on conference hotel options:

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