

Cressey Thanked for Board Service

Mary Dwyer, Chair of the Forum Board of Directors, recently announced, "It is with mixed emotions that I communicate that Bill Cressey has resigned from the Forum Board. Bill was a founding member of the Forum. He was with us from the beginning, and I always greatly valued Bill's input, wisdom, sense of humor and insights. Bill is a wonderful colleague and I will miss his contributions to the Board immensely."

As a special consultant, Bill continues to share his expertise as a consultant to the Forum's Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) for Education Abroad. A full biography and the rest of Dwyer's remarks are on the [Discussion Forum](#). Drop by and wish Bill well!

State of the Field Survey Results

Preliminary results of the Forum's first State of the Field Survey are available on the Forum web site: <http://www.forumea.org/documents/2006SFSResults.pdf>. The Survey, a project of the Forum's Data Committee, asks questions regarding education abroad ranging from office structure and staffing to curricular and programmatic issues. A total of 93 Forum member institutions responded to the Survey. Kim Kreutzer of the University of Colorado, Boulder, the project director, believes that the Survey will become "the definitive way of taking the pulse of US education abroad." She is preparing an analysis of the results, and the Forum conference will feature a session for attendees to discuss the results and provide input regarding future Survey questions.

Help Build the Glossary for Education Abroad

"Up until now, education abroad professionals have had no agreed-upon set of definitions to which to turn," says Chip Peterson of the University of Minnesota. "The Glossary attempts to begin to fill that gap." As Chair of the Glossary Task Force, Peterson has worked with Lilli Engle, American University Center of Provence; Lance Kenney, Villanova University; Kim Kreutzer, University of Colorado-Boulder; William Nolting, University of Michigan; and Anthony Ogden, Penn State University. Incorporating the input of many other colleagues, the Task Force has developed a Glossary for Education Abroad, now available at <http://www.forumea.org/research-glossaryindex.cfm>. Attendees at the Forum conference will have the opportunity to discuss and provide input at a session on the Glossary. Future plans include converting the online Glossary to a Wiki format, enabling feedback from the field, then publication in hard copy.

WELCOME TO THE FORUM!

New members since
December 19, 2006 are:

Bryn Mawr College
Central College Abroad
International Honors
Program
Scuola Lorenzo de Medici
Ursinus College

BEVI DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for submitting application to participate in the Forum BEVI Project has been extended to **Monday, January 29, 2007**. For more information, visit:

<http://www.forumea.org/research-bevi.htm>

UPDATE ON AUSTIN

Registration for the Forum conference has already hit a record 265, and we are looking forward to a dynamic event!

Effective January 27, the conference hotel, The Austin Marriott at the Capitol, will change ownership and become the Sheraton Austin. Normal operations will continue, and all confirmed reservations will be honored.