

Code of Ethics Update

Development of the Forum's Code of Ethics is progressing extremely well, thanks to the work of 34 members of the Ethics Working Group who met in Toronto on November 16. The Code will contain four sections: a visionary preamble; the Forum Compass, a tool for making ethical decisions; a set of ethical principles; and a set of examples of ethical best practices. A draft will be made available to the Forum membership for comment and feedback within the next few weeks. After an open comment period, the Ethics Working Group will consider incorporating these suggestions before a draft is released to the public. Minutes of the Toronto meeting can be found at:

<http://www.forumea.org/documents/ForumEAEthicsWorkingGroupminutesTorontomt1107.pdf>

Special sessions presenting ethical case studies in education abroad will be part of the Forum Conference in Boston, April 2-4, 2008. According to Forum president Brian Whalen, "These sessions will involve analysis and discussion of various education abroad case studies that raise ethical issues, and will be excellent training for applying the Forum's Code of Ethics to actual situations that we encounter in our work."

QUIP Peer Reviewer Training Workshop

The Forum's corps of QUIP Peer Reviewers grew with the recent Peer Reviewer Training Workshop following the CIEE Conference in Toronto. Under the watchful gaze of Manitoba bison (from the room's murals!), trainees analyzed fictional self-study and peer review reports, applying the Standards of Good Practice in case-study scenarios. Thanks to our colleagues at CIEE for their generosity in arranging use of the room.

In QUIP news, this year's participants are engaged in the Self-Study stage of the review process and looking towards engaging with Peer Reviewers and Site Visits this spring. For more information about the Forum's Quality Improvement Program (QUIP), visit:

<http://www.forumea.org/standards-quip.cfm>

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Nominations for the Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award should be sent via e-mail to info@forumea.org by 5pm on January 15, 2008. To learn more about the criteria and selection process, visit:

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