

QUIP Peer Review Training a Success

The Forum held a Peer Review Training Workshop during the NAFSA conference in Minneapolis on Tuesday, May 29 for 45 attendees. The University of Minnesota Learning Abroad Center was a gracious and helpful host. Presenters Brian Whalen, Annmarie Marlin Whalen, and Bill Cressey covered topics including:

- The development of QUIP
- The focus on quality improvement
- Working with the Standards of Good Practice
- The role of the Peer Reviewer

Participants broke into smaller groups to analyze and present case studies. Sue Mennicke of Southwestern University commented: "The workshop provided an excellent opportunity to learn more thoroughly about the QUIP peer review, but also, and equally important, to explore the philosophical foundation of the process and its unique place in the field. QUIP and the peer review structure as a whole assume integrity and intelligence from review participants and thereby serve to elevate the level on which we in the field converse about standards and quality in education abroad."

Forum in the News

The Forum's standards presentations at NAFSA attracted the attention of the press. *Inside Higher Education* published an online article about the need for accountability and quality improvement on May 31:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/05/31/abroad>

The June 8 edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* mentioned the Forum in its coverage of the NAFSA conference:

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i40/40a03301.htm>

U.S. House Approves Simon Bill

On Tuesday, June 5, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act (HR 1469), which has as its goal sending a million US students abroad each year. Members interested in discussing the implications of the legislation can do so on our Discussion Forum:

<http://www.forumea.org/labels/Legislation.html>

If you'd like to share this newsletter with your colleagues, a PDF is available at our online [Archives](#).

WELCOME TO THE FORUM!

New members since April 26, 2007 are:

Bates College
Murray State University
Providence College
University of Newcastle
University of South
Florida

CALL FOR AUTHORS

Frontiers, a strategic partner of the Forum, is seeking authors and contributors for the second volume of the history of US study abroad, *A History of US Study Abroad: 1965 - Present*. The deadline for expressions of interest is June 15, 2007. Learn more at:

<http://www.forumea.org/dialogue-resources-callforauthorshistory2.htm>

DEADLINE EXTENDED

The submission deadline for the Undergraduate Research Awards nominations has been extended to Friday, June 22. More information is at:

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