



**WELCOME TO
THE FORUM!**

New members since
September 4, 2007 are:

American University of
Rome
Babson College
Dar Loughat (Morocco)
University of Puget Sound

Ethics Meeting in Carlisle

On Monday, September 24, almost 40 Forum members, representing colleges, universities, providers, and international partners, gathered in Carlisle, PA to begin to draft a Code of Ethics for Education Abroad. To provide context, presentations were made by experts. Thomas Schmidt, attorney from Pepper Hamilton, the Forum's counsel, discussed anti-trust law. Adis Vila, Assistant Professor of International Business & Management at Dickinson College, discussed business ethics. Stephen De Paul, Director of Global Initiatives for The University of Texas System, discussed the aftermath of the Student Loan scandal and its impact on institution-vendor relationships. Participants broke into small groups to discuss 13 topics:

- Transparency
- Focus on Students
- Incentives
- Conflicts of Interest
- Use of Financial Aid
- Approving Programs
- Truthfulness
- Protection of Rights and Privacy
- Observance of Law
- Fair Competition
- Disclosure of Rules and Procedures
- Obligations to Host Societies
- Responsibilities to Employees

On Tuesday morning, the working groups presented the results of their discussion. Many questions, comments, and experiences were shared and debated by participants. A draft of the Code of Ethics will be available for review and comment by members in the near future. Minutes will be provided to members next week, and a list of participants and the full meeting agenda is available here:

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

SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all who participated in the Program Management Survey. The 96 responses achieved an impressive 36% response rate. Preliminary results will be released to the membership on Tuesday, October 2, and to the press the week of October 8. Members will be invited to participate in a Webinar about the survey results on Friday, October 5 at 1pm EST.

NEW TALKING POINTS ONLINE

The Talking Points for working with media and organizational leadership have been updated and are now available in the [Standards Toolbox](#)

New Opportunity for Mid-Career Professionals

The Forum is pleased to announce a Fireside Dialogue for mid-career education abroad professionals to be held after the Forum Conference in April, 2008. A small group will join senior education abroad leaders to discuss the development of key skills essential to leadership in education abroad institutions and organizations. This informal gathering will take place from Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6 at the Sise Inn in historic Portsmouth, New Hampshire, approximately a one-hour drive from downtown Boston. Participation in the Forum Fireside Dialogue will be limited to 20 participants with at least five years of experience in the field of education abroad and a long-term commitment to international education. More information and registration is available at:

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

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