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A warm welcome to the Forum on Education Abroad!

As president of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the greater Southeast region, and for ODU to serve as an institutional co-sponsor of the 6th annual conference of the Forum on Education Abroad. ODU is located in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, home to NATO, the Port of Virginia and several internationally focused organizations. At ODU, we teach and are invested in global affairs and citizenship, and are committed to providing international leadership opportunities for our students.

To these ends, we offer education abroad programs in diverse locations on each continent. Over the past 10 years, we have experienced fantastic growth in the number of ODU students studying abroad, particularly for full semesters. We are pleased with these increases, but not content. We aim to continue to expand our international connections and have underscored this goal in ODU's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.

Like the Forum on Education Abroad, ODU constantly strives to provide the highest quality educational programming. As a growing research university, we value the development and application of high standards and best practices that ensure excellence. For this reason, we are a proud member of the Forum on Education Abroad, and look forward to continuing to support and collaborate with the Forum for years to come.

Best wishes for a vital conference.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Broderick
President