Mark Your Calendar

- October 15, 2012: Early-bird registration ends
The Forum on Education Abroad’s first European conference focuses on the education abroad destination that has been and continues to be the most popular for U.S. students: Europe, including the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The conference seeks to increase understanding of how a changing and evolving Europe creates new realities for U.S. education abroad. What attracts students to study abroad in Europe?

How can we best maximize their learning opportunities by drawing on the distinctive opportunities that Europe offers? What are the special challenges of developing, implementing and sustaining education abroad in Europe?

The Forum European conference will address the interests of education abroad administrators and faculty who work and teach in Europe, as well as colleagues from the U.S. who work with European programs and universities. The common goal of the conference will be to share ideas for model practices for U.S. education abroad in Europe, including program design and curriculum, teaching, and a wide range of administrative issues and topics. Conference sessions will maintain the distinctive format of the Forum’s annual conference, promoting collegial dialogue and the lively exchange of ideas through attendee participation.

The Forum’s first European conference has been planned to be smaller in scope and shorter in duration than the Forum’s larger annual conference.

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Colin Ireland** retired from Arcadia University in 2011 after serving as Director of Irish Programs for 19 years. Colin has been a resident of Ireland for over 25 years, with both American and Irish citizenship. He is an accomplished scholar and author of Old Irish Wisdom Attributed to Aedh Bith of Northumbria: An Edition of Bríathra Flainn Fhína mac Osu, and is widely published in a variety of medievalist and philological journals. Colin co-edited a volume of essays for the American Conference for Irish Studies entitled Language and Tradition in Ireland: Continuities and Displacements, as well as a special volume of the journal Éire-Ireland. Additionally, he serves as an associate editor for Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad, a strategic partner of the Forum on Education Abroad. A member of six academic and professional organizations, Colin has taught as an adjunct in the English department at University College Dublin and has presented at a wide variety of conferences related to Irish and Celtic studies.

**Gudrun Paulsdottir** is International Strategist at Mälardalen University, Sweden, where she has been employed since 1992. She has driven the development of a number of projects, the largest being the development of international cooperation and the merging of seven departments into four schools. Since September 2011, Gudrun has served as Head of Admissions, Degrees and International Office. She has been a presenter at a number of conferences, and has been involved in a number of international development projects and has been an expert for the European Commission on a number of occasions as well as the Nordic Council. Gudrun is currently President of the European Association for International Education (EAIE), where she has also been on the Executive Board.

**CONFERENCE FEES**

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(Early bird fees are effective August 1 – October 15; regular fees apply October 16 – November 6; late fees November 7 – December 7.)

**CONFERENCE SITE and HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Forum’s first European conference will be held at the University College Dublin (UCD). UCD is one of Europe’s leading research-intensive universities where undergraduate education, postgraduate masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic continuum of activity. It is Ireland’s largest university with almost 25,000 students, which includes 5,000 international students.

Conference sessions will take place at the UCD Quinn School of Business, located on the Belfield campus, 4km south of Dublin city center. For your convenience, the Forum has secured a limited block of rooms at two hotels close to UCD—the Radisson Blu St. Helen’s Hotel and Stillorgan Park Hotel. Conference attendees may choose to stay in Dublin city center and will be responsible for their own transportation to UCD.

Rates at the Radisson Blu St. Helen’s Hotel are as follows for a deluxe guest room:

- **Single occupancy:** 125 euro/night (includes super buffet breakfast, wireless internet access in guest room and VAT)
- **Double or twin occupancy:** 135 euro (includes super buffet breakfast, wireless internet access in guest room and VAT)

*The rate will increase by 10 euro after 50 rooms have been booked. You may reserve a guest room by calling 353 1 218 6000.*

Rates at the Stillorgan Park Hotel are as follows:

- **Single occupancy:** 85 euro
- **Double or twin occupancy:** 95 euro

You may reserve a guest room by visiting www.stillorganpark.com and entering the code “FORUMEA” or calling 353 1 200 1800 and mentioning the “Forum on Education Abroad” group for the Forum’s rate.

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**
- Welcome Reception, University College Dublin (6–7:30 p.m.)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**
- Morning and Afternoon Conference Sessions
- Luncheon Plenary featuring Colin Ireland
- End-of-day Celebration Toast

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**
- Morning Plenary featuring Gudrun Paulsdottir
- Morning Conference Sessions
- Afternoon Half-Day workshops (requires separate registration fee)
- An Introduction to the Forum’s Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad
- QIP Peer Review Training

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**
- Fireside Dialogue, “Issues and Topics for On-Site Resident Directors” (requires application for participation and separate fee)