

Forum Conference a Success!



A total of 400 people attended the first stand-alone Forum Conference in Austin, Texas, March 1-3. Highlights included the five useful (but heavy) publications; the rousing plenary address by William Durden, President of Dickinson College, who spoke on the importance of forming a "pragmatic," centrist framework for assessment; and the fiesta at the University of Texas Alumni Center, enlivened by a talented mariachi band. Many colleagues lauded the value of the conference:

- *"This was one of the best experiences I have had in the field."*
- *"I learned a lot at this conference, and it goes to show you that you are never too old to learn new things."*
- *"The format encourages audience participation and helps to identify colleagues who have something to offer."*

Visit the [Discussion Forum](#) to add your comments.

R. Michael Paige Honored

To a standing ovation, Michael Paige accepted the Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award from Board Chair Mary Dwyer and Diane Elton, University of California at Riverside, who chaired the Selection Committee. In attendance were Peter Wollitzer's wife, Alison, as well as his sister, Patricia Campbell, and brother-in-law, Richard Grey. Elton's introduction and photos of the occasion will soon be available on the Forum [website](#).

Forum Council Election Results

Chair Sheila Bayne, Tufts University, asks you to welcome the colleagues who were elected to the Council:

WELCOME TO THE FORUM!

New members since
January 24, 2007 are:

Appalachian State
University
Hobart and William Smith
Colleges
Lewis and Clark College
Linfield College
Seton Hall University
University of Louisville

SEE YOU IN BOSTON

At the Forum Annual Business Meeting, Nancy Downey of Boston University announced that the Forum's 2008 conference will be held in Boston, Mass. on April 2-4, 2008. Boston University will be the host institution for the conference, which will include a full day of workshops and more roundtable dialogue sessions.

NEW RESOURCE UNVEILED

Thanks to the Data Committee, the field of education abroad has a new online resource. The Research on Education Abroad Database (READ), created by Vija Mendelson, is a searchable database of research projects. To view the site and learn how to submit a project, visit:

[http://www.forumea.org/
research-READ.htm](http://www.forumea.org/research-READ.htm)

NEW BOOKS

Two new publications
debuted at the Austin
Conference:

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- Jim Citron, Colby College
- Liam Ó Dochartaigh, University of Limerick
- Heidi Soneson, University of Minnesota
- Anders Uhrskov, DIS-Denmark's International Study Program

The Forum also wants to extend our gratitude to the outgoing members of the Council:

- Lynn Anderson, University of Minnesota
- Stephen Hall, Bowdoin College
- Vija G. Mendelson, Academic Programs International

Two new publications debuted at the Austin Conference:

A Guide to Outcomes Assessment in Education Abroad, Edited by Mell C. Bolen

A History of US Study Abroad: Beginnings to 1965, By William W. Hoffa

One copy will be sent to each Forum member, and additional copies can be ordered on the Forum [website](#).

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