The Critical Incident Database: What is it telling us?

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**The Forum’s Critical Incident Database**

- No cost to Forum members
- Program identity is protected
- Reports can be generated that compare your data to all the data
- Clery categories already identified with appropriate follow-up questions

Contributes to research in the field

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Critical Incident Database Participants

- 300+ different programs in 72 different countries
- 693,035 student program days
- Data collected September 1, 2013 – March 15, 2014

29 participating organizations
- 9 liberal arts colleges
- 5 small public universities
- 3 large public universities
- 2 small private universities
- 1 medium private university
- 3 large private universities
- 2 community colleges
- 4 program providers
Is the CID representative?

~ 10% of Open Doors data

CID length of Program
- Short: 7%
- Mid: 30%
- Long: 63%

Open Doors length of Program
- Short: 5%
- Mid: 34%
- Long: 60%
Continental Breakdown

http://www.mapability.com/ei8ic/maps/continent.php

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Destinations of Programs Represented

CID Destinations
- Europe, 49%
- Asia, 20%
- North America, 11%
- Africa, 9%
- Oceania, 5%
- South America, 6%

Open Doors Destinations
- Europe, 53%
- Asia, 12%
- North America, 12%
- Africa, 8%
- Oceania, 5%
- South America, 10%

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Types of Programs Represented in the CID

- Direct Enroll: 11%
- Exchange: 4%
- Study Abroad Center: 18%
- Facilitated Direct Enroll: 28%
- Hybrid: 16%
- Faculty Led: 23%
- Service Learning: 0%
CID data

- 72 incidents
- 27 different countries
- Every day of the week
Where Incidents Happened

- Europe: 35%
- Africa: 25%
- North America: 14%
- Asia: 14%
- South America: 10%
- Oceania: 1%
Types of Incidents

- Sexual Harassment
- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Theft Burglary
- Terrorist Event
- Aggravated Assault
- Theft Robbery
- Forcible Sex Offenses
- Simple Assault
- Behavioral Event
- Injury
- Theft Larceny
- Illness

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Types of illnesses

- Diarrhea, Gastrointestinal
- Vomiting, Nausea
- Headache
- Fever
- Respiratory Issue
- Abdominal Pain
- Urinary or Reproductive...
- Other
- Cardiac issue

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Contributing factors

- poor judgement
- cultural difference
- alcohol
- pre-existing condition disclosed
- fatigue
- failure to follow program policies
- medications
- illegal drugs
- pre-existing condition undisclosed
- language misunderstanding
- terrain
What were they doing?

- Independent travel
- excursion
- Field research
- Playing sports/exercising

Free time 65%
How long are the programs?

- 1-14 days
- 31-90 days
- 91+ days
The Accident Ratio Study
The Tip of the Iceberg

- Serious or major injury: 1 incident
- Minor injury: 10 incidents
- Property damage incidents: 30 incidents
- Incidents with no visible injury or damage: 600 incidents

Bird and Germain 1992

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The Forum’s Critical Incident Database

- Available at no cost to Forum members
- Program identity is protected
- Annual reports will be generated (in the aggregate)
  - You can compare your data to the complete data
- Clery categories identified with clearly identifiable tag **clery**

CONTRIBUTES TO RESEARCH IN THE FIELD
Collaboration to increase data

Automatically transmit your anonymized incident data to the Critical Incident Database with Terra Dotta Software
Next steps

• Application to participate available at http://www.forumea.org/ForumCID.cfm

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Questions

The Forum on Education Abroad’s Critical Incident Database (CID)

The Forum on Education Abroad is pleased to announce a new tool for use by Forum member institutions in tracking critical incidents that occur while students are abroad: the Critical Incident Database (CID). In addition, the tool will serve as a method for tracking required information on incidents that should be reported for a member’s Annual Security Report as required by the Department of Education in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act). While use of the CID is optional, the overwhelmingly positive response to its development clearly points to its value.

The Critical Incident Database is now live!
Complete the application to participate and submit to info@forumea.org.

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