New Challenges for Directors Abroad in the European Context

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1. An Ethical Problem: Are we doing what we claim we do?
2. Historic Development of Programs Abroad:

• - “Island Programs” vs. Direct Enrollment Programs

• - “Combination Programs”

• - Is There an Alternative Model?
3. What Can Be Done?
Challenge #1: Internationalization of the Campus

• Strengthen study of foreign languages

• Offer clusters of carefully thought through, interdisciplinary courses dealing with international issues

• Convince colleagues to collaborate and to test themselves an experience abroad
Challenge #2: Ownership of Programs

• Clearly define the respective roles of Study Abroad Offices/individual departments and resident director

• Strategize to avoid conflicts by involving on-campus faculty

• Resident Director as a diplomat: Keep channels of communication open and decisions transparent
Challenge #3: Advising

- Have a clear perception of on-campus programs/curricula
- Have a clear perception of what is offered by the foreign host institution
- Develop list of pre-approved courses
- Be realistic about the potential of students
- Be a negotiator between the two cooperating institutions
Challenge #4: Structuring a New Type of Experience Abroad