



2019 Conference and Workshop

3 – 5 June 2019

**The George Washington University, Marvin Center
2121 I Street, NW, Washington DC**

***All Conference sessions will take place in the Amphitheater on the 3rd Floor of the Marvin Center.
Meals and breaks will be in Marvin Center Room 407.***

Ask the Fed Forum: *A member of the Department of Education's Foreign Schools Team will be available for much of the Conference in Room 407 for one-on-one sessions to answer individual questions about regulatory compliance and other issues.*

Monday, 3 June 2019

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks

Cara Piperni, IEC President

9:15 – 9:45 AM Keynote Address – ED Principal Deputy Under Secretary Diane Auer Jones

Current Principal Deputy Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Post-Secondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education, Diane Auer Jones delivers the keynote address for the 2019 IEC Annual Conference.

9:45 – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 – 11:00 AM IEC Report on Legislative and Regulatory Developments

Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director

IEC's executive director explains the outlook for changes to the laws and regulations that affect international education and the U.S. student loan programs. He will recount IEC's actions and plans for encouraging more positive changes despite the constraints of the U.S. political situation.

11:00 AM – Noon An Overview and Updates of U.S. Department of Education Policies on the Title IV Eligibility Process

Foreign Schools Team, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid

Experts who review compliance with U.S. student loan regulations and consider applications to participate in the loan programs will present on the key issues facing international colleges and universities. They will provide an overview of institutional participation and the U.S. Department of Education's role. Topics will include review of Return to



Title IV and Satisfactory Academic Progress policies and changes to the consumer disclosure requirements.

Noon -- 1:15 PM

Lunch Provided

1:15 – 1:45 PM

An Update on “Next Gen,” the Office of Federal Student Aid’s Next Generation Financial Services Environment, and a Preview of the Next FSA Conference

Dr. A. Wayne Johnson, U.S. Department of Education

Marcia Fediw, U.S. Department of Education

Dr. Johnson, the Department’s Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, has been leading a major effort to overhaul how federal loans and other aid are managed from start to finish. He will provide information relevant to foreign schools. Also, hear details about what’s planned for the foreign school part of FSA’s fall conference in Reno, Nevada.

1:45 – 3:00 PM

Updates and Information on U.S. Department of Education Policies Affecting International Institutions

Michael Stein, Larry Vu, Foreign Schools Team, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid

Education Department experts will cover topics related to calculating, processing and managing Title IV funds, including professional judgment and an overview of the cash management requirements.

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 – 4:00 PM

Processing Federal and Private Student Loans

Speaker: Dino Leo, Payment Solutions Division, Western Union Business Solutions

The head of education products for Western Union, Europe, will present updates on the company’s federal loan disbursement services as well as information on its link with Sallie Mae for private loan options.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Session: The Inspector General’s Office

Erik Wolfson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Mid-Atlantic Region, US Department of Education Office of the Inspector General

The “IG” is the Department of Education’s internal police force, responsible for finding and preventing waste, fraud and abuse in student loan and other programs. Mr. Wolfson will discuss interesting investigations, highlight key concerns, and explain how to spot and report fraud.

5:30 – 6:30 PM

First Day’s Closing Reception

Join IEC for a reception to include beverages and hors d’oeuvres at the nearby Tonic Restaurant.



Tuesday, 4 June 2019

- 8:00 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast Provided**
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM **Remarks from Michael Frola, Director, and Mark Busskohl, Compliance Manager, Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Participation Division, Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid**
Management officials from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid will provide updates on Foreign School Audits, including an update on the new electronic submission process as well as be on hand to discuss team processes and accept feedback from foreign institutions on the eligibility process.
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM **Session: Compliance Audits and Financial Reporting**
Peter Paladino, Partner, Bender, Ciccotto & Co.
The many, complicated issues that institutions need to understand in preparing for regulatory compliance engagements will be explained by an experienced auditor.
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Session: Department of Education**
Speaker to be announced.
- 11:00 AM -- Noon **Session: Update on the Many New Regulatory Changes: Perspectives from the Office of Postsecondary Education**
Greg Martin, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education
Hear from the Department of Education's office in charge of writing regulations and setting policy about changes to eligibility, written arrangements and other policies affecting students receiving direct loans.
- Noon – 1:15 PM **Lunch Provided**
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM **Session: Department of Veterans Affairs**
Gina Wangler, Education Liaison Representative, US Department of Veterans Affairs
The "VA" makes it possible for more and more US military veterans to earn degrees abroad every year thanks to generous benefits available under the various iterations of the "GI Bill." But the VA has its own rules and ways of operating, and some of its processes have recently changed. Learn more about these changes from the Department.
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM **Session: Congressional Staff Panel**
Speaker: Claire Viall, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Education & Labor, Majority Staff



Speaker: Alex Ricci, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Education & Labor, Minority Staff

Moderator: Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director

The members and their staff of the U.S. Congress are working quite hard behind the scenes and with public hearings on a rewrite of the Higher Education Act. Hear from the key staff members that specialize in higher education issues to learn the latest about proposed changes that could have a major impact on international education.

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45- 4:30 PM

Perspectives from Practitioners on Handling U.S. Loans

Moderator: Cara Piperni, McGill University, IEC President

A panel of experienced administrators of the U.S. Direct Loan Program will offer tips and perspectives on how they cope with the evolving policies and rules and handle the varied situations of their American students. They will also comment on topics raised at the Conference.

4:30 – 5:00 PM

IEC Visits Congress: Preparation for Visits to Congressional Offices

IEC leaders who have experience meeting with members of Congress and their staffs will give a briefing on what to expect on Wednesday's visits to the House and Senate. All conference delegates are invited to join this session.

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Closing Remarks

IEC President Cara Piperni, McGill University

Wednesday, 5 June 2019

9:00AM –

Congressional Office Visits

5:00PM

IEC will arrange meetings with Congressional staff to discuss issues affecting institutions' participation in the Direct Loan Program.

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