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14-16 June and 27 June

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PROGRAM



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DAY 1

Wednesday, 14 June

10:00-10:15

WELCOME REMARKS & OVERVIEW OF LATEST IEC ACTIVITIES

***Cara Piperni**, McGill University & IEC President*

10:15-10:55

CHANGES IN WASHINGTON & IEC ADVOCACY: A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

***Harrison Wadsworth**, IEC Executive Director*

IEC's executive director gives perspectives on what Congress and the US Department of Education are up to and how the US loan program is being impacted. He will go over about IEC's advocacy in Congress and with the Biden Administration. Questions welcomed.

11:00-11:15

GLOBAL STUDENT MOBILITY: PREPARING PAYMENT CHANNELS AHEAD OF EXPECTED CHANGES IN STUDENT NUMBERS

***Dino Leo**, Payment Solutions Division, Convera*

The head of education products for Convera, Europe, will present an update on their "Are You Ready" series that will include new statistics on international student mobility trends. By analyzing information from "send" countries, Convera predicts growth in international student numbers that will aid campuses in preparing for expected demand.

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DAY 1 CONTINUED

Wednesday, 14 June

11:20-12:10

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: UNDERSTANDING COMPLIANCE AUDITS, INCLUDING RECENT CHANGES IMPACTING INSTITUTIONS

Amy Bales, Assistant Director, Non-Federal Audit Team, U.S. Department of Education Office of the Inspector General

A leader from the independent office responsible for ensuring the quality of regulatory compliance audits will provide an overview of the compliance audit requirement and discuss recent events impacting those audits. She will identify potential audit quality issues and summarize common errors in report packages, including the requirement that auditors use US-based standards, which is being more strictly enforced by the Department.

12:20-13:00

TOP ISSUES IN THE RECERTIFICATION PROCESS

Effie Barnett, U.S. Department of Education Office of Federal Student Aid

A popular speaker at previous IEC conferences returns to update the latest issues that are arising during institutions' certification and recertification processes. Among the issues will be SAP, R2T4, third party servicers and timely reporting, plus time for questions.

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DAY 1 CONTINUED

Wednesday, 14 June

13:05-14:00

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH DELEGATES & NETWORKING: MODERATED SPECIAL SESSION FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY DELEGATES

Aidan Prinsloo, University College Dublin

Glenn Ruane, London School of Economics

Verity Tarsa, King's College London

Cara Piperni, McGill University & IEC President

Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director

Coming at the conclusion of the first day, this session provides a chance for delegates from colleges to share reaction, ideas and issues faced in administering U.S. Loans. Comments and questions encouraged!

DAY 2

Thursday, 15 June

10:00-10:55

POLICY DEVELOPMENTS 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, financial audit reporting, consumer reporting and other policies affecting students receiving direct loans.

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DAY 2 CONTINUED

Thursday, 15 June

11:00-12:15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS, SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE & PUBLIC STATUS

Tana Lyon, *Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid*

The Branch Chief of the Department of Education's Financial Analysis Division will discuss the Department's requirements for annual audited financial statement submissions for international institutions. Topics will include the financial responsibility supplemental schedule and the designation of public status. There will be a chance for questions.

12:20-13:00

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PERSPECTIVES FROM CAPITOL HILL

Rebecca Howard, *legislative assistant, Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia*

Mary Christina Riley, *professional staff member (majority), House Committee on Education and the Workforce*

Robert Rische, *policy counsel, Senator Mike Braun of Indiana*

Key staff who assist Members of Congress develop higher education policy will discuss the views of Congress about international education and the possibility of changing the Higher Education Act. These individuals have been working on the bill allowing some distance education at foreign schools, and they will explain what is needed in order for the bill to become law.

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DAY 3

Friday, 16 June

10:00-10:25

PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

Tim Young, Senior Account Executive, Earnest Student Loans

The law and the U.S. Department of Education have some specific rules about how institutions participating in the federal loan programs present information about private loans. Private loan company representatives will provide an overview on how to comply.

10:30-11:30

VETERANS ISSUES: CHANGES TO GI BILL LAW & ISSUES IN MANAGING BENEFITS

Bill Spruce, chief, Federal & State Approvals Team, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The U.S. government's liaisons with foreign institutions on military veterans' benefits will provide the latest information on the GI Bill and how it is implementing the changes and re-changes in the law affecting students at foreign institutions. The session will include a discussion of program approvals and technology.

11:35-1300

Q&A WRAP-UP DISCUSSION WITH ED, PANEL OF EXPERTS

Gregory Martin, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Post Secondary Education

Aidan Prinsloo, University College Dublin

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Cara Piperni, McGill University & IEC President
Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director

IEC will offer a discussion opportunity with the Education Department's Greg Martin and a panel of experts fielding questions on topics that came up during the conference. This is meant to be a town meeting style discussion, so delegates are encouraged to bring their questions and ideas.

DAY 4

Tuesday, 27 June

SPECIAL AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND Q&A SESSION

8:00

Western Australian Time

10:00

Eastern Australian Time

12:00

New Zealand Time

17:00 (26 JUNE)

Pacific North American Time

20:00 (26 JUNE)

Eastern North American Time

Greg Martin, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education

Nicki Stathooles, James Cook University

Felicia Tesoriero, The University of Sydney

Cara Piperni, McGill University and IEC President

Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director

Greg Martin from the U.S. Department of Education and an IEC panel of experts will answer questions and hear comments from delegates who have watched the conference's recorded sessions. There will be an opportunity to submit questions in advance, and IEC will follow-up with other conference speakers as needed. Delegates from all regions are welcome.

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