



## **2020 Conference and Workshop**

**20 – 22 October 2020**

*All Times 20, 21 and 22 October are North American Eastern Daylight Time*

*Note: The UK and Ireland are +5 and Europe is +6 hours*

### **Tuesday, 20 October 2020**

- 10:00 – 10:15     **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Cara Piperni, IEC President*
- 10:15 – 11:00     **IEC Report on Legislative and Regulatory Developments**  
*Speaker: 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 review what’s happening with online education, discuss IEC’s work to implement a waiver, and plans for an extension. He will also introduce the new Written Arrangements regulations.
- 11:00 – 11:15     **Break**
- 11:15 – Noon     **An Overview and Updates of U.S. Department of Education Policies on the Title IV Eligibility Process**  
*Speakers: Peter Leyton, Attorney, Gombos & Leyton, P.C.*  
*Steven Chema, Attorney, Gombos & Leyton, P.C.*  
Expert attorneys who advise foreign and domestic U.S. institutions on compliance with U.S. Title IV rules and regulations and help obtain and maintain institutional eligibility to participate in the student loan programs will explain key issues facing international universities. They will provide an overview of institutional participation and the U.S. Department of Education’s role. They will discuss practical components of the CARES Act such as how to treat withdrawals, distance education, deadline changes and leaves of absence.
- 12:05 - 12:30     **Veterans Issues: Managing the GI Bill Benefits**  
*Speaker: Gerald T. Miller*  
*Education Liaison Representative, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*  
The U.S. government’s main liaison with foreign institutions on military veterans benefits will provide the latest information on the GI Bill and recent changes that affect veterans eligibility.



- 12:35 – 13:00 **Managing the 1098T Tax Form Reporting Process**  
*Speaker: Anika Pompey*  
*Senior Stakeholder Liaison, U.S. Internal Revenue Service*  
This session will address the complex requirements facing foreign institutions who want to provide the 1098T form so their American students can get a tax break.
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Virtual Happy Hour and Networking**

### Wednesday, 21 October 2020

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Session: The EZ Audit Process and the new Foreign School Audit Guide – How It Works, What Auditors Are Looking For and Issues Being Found**  
*Speaker: Wendy Manson CPA; Peter Paladino CPA; William Palazzolo Esq, Bender Cicotto & Co., CPA's.*  
The many, complicated issues that institutions need to understand in preparing for regulatory compliance engagements will be explained by a team of experienced auditors who work with international institutions.
- 10:35 – 11:00 **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.
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Break**
- 11:15 – Noon **Session: Update on the Many New Regulatory Changes: Perspectives from the Office of Postsecondary Education**  
*Speaker: 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, consumer reporting and other policies affecting students receiving direct loans.



### **Thursday, 22 October 2020**

10:00 – 11:30

#### **Discussion and Questions and Answers**

*Speakers: Rhonda Turner, McGill University*

*Jane Armitage, University of Cambridge*

*Marie Hopkins, University of Sussex*

*Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director*

IEC will offer a discussion opportunity with a panel of experts fielding questions on any topic that came up during the conference. This will also be a great chance for delegates to discuss issues and share experiences.

### **Thursday 29 October 2020**

#### **Special Australia and New Zealand Question and Answer Session**

8:00 Western Australian Time

11:00 Eastern Australian Time

13:00 New Zealand Time

20:00 (28 October) Eastern North American Time

17:00 (28 October) Pacific North American Time

*Speakers: Felicia Tesoriero, University of Sydney*

*Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director*

*Cara Piperni, IEC President, McGill University*

An IEC Panel of experts will answer questions and hear comments from delegates who have watched the 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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