



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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| 8:00 – 9:00 AM   | <b>Registration and Breakfast</b>   |
| 9:00 – 9:15 AM   | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br><i>Cara Piperni, IEC President</i>  |
| 9:15 – 9:45 AM   | <b>Keynote Address – U.S. Department of Education Leader</b>  |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <b>IEC Report on Legislative and Regulatory Developments</b><br><i>Harrison Wadsworth, IEC Executive Director</i><br>IEC's executive director explains the outlook for changes to the laws and regulations that affect international education and the US student loan programs. He will recount IEC's actions and plans for encouraging more positive changes despite the constraints of the US political situation.   |
| 11:00 AM – Noon  | <b>An Overview and Update of US Department of Education Policies Affecting International Institutions</b><br><i>Foreign Schools Team, US Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid</i><br>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 as well as updates on developments. |
| Noon -- 1:15 PM  | <b>Lunch Provided</b>   |
| 1:15 – 1:45 PM   | <b>Welcoming Remarks from Michael Frola, Director, Foreign Schools Participation Division, and Mark Busckohl, Compliance Manager, Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid</b>  |



1:45 – 3:00 PM **Updates and Information on U.S. Department of Education Policies Affecting International Institutions**

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

Education Department experts will cover the new consumer disclosure requirements, data security issues, return of Title IV Funds, 1098T information reporting and other important topics.

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, 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 **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, details about what's planned for the foreign school part of FSA's fall conference in Reno, Nevada, will be provided.



- 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 **Understanding the 1098T Tax Form** (tentative) – a knowledgeable representative will provide information to help clarify what foreign institutions can do to help students get a tax credit.
- 11:00 AM -- Noon **Session: Update on the Many New Regulatory Changes: Perspectives from the Office of Postsecondary Education**  
*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education*  
Hear from the Department of Education’s office in charge of writing the regulations and setting policy about changes to eligibility, written arrangements and other policies affecting U.S. 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**  
*House and Senate Congressional 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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