

"Newcomers"

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Introduction

- Who am I?
- What am I doing here?
- What can I get out of this conference besides a nice trip to Boston?
- Who is my new best friend (s)?

International University Consortium for Executive Education

- What is UNICON?
- Why does it exist?
- Why do I care?

What is UNICON?

- A historical view....
- A value-add view....
- A personal view....
it can be lonely out there.

Why does it exist?

- We are competitive - collaborating - colleagues.
- Share information and best-practice.
- Solve problems together.
- We are friends – you'll see some long standing friendships.
 - ◆ You may have just started some.

Why do I care?

- Collective knowledge (confidence)
- Creating the future (research)
- Some of us think it's fun!
(association)
 - ◆ Friendships
 - ◆ Travel and adventure
 - ◆ Support

..what you put into it!

- UNICON is a volunteer organization.
- If you want to get a lot out of this experience – lean into it. Volunteer!

Opportunities?

- Governance – Board of Directors
- Executive Director
- Committee Structure
 - ◆ Benchmarking
 - ◆ Board Continuity
 - ◆ Conference Support
 - ◆ External/Internal Communication
 - ◆ Finance
 - ◆ Research
 - ◆ Membership

Conferences

- Fall – tactical focus
- Spring – strategic focus
- Summer Annual Meeting - Burst

Now what?

- Think hard about how you can make this a great experience.
- Help to create a better UNICON – a better industry.
- Be assertive - participate. Introduce yourself – don't be afraid of the cliques.
- Have a lot of fun!!
- Bring ideas home. Email your new best friend (s).

Questions?

We hope you have a great time
and that this is just the
beginning of a wonderful
relationship!