

PUBLIC DISPATCH

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Welcome to the monthly newsletter from IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. Our goal is to provide you with information about what is happening inside IMS and around the eLearning Community. We welcome your comments and feedback.

Learning Impact 2007 and the Summit on Global Learning Industry Challenges Wrap Up

Learning Impact 2007, the 16-19 April in Vancouver, British Columbia was a great event. Over 200 people attended the event from 18 countries. There were three days filled with riveting keynotes, illuminating Program Tracks and thought-provoking Panel Sessions. The Learning Impact Awards (LIA) Showcase and Awards were a super way to see some of the most impactful products and services in use.

We'd like to thank our sponsors once again. Without their support, this event could not take place. And, we'd also like to thank you for helping make Learning

Impact 2007 a memorable event, and hope you join us for Learning Impact 2008. Details on the location and date for Learning Impact 2008 will be available soon.

You can check out the Learning Impact Award Winners at:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact/winners.html>

You can view some of the presentations and keynotes from the event at:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact/agenda.cfm>



Rob's Learning Impact Welcome



Vancouver: ov



Learning Impact Showcase



IMS GLC Quarterly Meeting – 16-19 July 2007

Microsoft, Redmond, Washington, USA

Join us 16-19 July in Redmond, Wash. for an IMS Quarterly Meeting. Expect the Enterprise Services, Learning Tools Interoperability project groups to meet as well as new PUFSIGs such as K-12 and Standards for Distance Learning. Look for the Common Cartridge Alliance, as well as, a Learning Technology Advisory Council Summit and TestFest to round out the week. Registration is required. Find out more details at: <http://www.imsglobal.org/ltacsummit2007.html>



Upcoming Webinar

Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) in Education - from Top to Bottom
Tuesday, 5 June, 1:00-2:30pm EDT

Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) in Education - from Top to Bottom

In the education segment worldwide, ICT leaders are looking for ways to enable the integration of new functionality and innovations into the learning enterprise. The emergence of SOA (Service Oriented Architecture) holds great promise in making core cross-enterprise functions and new applications available across the enterprise and simplifying the choreography to support compelling business processes. This allows more rapid and cost effective response of the ICT infrastructure to changing requirements.

However, how does an educational institution begin to achieve progress toward implementing SOA? Support of SOA needs to be provided at all levels of the enterprise stack and, perhaps most importantly, the move to SOA should be driven by business needs. What are the realistic possibilities and priorities in education today?

In this first of a series of Learning Impact webinars on SOA, the IMS Global Learning Consortium brings together experts from leading providers of SOA-enabled products and services in the education segments. Each of the organizations, Cisco Systems, IBM, Microsoft, and Oracle provide their own unique focus on infrastructure, applications, and services. They will each provide their advice on what to consider, how to begin, and what are the real products or services available today. They will then take questions from the audience.

The presenters/panelists and topics are:

- **Rob Abel, CEO, IMS Global Learning Consortium, moderator**
- **Mamoun Hirzalla, Senior SOA Architect, IBM, Engineering the ICT infrastructure for change using IBM's SOA-related technologies and offerings, including middleware, hardware, and services**
- **Cliff Lloyd, Program Manager, Microsoft Education Products Group, The Microsoft Learning Gateway is a real-world application of SOA, currently improving teaching and learning outcomes all over the world through "anytime, anyplace" access to relevant information for all members of a learning community.**
- **Colin Smythe, Chief Architect, IMS Global Learning Consortium, moderator**

- **Craig Smythe, Education Solutions Manager, Cisco Systems,** Service-Oriented Network Architecture (SONA) for integrated services
- **Markus Zinn, Senior Director, Product Management, Oracle Fusion Middleware,** Why executives and managers should care about SOA and the intersection of middleware and enterprise applications

Sign up to attend at: <http://www.imsglobal.org/SOAWebinarsignup.cfm>



New IMS Staff Member



Please join us in welcoming a new IMS Staff Member, John Falchi. John was formerly with SunGard Higher Education and is the new IMS GLC Chief Program Strategist in charge of setting up and leading the Learning Technology Advisory Council (LTAC). You'll get to meet John at the Quarterly Meeting in Redmond.



Workplan

A description of the current status of development work happening within IMS.

Group	Description
QTI Assessment Project Group	The QTI Assessment Project Group is actively encouraging implementations of the QTI v2.1 Public Draft (rev. 2) specification.
Content Packaging Project Group	The Packaging Project Group has completed the CM/DN Draft and is now available to IMS Contributing Members and Developers Network subscribers for implementing. The one-year adoption period before the spec becomes Final (1Q 2008) is now underway.
Common Cartridge Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group has just completed the v1.0 CM/DN Draft of the specification.
Enterprise Services Project Group	The Enterprise Services Project Group is working on the Base Document draft version of the Enterprise v2.0 specification.
Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group	The Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group's Charter was recently approved, allowing the group to begin working on the Base Document draft of the specification.
Service Oriented Architecture PUFSIG	This group is beginning work on a whitepaper on the subject of service oriented approach for global education infrastructures.
Learning Object Discovery and Exchange PUFSIG	This group, recently renamed from Federated Architectures, is working on a charter to define the objectives of what it plans to accomplish in regards to organizing learning resources and repositories.
Accessibility PUFSIG	The Accessibility group is participating with other IMS Project Groups to ensure accessibility issues are addressed and is also developing a charter to look at updating the set of IMS Accessibility specs.

Group	Description
K12 Schools PUF SIG	This group is focused on the K12 space with regard to curriculum management and content exchange, looking at which standards can be applied as possible solutions.
Standards for Distance Learning PUF SIG	This group is working to recommend and assess practices for implementing academic programs in the online context. The work may eventually lead to a certification process.



New Members & Member News

We are pleased to announce and welcome the following organizations as a new **Contributing Members**:

Sungard Higher Education
<http://www.sungardhe.com/>

SUNGARD HIGHER EDUCATION

Florida Virtual School
<http://www.flvs.net/>



and new **Subscribers**:

Campus Management
<http://www.campusmgmt.com/>

K12, Inc.
<http://www.k12.com/>

PsyDev, Ltd.
<http://www.psydev.com/>

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Meeting Calendar

- © 16-19 July 2007 - Quarterly Meeting, Microsoft - Redmond, Washington, USA
<http://www.imglobal.org/ltacsummit2007.html>
 - © 4-7 September 2007- 3rd Quarterly Meeting, UMUC - College Park, Maryland, USA
 - © 5-9 November 2007 - 4th Quarterly Meeting, Ministry of Education New Zealand - Queenstown, New Zealand
 - © 3-7 November 2008 - 4th Quarterly Meeting, Penn State University, PA, USA
- Members interested in hosting future IMS GLC Meetings should contact Lisa Mattson at lisa@imglobal.org*



Workshops and Presentations

- © 4 June 2007 - Rob Abel at ELI Webinar: From Learning Objects to Learning Impact: An Update on the IMS Global Learning Consortium - http://www.educause.edu/Activities/5540#_WebSeminars
- © 30 July - 1 August - Campus Technology Conference, Rob Abel - Washington, D.C., USA

