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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.

Student and Faculty Support Services for e-Learning Initiatives Summit and IMS GLC Quarterly Meetings – 4-7 September 2007

College Park, Maryland

A great week of meetings are planned for the 4-7 September at University College University Maryland in College Park, Maryland, USA.

Learning Object Discovery and Exchange, Enterprise Services, Common Cartridge K12, Learning Tools Interoperability, Technology-Enabled Flexible Learning, and the Accessibility Project Groups/PUFSIGs will all be meeting. New PUF SIGs: E-Textbook, Information Analytics - Assessing Learning Outcomes and HE Technology Leadership - CIO of the Future will have their first meeting to explore the potential of moving forward with charters. We will also conduct another Common Cartridge TestFest, which you won't want to miss.

Wednesday, 5 Sept. we will conduct the Student and Faculty Support Services for e-Learning Initiatives Summit. As you can see from the agenda below, we have a informative, thought-provoking day planned.

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome and IMS GLC Updates Rob Abel, CEO of IMS GLC, will provide an update on the IMS GLC organization and strategy.
09:30 - 10:15	UMUC Executive Presentation
10:15 - 10:30	LTAC Updates John Falchi, Chief Program Strategist for IMS GLC, will highlight the outcomes of the first LTAC Summit in July 2007 and the status of several LTAC-related projects under formation, including e-Textbook, Technology-enabled Flexible Learning, Information Analytics to Gauge Flexible Learning Outcomes, and CIO of the Future.

10:30 - 12:00	<p>Panel Discussion: Replicating Traditional Student Services in the e-Learning Environment</p> <p>As one of the largest public institutions in the United States and with over 150,00 online enrollments in 2006, UMUC panelists will discuss how they are replicating traditional student services in the e-Learning environment, including library and application services. This will be a highly interactive discussion, with audience members and panelists exchanging their challenges, lessons learned, and best practices developed in this area.</p>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:30	<p>Panel Discussion: e-Learning Faculty Support Services</p> <p>In 2006, UMUC's Center for Teaching and Learning was awarded the Sloan C Excellence in Faculty Development for Online Teaching for CTLA 201-Teaching with WebTycho Training Course. UMUC panelists will discuss their model for providing quality faculty support services for e-Learning and share their lessons learned and best practices in this area. As this will be an interactive discussion, panel and audience members will share global issues and challenges in this area and identify specific problem areas for which LTAC projects can be initiated to develop a solution.</p> <p>Dr. Theo Stone, Director of Academic Technologies Dr. Susan Ko, Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning Dr. Loyce Palan, Center for Support of Instruction</p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Case Study: Two Roads Diverged in a Yellow Wood and We Took a Third: Building Enterprise Learning Technology In-house</p> <p>Dr. J. Robert Sapp, Chief Information Officer and Vice President for Information Technology, UMUC Michael Brown, Director Learning, Learning Applications Development and Support, UMUC Richmond Stephenson, Enterprise Architect, UMUC</p>
16:00 - 16:15	Break
16:15 - 16:45	<p>Demonstration: Educational Gaming</p> <p>As part of the LTAC's charge to identify and assess emerging technologies for interoperability standards needs and practical application in the learning enterprise, Dr. Leonard Annetta of NCSU will discuss his ongoing research in the area of Educational Gaming and demonstrate how this emerging technology is currently applied at NCSU.</p> <p>Dr. Leonard Annetta, North Carolina State University (NCSU)</p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Wrap-up and Closing Comments</p> <p>John Falchi, IMS GLC</p>

Make sure to register for the meetings by 25 August at:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/UMUC2007signup.cfm>



Common Cartridge Alliance

The Common Cartridge Alliance officially began earlier this month, with the launch of our FREE THE CONTENT campaign. The Alliance promotes community adoption of the Common Cartridge standard and enables new advances in digital learning content, including greater freedom to innovate, greater freedom to migrate, and greater freedom to interoperate.

Current resources in the alliance include:

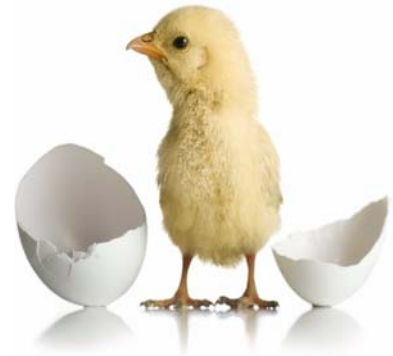
- Test data-set of cartridges that test supported resource types
- Profile-specific test harnesses and sample code (e.g., authorization server, LMS/tool test targets for tools interoperability)
- CC Alliance logo and marketing materials
- The draft specification
- Open content example cartridges
- Guidance on appropriate text for participating organizations to include in requests for proposals (under development)

To participate in the alliance, please contact Kevin Riley at kriley@lmsglobal.org

You can also find more information online at: <http://www.lmsglobal.org/cc/alliance.html>



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Learning Impact Awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the regional finalist competition in Australia and New Zealand is 24 August 2007. The Learning Impact Awards are designed to recognize the most impactful use of technology worldwide in support of learning. This unique program evaluates established, new, and research efforts in context at an implementing learning institution. Finalists will be selected to showcase at the annual Learning Impact conference where a panel of global experts will perform the final rankings at the conference. To find out more about the regional awards visit:

<http://www.lmsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/awards.html>

We are also accepting nominations for Learning Impact Awards 2008. The deadline for entering is 31 December 2007. To find out more about the awards and to submit a nomination, visit:

<http://www.lmsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/awards.html>



AccessForAll v2 Charter Approved

The AccessForAllv2 Charter was approved by the Technical Advisory Board on 30 July. The charter will update The IMS AccLIP and AccMD specifications to a new v2.0 specification set to take advantage of the current IMS web services approach and to take into account requests resulting from work in ISO IEC JTC1 SC36 on Standard 24751 Individualized Adaptability and Accessibility for Learning, Education and Training, which was developed based on the IMS Access For All specifications.

Embedding accessibility into interoperability specifications enriches the user experience by optimizing the interaction style and display characteristics for all learners and improves learning technology by providing equal access to all users. Using IMS GLC accessibility specifications will enable developers to support their customers who must comply with legal obligations such as US Section 508 and 504, UK SENDA, and others internationally.



Achieving Learning Impact 2007 Annual Report



The Achieving Learning Impact Report, which is available to the public from the IMS GLC website at <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2007/li2007report.cfm> details the latest trends in learning systems, digital content, assessment and outcomes analysis, and open technologies. Access, affordability, quality, adoption, and accountability are at the heart of IMS GLC's view of learning impact. The IMS GLC learning impact framework and evaluation criteria also recognize the foundational roles of interoperability, organizational learning, and innovation in an effective learning enterprise.

The report integrates an extremely diverse set of viewpoints and data that were presented at the Learning Impact 2007 conference held in April, with an industry backdrop gleaned from interactions with the IMS GLC Executive Strategic Council, Board of Directors, Contributing Members, and Subscribers.



Learning Impact 2008

Make sure you have Learning Impact 2008 in your calendar. We will be holding the conference in Austin, Texas, USA the 12-15 May 2008. Organizations interested in sponsoring Learning Impact 2008 should contact Lisa Mattson at lisa@lmsglobal.org



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 gathering contributing member commitments to begin developing profiles of the QTI v2.1 specification for conformance testing.
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 underway.
Common Cartridge Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group has completed the v1.0 CM/DN Draft of the specification and is preparing the final specification.
Enterprise Services Project Group	The Enterprise Services Project Group has completed the Base Document v2.0 version of the ES v2.0 specification and is now working on the CM/DN Draft.
Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group	The Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group is working on the Base Document draft of the LTI specification.
Accessibility Project Group	The Accessibility Project Group recently had its charter approved by the Technical Advisory Board to develop the AccessForAll v2.0 specification.
Learning Object Discovery and Exchange PUF SIG	This group is working on a charter to define the objectives of what it plans to accomplish in regards to organizing learning resources and repositories.
K12 Common Cartridge 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.
Technology-enabled Flexible Learning PUF SIG	This group, recently renamed from Standards for Distance Learning, 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 and Member News

We are pleased to announce and welcome the following organization as a new **Contributing Member**:

Icodeon
<http://www.icodeon.com/>



Send your news to lisa@imglobal.org



Meeting Calendar

- ⊙ 5-9 November 2007 - 4th Quarterly Meeting: Ministry of Education New Zealand, Queenstown, New Zealand
<http://www.imsglobal.org/NZmeeting2007.html>
- ⊙ 4-8 February 2008 - 1st Quarterly Meeting: California State University, Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, California, USA
- ⊙ 12-15 May 2008 - Learning Impact 2008, Austin, Texas, USA
<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>
- ⊙ 9-13 June 2008 - 2nd Quarterly Meeting: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- ⊙ 3-7 November 2008 - 4th Quarterly Meeting: Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA

Members interested in hosting future IMS GLC Meetings should contact Lisa Mattson at lisa@imsglobal.org



Workshops and Presentations

- ⊙ 2-6 October 2007 - University Campus Event - Barcelona, Spain
- ⊙ 6-11 October 2007 - IDEA Conference - Brisbane, Australia
- ⊙ 23-26 October 2007 - Educause - Seattle, Washington, USA

