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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.

February Quarterly Meetings – California State University Chancellor’s Office

We had a great meeting in beautiful Long Beach, California the 11-14 February at the California State University Chancellor’s Office. The Technical Advisory Board Integration Summit was a great opportunity to get caught up on the activities of all of the project groups. To view presentations from the TAB Summit visit:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/feb2008LongBeach.cfm>



Early Registration for Learning Impact



Make sure you register for Learning Impact before 15 March to save \$100 off of regular attendance fees. Hotel reservations should be made now too! Visit:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/li2008registration.cfm>

Make your hotel reservations here:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AustinDowntown/MeetingFacilities/IMSGlobalLearningConsortium5.aspx>

Check out the great agenda we have for Learning Impact. And for detailed information about the program tracks, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>



June Quarterly Meetings – University of Michigan

The June Quarterly Meeting will be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor the 9-13 June 2008. We've got a great agenda in mind, details will be posted soon.



Community Source Testing Tool for the Common Cartridge (CC) Format

Great news! Nine industry-leading organizations have agreed to be the anchor investors in the a development project to build a community source testing tool for Common Cartridge, sponsored by the Common Cartridge Alliance. Those organizations include: ANGEL Learning, BECTA, eCollege, JISC, McGraw-Hill, Microsoft, The Open University United Kingdom, Pearson Education, and Ucompass.com.

The CC testing tool will enable anyone to ensure their cartridges are valid. In November 2007, IMS launched the Common Cartridge Testing Service to help publishers and content providers ensure that their released titles comply with the Common Cartridge format. The current project will adapt these tests so that they can be applied to a cartridge automatically by a non-expert user. The testing tool project will commence immediately. As an open industry standards consortium, IMS GLC invites additional organizations to join in the sponsorship of this important effort. Additional sponsors are welcome.

For more information about the Common Cartridge Alliance, go to:
<http://www.imsglobal.org/cc/alliance.html>

For further information on participating in or sponsoring the CC Testing Tool project, contact:

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Announcing the Formation of IMS Korea



KOREA EDUCATION & RESEARCH
INFORMATION SERVICE

IMS Global Learning Consortium and the Korea Education and Research Information Service Announce Formation of IMS Korea

Announced on Tuesday, 12 February 2008, this international partnership enhances cooperation toward effective use of technology in learning and learning technology standards.

The IMS Korea partnership enables commercial organizations, institutions, and government entities in the Republic of Korea region to participate in international standards and best practice development through IMS Global, in conjunction with local activities through IMS Korea. Seven Korean organizations who are e-learning market leaders in Korea have committed to joining in support of IMS Korea, and as Contributing Members of IMS Global. These organizations are: SK C&C, Credu, Tekville, CTUnion, Daulsoft, DUNet, 4CSoft.

To read the full announcement, visit:
<http://www.imsglobal.org/pressreleases/pr080212.html>



IMS Making an Impact

Links to recent interviews, presentations, or noteworthy instances of service to the community that impacts learning

An Interview with Rob Abel: Universities with students at a distance need to be innovative (from the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)

http://www.uoc.edu/portal/english/la_universitat/sala_de_prensa/entrevistes/2007/robabel.html

A Presentation from Rob Abel: “Achieving Learning Impact - What’s Next for Learning Technology in Education?” (Presentation at e-Learning 2008 in St. Petersburg, Florida)

<http://www.imsglobal.org/articles/getpdf.cfm?DocName=Whats%20Next%20ITC%20eLearning%202008%200208.pdf>



Workplan

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

Group	Description
QTI Assessment Project Group	The QTI Assessment Project Group is encouraging implementations of the v2.1 specification to be able to reach interoperability objectives.
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 (2Q 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 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 and commencing work on prototyping the use cases listed in the Charter.
Accessibility Project Group	The Accessibility Project Group is working on the AccessForAll v2.0 Base Document version of the specification.
Learning Object Discovery and Exchange Project Group	This group is working on Base Document version of the v1.0 specification.
K12 Common Cartridge Project Group	This group is collecting requirements for recommendations to include in the Base Document version of the specification.
Technology-enabled Flexible Learning PUF SIG	The IMS TAB recently approved the TEFL Charter and the group is now actively working on the deliverables described therein.
Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange PUF SIG	This group is looking at digital and etextbooks, and how they can be transported and used effectively.
Information Analytics PUF SIG	This group's work product will enable a discrete set of methods and technologies to facilitate the use of learning data to promote student success, while allowing institutions to accommodate their unique legislative, normative, and student-driven standards of privacy.
Learning Enterprise Leadership-Learn SAT PUF SIG	This group is reviewing the current IMS Learning Satisfaction and Trends (Learn SAT) report methodology and survey for future use. This group will develop a Recommendations Report providing guidance and direction to future Learn SAT activities (research and reporting).
Simple Sequencing PUF SIG	This group is looking to revise the Simple Sequencing specification to address sequencing for personalized learning, use of Learning Design, requirements for constructivist models, and the need for higher levels of interoperability in practice.
ePortfolio PUF SIG	This group is developing a charter to create an ePortfolio Profile and Prototype to address a more tightly focused set of common needs in an easier to implement and more flexible specification.



New Members and Member News

We are pleased to announce and welcome the following organization as a new **Subscriber**

Conference of Rectors &
Principals of Quebec
Universities

<http://www.crepuq.qc.ca/>



Send your news to lisa@imglobal.org



Meeting Calendar

- ◎ 12-15 May 2008 — Learning Impact 2008 & The Summit on Global Learning Industry Challenges: Austin, Texas, USA
<http://www.imglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>
- ◎ 9-13 June 2008 — 2nd Quarterly Meeting: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- ◎ 15-18 September 2008 — 3rd Quarterly Meeting: JISC, Birmingham, United Kingdom
- ◎ 3-7 November 2008 — 4th Quarterly Meeting: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA

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



Workshops and Presentations

- ◎ 10-11 March 2008 - Rob Abel speaking at CoSN conference: Washington, D.C., USA <http://www.k12schoolnetworking.org/2008/about/index.cfm>
- ◎ 12-22 March 2008 - Rob Abel speaking at the International Conference on e-Learning and its Future: Korea. (also, attending ISO SC36 meetings)
- ◎ 4-6 June 2008 - Rob speaking at the Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ)
- ◎ 24-28 June 2008 - Open iWorld: Lyon, France
- ◎ 29 June-2 July - NECC, San Antonio, Texas
- ◎ 3-12 September, SC36 Stuttgart, Germany
- ◎ 19-22 October, League for Innovation CIT, Salt Lake City, Utah

