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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.

September 2007 Meeting Roundup

We had a great week of meetings at the University of Maryland University College in College Park, Maryland the week of 4-7 September.

Project Groups made a considerable amount of progress working on their various documents. Enterprise, Learning Tools Interoperability, Learning Object Discovery and Exchange, and several LTAC PUF SIGs spent the week at UMUC working busily.

The Student and Faculty Support Services for e-Learning Initiatives Summit held on Wednesday was very informative. We had several great talks from different departments at UMUC. The President of UMUC, Dr. Susan Aldridge, and the Interim Provost & Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Lawrence E. Leak both visited and spoke with attendees.



Learning Impact Awards and Conference

Get ready for Learning Impact 2008. This year's conference is in Austin, Texas the 12-15 May 2008. We are gearing up for a great event. Now is your opportunity to get involved and secure your organization's place at the event.

- a) You can participate by entering the Learning Impact Awards. Nominations will be accepted until 31 December 2007. For more information visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/awards.html>
- b) You can sponsor Learning Impact. What better way to show your support of IMS GLC and Learning Impact.



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Learning Impact Awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the regional finalist competition in New Zealand has been extended to 15 October 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 and a panel of global experts are asked to perform the final rankings at the conference. To find out more about the regional awards visit:

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

To find out more about the awards and to submit a nomination visit:

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Upcoming Meetings

The last meeting of the year will take place in Queenstown, New Zealand the 5-9 November 2007. The meeting is a bit different from most, as we will not be holding Project Group meetings; however, we have a great three days of activities planned including the **Learning Education Technology Leadership in Education Summit** on Friday, the **Regional Learning Impact Awards** on Wednesday, and **numerous workshops** on Thursday. Please join us for a great week in New Zealand, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/NZmeeting2007.html> for more information.

The first Quarterly meeting of 2008 will be in Long Beach, California, the 4-8 February at California State University. We have a new type of Summit planned that should be quite beneficial to all members, and we strongly encourage all Technical Board Members to attend. Our **Technical Advisory Board Integration Summit** will provide a great overview of all the IMS GLC work in progress. Each Project Group will provide a technical overview of their area of interest, detailing the use of other specifications, the relationship to the overall IMS spec work, and other related specs, how they can be used, and the current implementations and profiles, as well as any outstanding issues. You will not want to miss this meeting. We have a full week of Project Group meetings as well, so make sure to mark these dates on your calendar.
<http://www.imsglobal.org/feb2008LongBeach.html>



New LTAC PUFSIGs

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Three new Learning Technology Advisory Council PUFSIGs are starting:

- **Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange** - NEW!
- **Information Analytics** - NEW!
- **Learning Enterprise Leadership-Learn SAT**

The groups are meeting to work on a Call for Participation, so look for details soon.



Open Source / Open Standards

Rob Abel will be participating in a blog on the Impact of Open Source Software and Open Educational Resources on Education series on Terra Incognita. Visit: <http://blog.worldcampus.psu.edu/index.php/2007/09/19/open-source-and-open-standards/>



Access For All

Download the **AccessForAll – Access For Whom** presentation by Rob Abel from the recent Open Forum on Standards in Accessibility at the University of Toronto, September 2007 <http://www.msglobal.org/articles/presentations.cfm>



WS-I Membership

IMS GLC has become an Associate Member of WS-I (Web Services Interoperability Organization) <http://www.ws-i.org/>. We look forward to working with WS-I in the future.



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 is completing the Base Document version of the ES v2.0 specification and will soon begin 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 has completed its 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 completing its charter for 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.
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New Members and Member News

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

National Association of College Stores

<http://www.nacs.org/>



KERIS

<http://english.keris.or.kr/>



TIDIA Ae FAPESP Project

<http://www.tidia-ae.iv.fapesp.br/>

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Meeting Calendar

- © 5-9 November 2007 - 4th Quarterly Meeting: Ministry of Education New Zealand, Queenstown, New Zealand
<http://www.imglobal.org/NZmeeting2007.html>
- © 4-8 February 2008 - 1st Quarterly Meeting: California State University, Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, California, USA
<http://www.imglobal.org/feb2008LongBeach.html>

- ⊙ 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
- ⊙ September 2008 - 3rd Quarterly Meeting: TBA
- ⊙ 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

