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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.

The Summit on Innovation in Learning Technology

Queenstown, New Zealand, 5-9 November 2007, IMS GLC and the Ministry of Education New Zealand will be presenting the Summit on Innovation in Learning. Three days will be filled with riveting workshops, panel sessions, and presentations in key areas of Learning Technology. Don't miss the Learning Impact Regional Finalist Competition which will showcase New Zealand and Asia-Pacific nominations of Learning Impact during the week. For more details, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/NZmeeting2007.html>

Speaking of Learning Impact Regional Finalists awards, at the recent Idea 2007 conference in Brisbane, Australia the top rated entry in Australia was the Online Learning Environment, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Wollongong, supported by the Learning Edge and Blackboard Vista. The first runner-up was the Schools Online Curriculum Services (SOCS) implemented by the Department of Education and Training Western Australia, supported by Oracle iLearning. The second runner-up was The Learning Federation, supported by Curriculum Corporation. All three of these winners will be invited to attend as finalists at the 2008 global competition held at the IMS Learning Impact conference, May 12-15, in Austin, Texas. **Congratulations to all the nominees.**



Learning Impact 2008 and Learning Impact Awards and Recognition Program

Don't be left out—get ready now 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 participate in a Program Track Our Program Tracks topics are: Digital Content, Learning Systems, Learning Enterprise, and Personalized Learning and inclusive design. We encourage you to bring a client to the event to speak about what they see as important with respect to learning impact, technology trends, and standards, highlighting the use of your product or service. For more details and a draft agenda visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>
- c) You can sponsor Learning Impact. What better way to show your support of IMS GLC and Learning Impact. Please contact Lisa Mattson for more information at lisa@imsglobal.org



February 2008 – IMS Quarterly Meeting and Technical Advisory Board Integration Summit

The first Quarterly meeting of 2008 will be in Long Beach, California, 4-8 February at California State University Chancellor's Office. The 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, relationships to overall IMS spec work and other specific specs, how it 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 include this meeting on your calendar.

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



Charters Approved

The **K12/Schools Enhancements for Common Cartridge** and **Learning Object Discovery and Exchange** charters were both passed by the Technical Advisory Board. Both groups have now transitioned into the Project Group phase, and will begin development on base documents.



New PUFSIGs and Project Groups

Several new groups are getting started. They include:

- **Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange**—This group will be looking at digital and etextbooks, and how they can be transported and used effectively.
- **Information Analytics**—The group’s work product will enable higher education IT professionals and academics (and third parties that support them) to leverage a discrete set of methods and technologies to facilitate the use of learning data to promote student success, while allowing those institutions to accommodate their unique legislative, normative, and student-driven standards of privacy.
- **Learning Enterprise Leadership-Learn SAT**—This group will be 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**—This group will be looking to update Simple Sequencing v1.0 to address harmonization with SCORM and include bug fixes.
- **ePortfolio**—This group will look at creating an ePortfolio Profile and Prototype. The goal for a profile and prototype will be to address a more tightly focused set of common needs in an easier to implement and more flexible manner. This will still be based upon the combination of the IMS GLC Content Packaging with IMS GLC Learner Information Package specifications thereby sustaining all of the core functionality. Further work integrating more IMS GLC specifications with ePortfolio will focus on: the usage of IMS GLC Reusable Definitions of Competencies and Educational Objectives (RDCEO); and improved interoperability with Enterprise Systems, in particular Outcomes reporting for individuals, using the IMS GLC Enterprise Services v2.0 specification.



University Campus Event and !idea 2007 Conference

The last few weeks Rob has been supporting several events including the “University Campus Event” a major new regional initiative that features the use of IMS standards, particularly CC, TI, and ePortfolio. You can see his presentation from the Catalunya University Campus (Barcelona, Spain) here: <http://www.imsglobal.org/articles/presentations.cfm>.



He also recently participated in the Idea Conference in Brisbane, Australia, and you will be able to catch up to him at the end of the month at Educause.



Memorandum of Agreement with ADL

IMS GLC recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Advanced Distributed Learning. The agreement states that IMS and ADL will work together to synchronize IMS Simple Sequencing 1.0 and the current SCORM 2004 3rd Edition Sequencing and that ADL will include proper references to the IMS specs (CP v1.1.4 and SS v1.0 or SS v1.1) in SCORM 2004 3rd Edition documentation. In addition, IMS GLC is granting a license to ADL to use IMS Content Packaging v1.1.4 and Simple Sequencing v1.0 in SCORM 2004 3rd Edition. The agreement also details that both IMS GLC and ADL will cooperate on standardizing the IMS components of SCORM in ISO/IEC JTC1 SC-36.



Common Cartridge and SCORM

Have you ever wondered what the differences are between SCORM and IMS GLC Common Cartridge (CC)? The table below should help clarify matters. It is imperative to remember that, despite some of the differences, SCORM and CC are compatible and that shareable content objects can be included in a CC if systems include capability for it or if they use IMS GLC Tools Interoperability to invoke an external tool like Icodeon's SCORM engine. If you are currently implementing SCORM, there is a straightforward path to taking advantage of the available features in CC.

Interested in getting access to sample cartridges, Profile-specific test harnesses, and sample code? Join the IMS GLC Common Cartridge Alliance. For more details, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/cc/alliance.html>

Feature	SCORM®	Common Cartridge
Packaging	IMS Content Packaging	IMS Content Packaging
Meta-data	IEEE LOM	IEEE LOM
Sequencing	IMS Simple Sequencing	Sequencing not a requirement (exploring IMS Learning Design)
Tracking	IEEE derived from AICC	IMS Tools Interoperability
Assessment	None	IMS Question and Test Interoperability
Integrating web 2.0 and other learning tools	None	IMS Tools Interoperability
Content authorization	None	IMS Authorization Web Service
Support for collaborative forums	None	IMS forum initiation
Support for curriculum standards	None	IMS Reusable Competencies & Ed. Objectives and IMS Vocabulary Definition & Exchange
Support for outcomes reporting	None	IMS Enterprise, IMS Learner Information Package, IMS ePortfolio
Support for accessibility	None	IMS Access for All



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 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 Project Group	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 Project Group	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 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 a new **Contributing Member**:

University of North Carolina Wilmington

<http://www.uncw.edu/>



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<http://www.psu.edu/>



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(Open University of Catalonia)

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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, Long Beach, California, USA <http://www.imglobal.org/feb2008LongBeach.html>
- © 12-15 May 2008 - Learning Impact 2008, Austin, Texas, USA
<http://www.imglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>

- © 9-13 June 2008 - 2nd Quarterly Meeting: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- © 8-12 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@imglobal.org



Workshops and Presentations

- © 23-26 October 2007 - Educause - Seattle, Washington, USA

