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Keeping You Informed of Current and Upcoming
Work inside IMS and the eLearning Community

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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

11-14 February 2008

Our first meeting of the year will be held in Long Beach California the 11-14 February at the California State University Chancellor’s Office. We have a great week of meetings planned, especially the Technical Advisory Board Summit. This is a don’t miss event for members. You’ll learn the latest details on all of the active IMS Project Groups. This is a great way to find out what is going on—in a one day event.

The following groups will be meeting: Enterprise, Common Cartridge, Technology-enabled Flexible Learning, Question and Test Interoperability, Learning Object Discovery and Exchange, Simple Sequencing, Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange, Learning Tools Interoperability, and Common Cartridge K12.

We also have a TestFest planned, as well as I-BAT training for members scheduled. It’s going to be a busy week. Check out the entire schedule and sign up to attend at:
<http://www.msglobal.org/feb2008longbeach.html>



Learning Impact 2008

Learning Impact 2008 will be here before you know it. The schedule is coming together nicely—we've definitely got a great event planned.

Learning Impact 2008 and Summit Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor:



Silver Sponsors:



Bronze Sponsor:



Our two keynote speakers are:

Martin Bean

General Manager

Global Strategy and Business Development
Microsoft Education Products Group

(bio here:

<http://www.msglobal.org/learningimpact2008/li2008bios.html#Bean>)

Dr. John V. Lombardi

President of the Louisiana State University System.

(see a recently released profile of Dr.

Lombardi here:

<http://www.msglobal.org/articles/25Jan2008Lombardi1.cfm>)



We've selected the finalists for the Learning Impact Awards, and we are firming up plans for the Program Tracks. You can watch for more details:

<http://www.msglobal.org/learningimpact2008/agenda.html>

Sign up to attend at:

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

Make your hotel reservations:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AustinDowntown/MeetingFacilities/MSGlobalLearningConsortium5.aspx>



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, 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 will be accepted through the end of February 2008.

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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New Board of Director Members

IMS would like to welcome our five new board members:

- ◎ **Jeremy Auger** - Chief Operating Officer, Desire2Learn
- ◎ **David Ernst** - CIO and Assistant Vice Chancellor, Information Technology Services, California State University Chancellor's Office
- ◎ **William H. Graves**, Ph.D. - Sr. V.P. for Academic Strategy, SunGard Higher Education
- ◎ **Murray Leach** - Senior Manager, New Zealand Ministry of Education
- ◎ **Mark Stiles** - Professor of Technology Supported Learning, Head of Learning Development & Innovation, Information Services, Staffordshire University (JISC)

All of the Board Members terms begin 1 February, except David Ernst, whose term began 1 December. For bios, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/boardofdirectors.html>



TEFL Charter Approved

The Technology-enabled Flexible Learning (TEFL) project group Charter was passed by the Technical Advisory Board in November 2007. The Project Group is focused on developing a methodology for student introduction (i.e., Setting Expectations, Preparation, and Induction) to the e-learning environment.

The Charter is available here:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/getpdf.cfm?DocName=teflCharter.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 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 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.

Group	Description
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 update the Simple Sequencing v1.0 specification to address harmonization with SCORM and include bug fixes.
ePortfolio PUF SIG	This group is look 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 **Contributing Member**

Follett

<http://www.follett.com/>



IVIMEDS

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



IVINURS

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



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Meeting Calendar

- © 11-14 February 2008 – IMS GLC 1st Quarterly Meeting and Technical Advisory Board Integration Summit: California State University, Long Beach, California, USA <http://www.imsglobal.org/feb2008LongBeach.html>
- © 12-15 May 2008 – Learning Impact 2008 & The Summit on Global Learning Industry Challenges: Austin, Texas, USA <http://www.imsglobal.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 (TENTATIVE)
- © 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@imsglobal.org



Workshops and Presentations

- © 18-19 February 2008 - Rob Abel speaking at ITC's E-Learning 2008: St. Petersburg, Florida, USA <http://www.itcnetwork.org/mod/resource/view.php?id=84>
- © 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)
- © 24-28 June 2008 - Open iWorld: Lyon, France

