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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.

November Quarterly Meeting and Challenges & Opportunities for Academic Content Management Summit

Our last Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Pennsylvania State University, 3-6 November 2008.

We've got a great meeting planned, jam-packed with activities. Project Groups: Learning Information Systems, Learning Tools Interoperability, Common Cartridge, Common Cartridge K12, Targeted Retention Systems, Learning Object Discovery and Exchange will be meeting. The public is invited to join in the ePortfolio, Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange PUF SIG Meetings, as well as, the **Challenges & Opportunities for Academic Content Management Summit** on Thursday.

We also have some special meetings scheduled: the Common Cartridge Application Profile Management Group, another titillating Testfest, and the Technical Advisory Board Steering Committee. The TABSC will meet to continue working through several challenges facing TAB activities, including: improving inter-project communications using IMS GLC tools, increasing Contributing Member participation in TAB meetings, TAB responsiveness to Project Charter and specification voting, and providing Contributing Members with open access to all of the working activities occurring within IMS GLC.

For more details and to sign up, visit: <http://www.imsglobal.org/nov2008meeting.html>



IMS Quarterly Meetings and Summit on Interoperability Now and Next

We had a packed house at the IMS Quarterly meetings and Summit on Interoperability Now and Next held the 15-18 September in Birmingham, UK. The Testfest highlighted numerous Common Cartridge and QTI activities and showcased many active projects. The LIA Regional Competition was held during the week, and the Summit was brimming with information. To download presentations from the Summit visit:

<http://www.imsglobal.org/sept2008meeting.html>

Videos and presentations from the Testfest are available to **Common Cartridge Alliance** members at <http://developers.imsglobal.org/alliance/events.cfm>



LIA Regional Winners

The winners of the UK/Scotland Regional Learning Impact Awards (LIA) competition were announced at the Summit on Interoperability Now and Next in Birmingham, UK on 18 September 2008. The full-day Summit was hosted jointly by the IMS Global Learning Consortium and Joint Information Systems Committee.

The LIA awards are unique in that they recognize the use of technology in context. Nominations include not only information about the technology but how it is used by an educational or training organization. In addition, the entries are evaluated according to eight criteria of impact, including improving access to learning, improving affordability of learning, and improving the quality of learning.



The entry, Glow - Scotland's National Intranet, from Learning and Teaching Scotland and RM Education plc won first place in the competition. Glow, a national schools intranet digitally links Scotland's 800,000 educators and pupils. Glow, funded by the Scottish government, is designed to support educational development and includes a range of communication and collaboration services along with teaching and learning tools all drawn together into a single Portal environment. Second place in the competition was awarded to CURVE from Coventry University with support from EQUELLA. CURVE provides a single repository for the university's digital academic content and is used for both teaching and research objects.

The third place LIA was awarded to Racing Academy at the University of Bath. The Racing Academy project, an online automotive engineering academy based on leading-edge computer games technology, was designed and built in order to provide a progressive opportunity to learn real physics and mechanical engineering in a virtual community.

All three winners will be able to compete at an international level at the Learning Impact Awards held in Barcelona, Spain the 11-14 May 2009. Nominations for the international competition can be submitted until 31 December 2008 at:
<http://www.imslobal.org/learningimpact2009/liformchoice.cfm>.

Don't forget that Australia is having an Regional Learning Impact Award Competition that will culminate at IDEA 2008 in Melbourne on 12-13 November 2008. Entries are being accepted until 15 October at:
<http://www.imslobal.org/learningimpact2009/li2009submissionregional.cfm>

Enter the Global Learning Impact Awards

Nominations are being accepted until 31 December 2008 at:
<http://www.imslobal.org/learningimpact2009/liformchoice.cfm> for the prestigious Learning Impact Awards. The LIA awards program is unique in that it recognizes learning innovation both in terms of the technology used and the educational organization that has utilized it for high impact, capturing the essential elements of innovation, adoption, and learning. You can check out last year's winners at <http://www.imslobal.org/learningimpact2008/2008LIAwinners.html>

Don't delay – Enter today!



Learning Impact 2009

Can't wait until next year's Learning Impact? Neither can we! Mark your calendars now for the 11-14 May 2009 in Barcelona, SPAIN.

We are gearing up for a great event. Check out <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2009/agenda.html>

Go ahead and register at the early bird rate at: <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2009/li2009registration.cfm>

Join us in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.



New Learning & Educational Technology Product Directory

We've launched a new directory that will help you find products and services to fit your needs. The directory, located at

<http://www.imsglobal.org/productdirectory/directory.cfm>

provides the public with details on products and services offered by IMS Contributing Members, Subscribers and CC Alliance participants. Any Member or subscriber, can contribute to the directory

easily online. The directory also details which IMS standards you use, awards you have earned, as well as any conformance marks you have received. Make sure you fill out an entry for your organization today.



New IMS Global Board Member



Paul Despins, Senior Vice-President, Publishing Services and Technology at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt was appointed to the IMS Global Board of Directors. Paul is responsible for the development and implementation of publishing technologies to support product development, content structure and standards, supplier management, technical production services, support and training, and image services.

Paul was previously at McGraw-Hill with Macmillan and CTB, and at Pearson in San Francisco where he worked on the development of Pearson's Learning Network and Local Learning Networks as well as websites for Penguin and others. Before joining Pearson he was the owner of eMedia Design in Vancouver, ran the design and pre-press studio for Koo Creative, and spent some time as a typographer and antiquarian bookseller in London.



Going to Educause 2008?

If you are coming to Educause in Orlando, Florida, USA, 28-31 October, come show your support for the IMS Global Learning Consortium by coming to any or all of the following events:

- ⊙ **Leading Integration of Enterprise Learning and Administrative Systems: The Next Generation**, A Forum Facilitated by the IMS Global Learning Consortium, Tuesday, 28 October, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, by registration only, here: <http://www.imsglobal.org/LISOct2008.html>

- ⊙ **Digital Learning Resources: Where Do We Go from Here?** facilitated by Rob Abel, Wednesday, 29 October, 2:15 - 3:05 PM Room W331 Coursepaks, e-textbooks, open educational resources, digital media asset management, course archiving, discipline-specific websites, classroom capture—the gradual shift to more online materials is creating challenges and opportunities. If you're interested in discussing how the landscape of digital learning resources is evolving—what's working, what isn't, and future priorities—come to this session and exchange notes and experiences. http://net.educause.edu/E08/Program/14627?PRODUCT_CODE=E08/DS05 See the following discussion paper: <http://www.imsglobal.org/articles/7trendsindigitallearning.html>

© **IMS Global Learning Consortium Update**, Wednesday, 29 October, 4:55 - 6:10 PM, Room W224AB
 Hear about the latest developments from the IMS Global Learning Consortium. Get the latest on the new suite of Digital Learning Services standards: Common Cartridge, Learning Tools Interoperability, and Learning Information Services. Also find out about new learning technology leadership and adoption practice activities for digital textbooks, institutional analytics, online retention, and accessibility.
http://net.educause.edu/E08/Program/14627?Product_Code=E08/UPD02

© **IMS Global Learning Consortium Press Briefing**, Thursday, 30 October, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Room W221c (press room)
 Join Rob Abel and Chuck Severance to hear about the latest news on the progress of IMS Common Cartridge, Learning Tools Interoperability, and Learning Information Services. There will be several major new announcements as well as demonstrations showing how IMS work is improving the lives of educators and students.
<http://net.educause.edu/e08/Media&PressRoom/14747>

Plus, IMS GLC will be reporting on and demonstrating several new developments on the exhibit floor with several IMS member organizations including Microsoft, ANGEL Learning, Pearson Education, Sakai and McGraw-Hill Education.



Workplan

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

Group	Description
Common Cartridge (CC) Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group has completed the Public Draft v1.0 review and is now seeking IMS Technical Advisory Board approval of the Final specification. The spec will be available for download and adoption here: http://www.imsglobal.org/cc/
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 (4Q 2008) is underway.
Question and Test Interoperability (QTI) Project Group	The QTI Assessment Project Group is working with the CCK12 Project Group in identifying a profile of the v2.1 specification that can be used with a K12/schools version of Common Cartridge. The profiling work is the last step for specification completion.
Learning Information Services (LIS) Project Group	The Learning Information Services Project Group has completed the Base Document version of the ES v2.0 specification and is now working on the CM/DN Draft.

Group	Description
Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) Project Group	The Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group is working on the Base Document draft of the LTI specification.
AccessForAll Project Group	The AccessForAll Project Group is working on the AccessForAll v2.0 Base Document version of the specification.
Learning Object Discovery and Exchange (LODE) Project Group	This group is working on Base Document version of the v1.0 specification.
K12/Schools Enhancements to Common Cartridge (K12 CC) Project Group	This group is working on representing lesson plans in a cartridge and identifying requirements for QTI v2.1 test items as it works through the development of the Base Document version of the specification.
Technology-enabled Flexible Learning (TEFL) Project Group	The group is working on the CM/DN Draft of their document and collecting peer reviewed research to identify current best practice in the area of elearning introduction.
Targeted Retention Systems (TRS) Information Analytics Project Group	This group is developing adoption practices for the use of TRSs to improve the effectiveness of institutions' retention efforts by reaching the right student at the right time with the right intervention.
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).
Dynamic Instructional Content Exchange PUF SIG	This group is looking at digital and etextbooks, and how they can be transported and used effectively.
ePortfolio PUF SIG	This group is reviewing implementations of the ePortfolio v1.0 specification, additional use cases, and future needs as it considers a new version of the specification.
CC-LTI Profiling and Prototype PUF SIG	This group has a short-term focus on producing a proof-of-concept of integrating IMS Learning Tools Interoperability 2.0 into IMS Common Cartridge. The deliverable for the group is a working demonstration of a cartridge which contains LTI links to external tools and/or publisher hosted content.
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.



New Members and Member News

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

University of California System
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>



Common Need, Inc.
<http://www.commonneed.com/>



CCKF, Limited
<http://www.cckf-it.com/>

CCKF Limited

Embanet
<http://www.embanet.com/>



Lone Star College System
<http://www.lonestar.edu/>



Subscribers:

Arteveldehogeschool

CC Alliance:

SoftChalk LLC



Meeting Calendar

- © 3-7 November 2008 – 4th Quarterly Meetings: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA
<http://www.imsglobal.org/nov2008meeting.html>
- © 9-12 February 2009 – 1st Quarterly Meetings: California State University, Long Beach, California, USA
- © 11-14 May 2009 – IMS GLC Learning Impact 2009: Barcelona, Spain
<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2009/index.html>
- © 13-16 July 2009 – 2nd Quarterly Meetings: TELUQ, Montreal Canada
- © September 2009 – 3rd Quarterly Meetings: TBA
- © November 2009 – 4th Quarterly Meetings: TBA

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



Workshops and Presentations

- © 13-14 October 2008 - HR-XML, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- © 16-17 October 2008 - LTAC Workshop, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
<http://www.imsglobal.org/oct2008ltacseminar.html>
- © 19-22 October 2008 - League for Innovation CIT, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
- © 20-24 October 2008 - ELIG and DECOM events in Sestri Levante, Italy
- © 28-31 October 2008 - Educause, Orlando, Florida, USA
- © 12-13 November 2008 - IDEA 2008, Melbourne, Australia
- © 12-14 November 2008 - UOC 'Fighting the digital divide through education', Barcelona, Spain

