



Glow - Scotland's National Intranet wins United Kingdom & Ireland Regional Learning Impact Competition

29 September 2008. Lake Mary, FL. The winners of the UK/Ireland 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 (IMS Global) and UK Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC).

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 at <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2009/liformchoice.cfm> until 31 December 2008. Information and registration for the Learning Impact Conference is available at: <http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2009/index.html>

About IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC)

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recognition of the return on investment from learning and educational technology. For more information, including the world's most comprehensive set of learning technology interoperability standards, information on the annual Learning Impact conference and awards program, and free community resources for learning technology leaders, visit www.imsglobal.org.



(Pictured: Left to Right- Andrew Potter, RM Education and Laurie O'Donnell, Learning Teaching Scotland)