



IMS Global Learning Consortium and the European Distance and E-Learning Network Announce Partnership

Leading European Distance and E-Learning Professional Association to Forward Top Research Projects to the Global IMS Learning Impact Competition

Lake Mary, Florida, USA – 10 February 2010 – The IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC) today announced an exciting new partnership with EDEN, the European Distance and E-Learning Network. EDEN and IMS GLC have agreed that some top research papers submitted for the Valencia, Spain 2010 EDEN Annual Conference would be selected to be forwarded as finalists into the IMS annual [Learning Impact Award \(LIA\)](#) competition that will occur in conjunction with the IMS Learning Impact Conference to take place in 2011.

The EDEN conference features leading research in e-Learning across Europe. The theme of the conference this year is “Media Inspirations for Learning.” This conference will occur 9-12 June – [for more information see the conference web site](#) - IMS encourages its members to support EDEN and the conference. Dr. Bernard Luskin of the IMS Executive Strategic Council will be presenting one of the keynotes. Papers are still being accepted for the conference until 25 February.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with EDEN to recognize research that has uncovers the potential for innovative technologies to achieve Learning Impact,” said Dr. Rob Abel, Chief Executive Officer of IMS GLC. “I have found the EDEN conferences and gatherings to be one of the best for those seeking to understand the state of research and advanced practice in e-Learning across all education segments.”

“The partnership with IMS affords an additional opportunity for EDEN members’ work to be recognized around the world,” commented Alan Tait, President of EDEN and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Curriculum and Awards), The Open University. “We are pleased that the two organizations with such distinguished histories will be collaborating to accelerate progress in e-Learning.”

About IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC)

IMS Global Learning is a nonprofit member organization that strives to enable the growth and impact of learning technology in higher education, K-12, and corporate education worldwide. IMS GLC members are leading corporations, higher education institutions, school districts and government organizations worldwide that are enabling the future of education by developing interoperability standards and adoption practices for educational and learning technology. IMS GLC also sponsors Learning Impact: a global awards program and conference that recognizes the impact of innovative technology on educational access, affordability, and quality. For more information, visit www.imsglobal.org.

About the European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN)

EDEN exists to share knowledge and improve understanding for professionals in distance and e-learning across the whole of Europe and beyond, and to promote policy and practice for this field of endeavour. EDEN is for all those concerned with distance and e-learning, in all sectors and phases of education and training. With more than 200 institutional members and over 1100 members in the Network of Academics and Professionals, EDEN holds annual conferences attracting more than 550 participants; holds additional conferences on research and on the schools sector every two years; has launched and supports the European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning ([EURODL](#)); and provides support and advice for a range of projects in the European sphere - EDEN is the **smart network for the professional community, and a professional community for smart learning.**