

IMS Global Learning Consortium Announces "Improving Interoperability in Practice" Special Interest Group

Learning Impact Conference Session, May 15, in Austin, TX, USA, will focus on achieving better interoperability in practice with Content Packaging, Simple Sequencing, SCORM®, and other related standards

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Lake Mary, Florida, 13 March 2008. Today the IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC) announced the first meeting of a new special interest group concerned with achieving better interoperability in practice using popular standards and specifications for digital learning content and applications. The meeting will occur at IMS Global's annual Learning Impact conference, held May 12-15 in Austin, Texas, USA. More information on the Learning Impact event is available at: http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact2008/index.html

The conference session will include some of the world's leading implementers of IMS Content Packaging, IMS Simple Sequencing, SCORM®, Common Cartridge and related IMS GLC specifications, such as KERIS (Korea Education and Research Information Service), The Le@rning Federation of Australia, JISC CETIS, Giunti Labs, Florida Virtual School, Icodeon, Microsoft, and Desire2Learn.

The special interest group will address how to simplify learning content and application interoperability in a web-based world, including:

- Integration of SCOs into Common Cartridge
- Simple Sequencing in practice
- Integration of and tracking using QTI
- Use of Learning Tools Interoperability for "Content-less" interoperability
- The role of IMS Shared State Persistence
- The potential role of Learning Design
- Preservation and evolution of IMS Content Packaging
- The role of IMS Access for All and Reusable Definition of Competencies and Educational Objectives (RDCEO)

The special interest group will address interoperability in practice across all learning segments including corporate training, higher education, and K-12/Schools education. Participation in the special interest group is open to all qualified organizations and available online at: http://www.imsglobal.org/iiip/iiipregistration.cfm

IMS GLC is supported by over 110 organizations, including leading educational product suppliers and publishers, leading institutions of learning, and leading government organizations. Current Contributing Members of IMS GLC are listed at http://www.imsglobal.org/members.html.

About IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC)

IMS Global Learning is a global, nonprofit, member organization that strives to enable the growth and impact of learning technology in the education and corporate learning sectors worldwide. IMS GLC members provide leadership in shaping and growing the learning industry through community development of standards, promotion of innovation, and research into adoption practices. 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.