



International Virtual Medical and Nursing Schools Join IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC) as Contributing Members

Leading Global Consortia of Medical and Nursing Education Join Forces With IMS GLC on Common Cartridge and Other Key Initiatives

Lake Mary, Florida 31 January 2008. The International Virtual Medical School (IVIMEDS) and the International Virtual Nursing School (IVINURS) have announced that they are both joining the IMS Global Learning Consortium as contributing members.

IVIMEDS is a worldwide academic partnership of leading medical schools and institutions, enabling partner schools to set new standards in medical education by blending high quality e-learning and face-to-face learning in the training of health care professionals. IVINURS is a not-for-profit collaborative organisation in nursing and healthcare education, consisting of international partners in higher education and health services. IVIMEDS and IVINURS offer quality educational services and web-based learning resources, giving partners access to the best in healthcare education.

“We are extremely pleased that IVIMEDS and IVINURS have chosen to work within the IMS GLC to further standards in medical education,” said Rob Abel, CEO of IMS Global Learning. “IVIMEDS and IVINURS are leading in the global mission of improving access to quality educational resources and there is perhaps no better or important cause for Internet-supported learning.”

“IMS GLC is providing many of the interoperability standards and best practices needed to enable the future of digital learning content and greater learning impact,” said Ronald Harden Director of Education for IVIMEDS. “We are certain that the new Common Cartridge standard and IMS standards supporting personalized learning will have a key role to play in enabling greater accessibility and new innovations.”

IVIMEDS, IVINURS, and IMS Global Learning invite any leading educational organizations and healthcare suppliers to become involved in this critical initiative. If your organization is interested, please contact the collaborative at VI@msglobal.org. A series of webinars are being scheduled to provide an introductory briefing to the world community on the work of IVIMEDS, IVINURS, and the role of IMS GLC standards. For more information, please enroll in the IMS GLC online community at:

<http://www.msglobal.org/register/login.cfm>

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.msglobal.org.