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Keeping You Informed of Current and Upcoming
Work inside IMS and the eLearning Community

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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.

Learning Impact 2007 and the Summit on Global Learning Industry Challenges

Are you ready for Learning Impact?

Join us the 16 - 19 April in Vancouver, British Columbia for Learning Impact 2007 and The Summit on Global Learning Industry

Challenges. There will be three days filled with riveting keynotes, illuminating Program Tracks and thought-provoking Panel Sessions—not to mention the Learning Impact Awards (LIA) Showcase—where we will see over 21 finalists demonstrations and award the winners at the Conference, and the networking, let's not forget about the chance to network with other professionals and leaders in the Learning Industry. If that's not enough, then join us on Thursday for a special workshop, Making Learning Standards Mainstream: Integrating Learning Content, Services, and Web Sites.

You're not going to want to miss this! Find out more information at: <http://www.msglobal.org/learningimpact/agenda.html> and sign up now at: <https://www.concentra-cms.com/register/start.action?confid=17>

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Learning Tools Interoperability Charter

The Learning Tools Interoperability v2 Charter was passed by the IMS Technical Advisory Board. The Project Group is working to improve the interaction of tools with learning/course management systems.

The IMS Tools Interoperability v1.0 Guidelines had a limited scope and aimed at achieving a simple connection between the LMS and a tool. LTI v2.0 will extend the original guidelines to address Tool Configuration, Tool Presentation, accessibility issues, and access to LMS data such as calendar, grade book, and content. The charter is available to Developers Network Subscribers and the IMS GLC Community at: <http://www.imsglobal.org/toolsinteroperability2.cfm>



Common Cartridge Alliance

IMS Global Learning Consortium (GLC) is pleased to announce the creation of the Common Cartridge (CC) Alliance. The goals, activities, and participation requirements are described below.



Goals

- Encourage supply of Common Cartridge (CC)-compatible products in the marketplace.
- Facilitate adoption of CC products by education and training institutions.
- Promote the compliance trademark from the CC certification program.

Activities

- Produce press releases to inform the public of CC progress.
- Plug-test activities for vendors to conduct bilateral testing, experiment with the CC test data set and exchange information on implementing CC.
- Produce promotional material featuring CC products.
- Provide guidance on appropriate text for participating institutions to include in requests for proposals.
- Presentations and demonstrations of CC-compliant products and services.

Requirements for Participation

Membership in the alliance is open to IMS Contributing Members, Developer Network Subscribers and Learning Industry Leaders Forum Participants encompassing:

1. LMS, repository and tool vendors

- Commitment to participate in plug-test events (these events to coincide with IMS quarterly meetings).
- Commitment to release CC products by 1 January 2008.
- Participate in program promotion.

2. Publishers and developers of CC content

- Commitment to participate in plug-test events.
- Commitment to availability of marketable products (e.g. National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT) high enrolment courses) in lead-up to January 1, 2008.
- Commitment to participate in the creation and maintenance of test cartridges.
- Participate in program promotion.

3. Participating Institutions

- Commitment to give preference to CC vendors beginning January 1, 2008.

- Participation in the IMS GLC Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) - to steer this project and show citizenship.
- Participate in program promotion.

How to Get Involved

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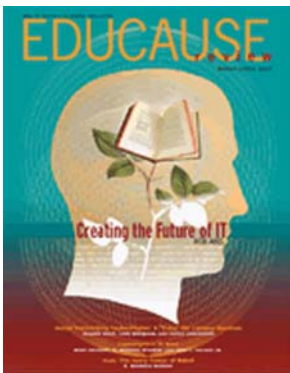
Or the abbreviated report for the public at: <http://www.imglobal.org/ltst/index.cfm>



Educause Review

The March/April 2007 issue of **Educause Review** features a cover story, *Innovation, Adoption, and Learning Impact: Creating the Future of IT* by Rob Abel.

<http://www.educause.edu/apps/er/index.asp>



Workplan

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

Group	Description
QTI Assessment Project Group	The QTI Assessment Project Group is actively encouraging implementations of the QTI v2.1 Public Draft (rev. 2) specification.
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 (1Q 2008) is now underway.
Common Cartridge Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group has just completed the v1.0 CM/DN Draft of the specification.
Enterprise Services Project Group	The Enterprise Services Project Group completed its Charter which was approved by the IMS Technical Advisory Board. The group is now working on the Base Document draft version of the new specification.

Group	Description
Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group	The Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group's Charter was recently approved, allowing the group to begin working on the Base Document draft of the specification.
Service Oriented Architecture PUFSIG	This group is beginning work on a whitepaper on the subject of service oriented approach for global education infrastructures.
Federated Architecture PUFSIG	This group is developing a cookbook of sorts that describes a standard federated architecture for organizing learning resources and repositories.
Accessibility PUFSIG	The Accessibility group is participating with other IMS Project Groups to ensure accessibility issues are addressed and is also developing a charter to look at updating the set of IMS Accessibility specs.



New Members & Member News

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

Agilix
<http://www.agilix.com/>



and a new **Subscriber**:

RM
<http://www.rm.com>

Send your news to lisa@imglobal.org



Upcoming Events Elsewhere

Discount for IMS member organizations to attend ALT-C 2007 in Nottingham, UK.

ALT-C 2007 - the annual conference of the UK's Association for Learning Technology. Keynote speakers: Dr. Michelle Selinger, Education Strategist, Cisco Systems, Dr. Peter Norvig, Director of Research, Google, and Professor Dylan Wiliam, Deputy Director of the Institute of Education.

4-6 September 2007, Nottingham, UK <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2007/>

If your organization is an IMS member that is *not* a member of the Association for Learning Technology (ALT), you may take advantage of a 5% discount on conference fees, bringing the fee for the event down to UKP 385.

This discount is only applicable to the earlybird rate and to take advantage of it you must book online for the full conference by 29 June 2007.

When booking online - <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2007/registering.html> - please insert the following text under the "discount code" field: IMS_disc

If you are a member of ALT, please book online in the normal way, taking advantage of the normal member discount. Please note that the discount code cannot be used towards single day attendance.



Meeting Calendar

- © 16-19 April 2007 - Learning Impact 2007 - Vancouver, B.C., Canada
<http://www.imsglobal.org/learningimpact/agenda.html>
- © 16-19 July 2007 - Microsoft, Redmond, Washington, USA
- © 4-7 September 2007- 3rd Quarterly Meeting, UMUC - College Park, Maryland, USA
- © 5-9 November 2007 - 4th Quarterly Meeting, Ministry of Education New Zealand - Queenstown, New Zealand
- © 3-7 November 2008 - 4th Quarterly Meeting, Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA

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



Workshops and Presentations

- © 28-30 March 2007 - Rob Abel at CoSN's 12th Annual K-12 School Networking Conference: Bridging Individualized Learning and High Stakes Accountability - San Francisco, California, USA <http://www.k12schoolnetworking.org/2007/>
- © 23-25 April 2007 - 4th Annual Conference on Technology and Standards in Higher Education - Washington, D.C.

