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6th International Conference on Emerging eLearning Technologies and Applications

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5th year of Learning Projects Competition "eLearning in Praxis"

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MAIN TOPICS

1. Future of Education - Education in the Third Millennium

● Bologna process and development trends: simplification of systems of qualifications in higher education, improvement of the mobility across Europe, attracting foreign students, ensuring higher standards of education, lifelong learning, involvement of students and educational institutions into the educational process, strengthening of European dimension in education ● Politics of educational process in knowledge society ● Platforms for consensus, comparison, evaluation, and development of politics of education ● National and European Qualifications Framework ● Revitalization of higher education and promotion of industry-university collaboration ● Multinational educational, training, and youth partner programs ● International projects of innovative teaching and learning ● Educational structures over crossing country borders - international recognition of qualifications and comparability of qualifications ● Sharing best practices on intercultural education

2. Infrastructure

● Evaluation of impact of high-speed networks and new generation Internet access on users ● Experiences with building and operation of emerging broadband communication structures in particular of high-speed internet for academic sphere ● Architectures and design of distributed learning environments ● Methodologies for www-based courses ● Multimedia/hypermedia systems

3. Tools & Content-oriented Applications

Author environment and authoring tools ● Interactive learning environments ● Groupware tools ● Virtual reality and virtual eLearning infrastructures ● Quality and efficiency of eLearning ● Complex eLearning environments and solutions ● Concepts and modeling of virtual infrastructures: eLearning, e-business, e-medicine, virtual laboratory, virtual university ● M-learning: blending the webbased training and wireless eLearning ● Standardization of eLearning objects

4. New Roles of the Instructor and Learner

● Cooperative/collaborative learning ● Experiences of instructors and learners in the eLearning process ● Instructor in networking environment and improvement of teaching in classroom ● Instructor training in eLearning and its support ● Pedagogical issues ● Teaching/learning strategies ● Certification and acknowledgement of eLearning courses

5. Cases and Projects

● Specific courses and designing solution in the countries and institutions ● Institution-specific cases ● Virtual universities and university portals ● Trends in development of new communication technologies and services ● Solutions for the state (e-government) and private sector ● eLearning and legislation

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

● Exchange of experiences in utilization of advanced ICT for education
● Development of a multidisciplinary platform for information exchange in research and development of multimedia and hypermedia applications, in a complex computer support of learning and in new telecommunication services
● Creating of a broad database of future customers and users of the presented services
● Supporting a collaboration among the users and suppliers of eLearning solutions
● Information about eLearning activities in the international measure
● Advertisement of technologies

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Plenary lectures of invited speakers ● Oral sessions ● Dialog (poster) sessions ● Videoconferencing and virtual presentations ● Panel discussions Exhibition and showcases ● Competition „eLearning in Praxis" - accompanied event

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CONFERENCE VENUE

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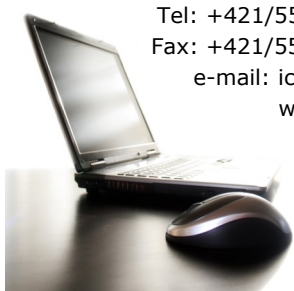tel.: +421/52/4467 464-6
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DEADLINES

1. Full version of contribution (6 pages)	April 15, 2008
2. Notification about acceptance	April 30, 2008
3. Camera ready paper	June 15, 2008
4. Advance registration and payment	June 30, 2008
5. Last information and Final Program	August 15, 2008

CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Preliminary registration through the conference web page **www.iceta.sk** with **uploading full text of the intended contribution within range of 6 pages** prepared in the MS Word according to the instructions and template is expected until **April 2008**.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

- Official conference languages: English and Slovak/Czech
- The contributions are accepted in English only
- During the conference there will be an on-line translation from and to English

EXHIBITION

Manufacturers, providers and operators of new applications and services will have a chance to exhibit their new products, services and equipment during exhibition organized as a part of the conference. Registration form to the exhibition can be found in the web page **www.iceta.sk**, or contact kindly the conference secretariat (by a letter / fax / phone) to get more information.

CONFERENCE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME

In the third day of the conference we organize an all-day program of discussion and brainstorming sessions on topic of development and new solutions in field of eLearning and brainstorming where many important specialists will participate. Your preliminary interest for that program mark kindly at the registration to the conference.

Competition "eLearning in Praxis"

The competition - as a part of the conference ICETA 2008 will be held in the conference area in the day before the conference (lectures) – on September 10, 2008. The best eLearning solutions will be awarded and the results in each category will be announced during the conference.

Main goals of the competition:

- To evaluate level of present state in utilization of ICT for education
- To enhance quality of eLearning
- To support interest to design, implementation and dissemination of new form of education on basis of eLearning solutions

The competition is announced in two categories:

1. On-line courses
2. Supported materials for on-line learning

A special prize will be awarded to the most successful student work in field of eLearning. The Competition is guided by Rules for the competition where interested persons will find more information and instructions.