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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 Technology Advisory Council Summit and IMS GLC Quarterly Meetings–16-19 July 2007

Microsoft, Redmond, Washington

Over 90 people joined us for a great quarterly meeting and Learning Technology Advisory Council the 16-19 July at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington.

Work progressed in Enterprise Services, Common Cartridge, Learning Tools Interoperability, Learning Object Discover and Exchange, Technology Enabled Flexible Learning (nee Standards for Distance Learning), Accessibility, and Common Cartridge K12 groups.

We had a very good Member Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, where we discussed changes to the Technical Advisory Board Policies and Procedures, namely the creating of Application Profile Management Groups (APMGs) and Conformance.

Thursday was the kick off of the Learning Technology Advisory Council (LTAC). The LTAC is charged with identifying and prioritizing effective practices and standards for the application of learning technologies, in addition, the LTAC will explore emerging technologies and their implications for LTAC-related activities.

This thought provoking day was full of presentations which will lead to the start of some additional project groups focused on several topics. Stay tuned for further updates. You can see the presentations from the LTAC meeting at: http://www.imsglobal.org/ltacsummit2007.cfm

Finally, the first TestFest also took place on Thursday. The TestFest allowed Common Cartridge Alliance members to test Common Cartridges, experiment with the CC test data set and exchange information on implementing CC.

IMS Quarterly Meeting and Student Services Summit–4-7 September

University of Maryland University College, College Park, Maryland

The next IMS Quarterly Meeting will be held the 4-7 September at UMUC in College Park, Maryland. The agenda is shaping up to be a week full of project group meetings, along with the next LTAC Summit focused on Student Services. You aren't going to want to miss it. Check out: http://www.imsglobal.org/UMUCmeeting2007.html for more details.

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 gathering contributing member commitments to begin developing profiles of the QTI v2.1 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 underway.
Common Cartridge Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group has completed the v1.0 CM/DN Draft of the specification and is preparing the final specification.
Enterprise Services Project Group	The Enterprise Services Project Group is working on the Base Document draft version of the Enterprise v2.0 specification.
Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group	The Learning Tools Interoperability Project Group is working on the Base Document draft of the LTI specification.
Learning Object Discovery and Exchange PUFSIG	This group, recently renamed from Federated Architectures, is working on a charter to define the objectives of what it plans to accomplish in regards to 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.
K12 Common Cartridge PUFSIG	This group is focused on the K12 space with regard to curriculum management and content exchange, looking at which standards can be applied as possible solutions.
Technology-enabled Flexible Learning PUFSIG	This group, recently renamed from Standards for Distance Learning, is working to recommend and assess practices for implementing academic programs in the online context. The work may eventually lead to a certification process.

New Members and Member News

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

K12.com
http://www.k12.com/

We are pleased to announce and welcome the following organization as a new **Subscriber**:

Taiwan Institute for Information Industry
http://www.iii.org.tw/

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Meeting Calendar

- ◎ 4-7 September 2007- 3rd Quarterly Meeting, UMUC – College Park, Maryland, USA
  http://www.imsglobal.org/UMUCmeeting2007.html
- ◎ 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

- ◎ 7-10 August 2007 - Merlot Conference - New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- ◎ 2-6 October 2007 - University Campus Event - Barcelona, Spain
- ◎ 6-11 October 2007 - IDEA Conference - Brisbane, Australia
- ◎ 23-26 October 2007 - Educause - Seattle, Washington, USA