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Changes to ALT News

This is the second issue of the new-style ALT Update, edited by Lucy Saxton, ALT's Publications Manager. If you have suggestions for improvements to the Update, write to Lucy – lucy.saxton@alt.ac.uk. Please continue to use the fax-back that comes with the Update to tell us about changes in the information you wish us to hold about you.

Changes within ALT

Election results

We welcome: Liz Masterman (from the University of Oxford), newly elected as a Trustee of ALT for a three-year term; Liz Bennett (from Huddersfield University), re-elected as a Trustee for a further three-year term; Gilly Salmon (from Leicester University), elected as Vice-Chair of ALT, who will become Chair of ALT in September 2010, and President in September 2011.

Changes amongst ALT's Trustees

Steve Ryan (London School of Economics) has taken over as President, and Carol Higgison (University of Bradford) as Chair. Haydn Blackey (from Glamorgan University) has been appointed Chair of the Membership Services Committee, and co-opted as a Trustee. John Cook (London Metropolitan University) has been appointed as Chair of the Research Committee, and co-opted as a Trustee. Liz Bennett has been appointed as Honorary Secretary. Fred Pickering (who recently retired from Barnsley College) has been reappointed as Honorary Treasurer and as Chair of the Further Education Committee. Dick Moore (Ufi/learndirect) has been reappointed as Chair of the Publications Committee. Cathy Ellis and Gayle Calverley have retired as Trustees, and we sincerely thank them for their several years of voluntary effort for ALT.

Reform of membership structure

In June ALT's Trustees decided on some long term changes to ALT's membership structure, which will be implemented over the next 15 months. Following our analysis of the 2008/2009 membership survey, these refinements, which include some changes to our membership categories, will be outlined in more detail in the next *ALT Update*.
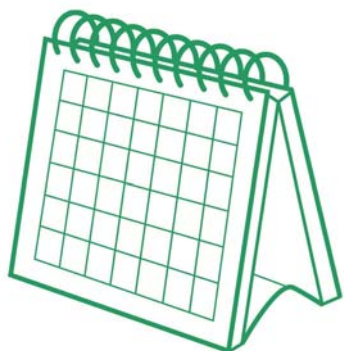
ALT Conferences 2010 and 2009

The 2010 ALT Conference will be held between 7 and 9 September 2010 in Notttingham. **"*Into something rich and strange*" – making sense of the sea-change** will be co-chaired by Vanessa Pittard (Director of e-Strategy at Becta) and Professor Richard Noss (Co-director of the London Knowledge Lab, and Director of the ESRC/EPSRC Technology Enhanced Learning research programme). The conference web site is now live at *http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2010/*, with dates, deadlines, a downloadable flyer, and the sponsorship and exhibition prospectus. Meanwhile we have published videos of keynote speeches and invited speaker sessions from the 2009 ALT conference. Access these from *http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009/keynotes.html*.

David Hawkridge awarded Honorary Life Membership of ALT

At the ALT Annual General Meeting on 9 September ALT awarded David Hawkridge with Honorary Life Membership of ALT for his outstanding and sustained contribution to the advancement of ALT's aims for the development of learning technology in a national and international context through research, practice, policy-development, and leadership. We are looking forward to working more closely with David in the future. The 2010 call for nominations for the award of Honorary Life Membership will be issued in Spring 2010.

2009 ALT Learning Technologist of the Year Award

We congratulate the following individuals and teams for jointly winning the 2009 ALT Learning Technologist of the Year Award. Individual winners: James Clay from Gloucestershire College and Vivien Rolfe form De Montfort University. Team winners: the Xerte team at Nottingham University; the Beyond Distance Research Alliance at the University of Leicester. Highly commended were David Payne from Middlesbrough College, and the LSN MoLeNET Mentoring team. For full details go to *http://repository.alt.ac.uk/666/*. The 2010 competition will open in Spring 2010.

Seb Schmoller, 29 September 2009

Events

ALT cross-sectoral good practice workshop on the use of handheld devices in teaching and learning. *12 November 2009, 5pm - 13 November 2009, 3.30pm*

Supported by Becta, facilitated by **Gilly Salmon**, and run at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham, this workshop aims to bring together experienced practitioners from primary, secondary, further and higher education and work-based learning, to compare, share, and document successful approaches. Please refer to *http://alt.ac.uk/events.php* for further details.

Bidding and winning: The secrets of successful learning technology project bids.
27 November 2009

Workshop run in association with the JISC Regional Support Centre for Northern Ireland. Stranmills University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Presenters
Jeff Haywood, Vice Principal Knowledge Management, Chief Information Officer & Librarian at University of Edinburgh; **Seb Schmoller,** Chief Executive of ALT; and **Mark Stiles,** Professor of Technology Supported Learning and Head of Learning Development and Innovation at Staffordshire University.

To express an interest in attending prior to the booking system going live, please email admin@alt.ac.uk.

ALT and E-Learning Network Lunchtime Webinar: Instructional Design for Serious Games. *8 December 2009*

Covering the basics of serious game design and how e-learning and games design can overlap.

Rewiring Inclusion: Strategies, Tools and Techniques to promote barrier free learning. *9 February 2010*

National College for School Leadership, Nottingham

A national one day conference organised jointly by ALT and JISC TechDis for any staff contributing to the learner experience.

A booking system for this event will open in Autumn 2009. Speakers and further details will be announced during October 2009. To register your interest in this event please email admin@alt.ac.uk.

ALT-C 2010: "Into something rich and strange" – making sense of the sea-change.
The 17th international conference of the Association for Learning Technology will be held at the University of Nottingham, UK, 7-9 September 2010.

Further information, with a sign-up form for low volume email distribution list about the conference, is available from the conference website *http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2010*.

CMALT Webinar

10 November 2009 10.00am (duration 90 mins)

Presented by Jay Dempster, ALT's CMALT Certification Manager
Moderated by Maren Deepwell, ALT's Membership Services Manager

This webinar is a free event for all CMALT candidates and holders. The session is designed to provide information and support to candidates looking to complete their portfolios in the next few months.

If you would like further information go to: *http://alt.ac.uk/cmalt* and join the CMALT Community online *http://cmalt-net.alt.ac.uk*.

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