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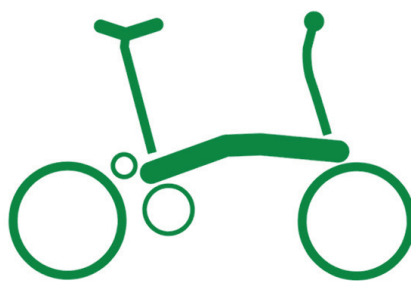
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## Chief Executive's Report

### Opportunities for involvement in ALT

If you are interested in getting more involved in ALT, please consider standing for election as Vice-Chair of ALT or as a Trustee of ALT. The calling notice is on our website at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/> and the closing date for receipt of nominations is 31 May.

For those of a more cautious disposition, during May or early June we will also be issuing a call for expressions of interest in membership of each of our four operational committees (Further Education, Membership Services, Publications, and Research).

### Intellectual Property Office 'Gowers' consultation on proposals on copyright and educational exceptions

Last month ALT responded to round two of the IPO consultation. Our response is available at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/documents.html>.

### Staff changes

Adam Marriott and Victoria Watson have moved on. Hayley Willis is now Head of Operations and Events. Naomi Courtenay has been appointed as Administration Officer (Events and Membership). Louise Ryan, Publications Manager, has returned from maternity leave. Lucy Saxton who was covering for Louise, has stayed on temporarily to manage the development of our new website, but will be leaving in May. I am placing on record ALT's thanks to Lucy for her work for us over the last 15 months.

### ALT-C 2010: "Into something rich and strange" – making sense of the sea-change

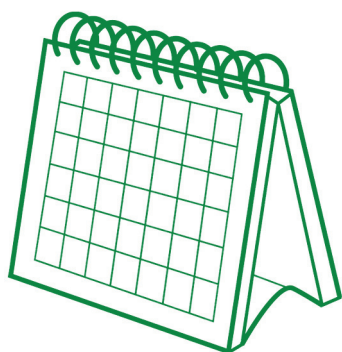
Preparation for the conference is now well in hand, with the face-to-face programme committee meeting held on 21/22 April, and over 260 proposals (our second largest ever) reviewed for inclusion in the programme. Thanks on behalf of ALT to the whole of the committee and to those in editorial roles for their work (in some cases very extensive) on the development of the conference programme.

### ALT Journal – changes

From 2011, the Association's journal, *ALT-J Research in Learning Technology* will change its name to *Research in Learning Technology, the journal of the Association for Learning Technology*. Alongside this we have considerably expanded and broadened the membership of the journal's Editorial Board. (The full membership is included in the version of this report in ALT News Online). Later this year we will be issuing a request for proposals from publishers to publish the journal. This does not signify a decision by ALT to part company with our current publisher, rather it represents our determination to ensure that we get best value for our members from our relationship with our publisher.

### Associate Membership of ALT – a new membership category

Finally ALT is pleased and proud to announce the launch today of the new Associate Member individual membership category. Associate membership is free for any employee of an organisational or sponsoring member of ALT, and costs £10 per year for all others. There are full details of the new category along with a clear summary of the rights and entitlements of all our membership categories on the ALT website. The overview presentation about the changes at <http://repository.alt.ac.uk/763> may also be of interest.



## Events

### **ALT-C 2010: “Into something rich and strange” – making sense of the sea-change.**

**The 17th International Conference of the Association for Learning Technology, University of Nottingham, UK, 7 – 9 September 2010.**

There will be a welcoming keynote from Saul Tendler, the University of Nottingham’s Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, and Professor of Biophysical Chemistry.

#### **Our keynote speakers will be:**

- Barbara Wasson, Professor of Pedagogical Information Science at the Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen, Norway;
- Sugata Mitra, Professor of Educational Technology at Newcastle University;
- Donald Clark, Board Member of Ufi, and former CEO of Epic Group plc.

**Invited speakers include:** Donal FitzPatrick, Heather Fry, Martin Hall, Frank McLoughlin, Aaron Porter, Josie Taylor and David White.

**Major anchor sponsors include:** Becta, BIS, Blackboard, Desire2Learn, Elluminate, JISC, The Higher Education Academy, Positive Internet, TALIS, Ufi, University of Nottingham and Wimba.

Bookings will open in mid May. 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>.

## ALT Policy Board

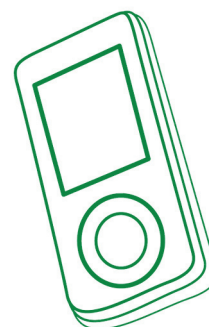
**“Technology in Learning and Teaching, an Enabler or a Tax?”  
18 June 2010, London School of Economics in Holborn, London**

Plenary contributors will include: Professor Dame Wendy Hall DBE DRS FREng, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton; Sarah Jones, Chief Executive of Ufi/learnirect; Terry Mayes, Emeritus Professor and past Head of Academic Practice at Glasgow Caledonian University; Sir Tim O’Shea, Principal of the University of Edinburgh and Chair of JISC; Jane Williams, Executive Director for Further Education, Skills and 14-19 at Becta; Ewart Wooldridge CBE, Chief Executive of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education. Further details are available on our website.

#### **More ALT/eLN lunch time webinars – dates for your diary.**

- 2 June 2010 – The Science of Learning, with Donald Clark and Richard Cox;
- 2 August 2010 – How to Run a Virtual Classroom Session;
- 14 October 2010 – Shooting Video for eLearning;
- 6 December 2010 – Learning in 2020.

Further information on all ALT’s events: <http://www.alt.ac.uk/events.php>.



## Submission and contact details

### **ALT Online Newsletter**

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#### **Individual membership**

UK	£56
(£49 if paid by direct debit)	
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Non-UK	£69

#### **Associate membership**

UK & overseas	£10
Staff of organisational / sponsoring members	Free

#### **Organisational and sponsoring membership**

Between £296 - £1276 depending on size or turnover.

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