ALT 2008 Learning Technologist of the Year Award – up to 6 prizes to be won by teams and individuals

Are you or do you know someone or a team who is outstanding in using technology to support learning? If so why not enter (or encourage them to enter) for the **2008 Learning Technologist of the Year Award**? The Award is open to all individual members of ALT, and to individuals and teams based in ALT member organisations[1] worldwide.

The Award's overall purpose is to *celebrate and reward excellent practice and outstanding achievement in the learning technology field*[2].

The award will be judged by a panel chaired by Professor Stephen Heppell, and will be presented in Leeds at the ALT conference on the evening of 10 September 2008, by David Cavallo, Chief Learning Architect of One Laptop Per Child, and Head of the Future of Learning Research Group at MIT Media Lab.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each of two categories: **individual**, and **team**, as follows: 1st prize £1000; 2nd prize £600; 3rd prize £300. (ALT reserves the right only to award one prize, or none in either the individual or team categories. The judging panel's decisions will be final.)

The closing date for applications is **8 May 2008**. Short-listing will take place during May, with face-to-face interviews (in person, or by phone) of short-listed applicants on **26 June 2008**. Applicants will be informed, if required for interview, by email in early June.

Applications will be judged (from the application, and, if short-listed, at interview) on the basis of evidence summarised against in the following 4 areas:

A. *A clear description of the actions and roles taken to develop and support the achievement. Individual applications should indicate any substantial involvement of others in the achievement. Team applications should indicate the nature of the team, including who actually did what.*

B. *Clear, credible, statement of individual or team approach to the technological, and/or methodological, and/or managerial, and/or teaching and learning choices made by the applicant (individual or team), during the period covered by the application[3].*

C. *Major and beneficial impact on practices within the applicant's or team's organisation, or community, or sphere of influence.*

D. *Outstanding overall contribution in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.*

Applicants will also have 200 words in which to summarise why the applicant (individual or team) should win the award, and a maximum of 400 words per area (including URLs - a URL will count as one word) in which to provide evidence against the 4 areas listed above.

For details of last year's winners, go to
http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/learning_technologist_of_the_year_award_2007.pdf [700 kB PDF].

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[1] ALT member organisations are listed at http://www.alt.ac.uk/corporate_members.php
[2] ALT defines learning technology as the broad range of communication, information and related technologies that can be used to support learning, teaching, and assessment. Learning technologists (irrespective of job title) are people who are actively involved in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.
[3] Though there is no prescribed period, ALT envisages that typically applications are unlikely to rely on activity that took place more than 3 years ago.

How to apply

The application form is a simple ".doc" file that you can download from the ALT home page at http://www.alt.ac.uk/.

Complete all sections of the form, taking careful account of the stated word limits and any other requirements.

Save the form locally, including your full name (or the name of your team) in the file name. Then email your completed application to lt2008@alt.ac.uk, to arrive no later 17.00 UK time on **8 May 2008**. All applications will be acknowledged, and if you have not received an acknowledgement by 17.00 on **9 May 2008**, please follow things up by email to lt2008@alt.ac.uk.

Answers to all questions about the award that are sent to lt2008@alt.ac.uk by 9.00 on **14 April 2008** will be posted in a text file at http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/lt2008.txt. This will be available from 17.00 on **17 April 2008**.

In case of difficulty, email lt2008@alt.ac.uk and we will do our best to help.