

THE ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING TECHNOLOGY (ALT) SIGNS MOU WITH THE AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS IN LEARNING IN TERTIARY EDUCATION (ASCILITE)

Today (10 September 2008), the UK's Association for Learning Technology (ALT) signs a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ascilite). Whilst ALT's remit is wider than purely tertiary education, the two organisations have complementary aims and seek to learn from the experiences in the different geographical territories they cover. The MoU was signed at ALT's annual conference on learning technology, ALT-C, www.alt.ac.uk/altc2008.

Chief Executive of ALT, Seb Schmoller, says, "The overall purpose of this MOU is to put collaboration between ALT and ascilite on a firm footing, to reduce duplication of effort, to promote efficient use of resources, and ensure fruitful synergy."

Cathy Gunn, President of ascilite, adds, "Synergies will be encouraged through initiatives such as:

- encouraging and stimulating collaboration between people, projects and organizations involved in technology supported teaching, learning and research to help promote good practice
- promoting the sharing of organizational knowledge, resources, facilities and member services
- connecting with existing professional networks and fostering working relationships within international communities of educational practice
- initiating sustainable joint activities to develop and disseminate knowledge, expertise and experience related to the aims of the parties and related organizations."

The ALT-Conference – 'Rethinking the Digital Divide' - runs until September 11th 2008. A full programme for the conference can be viewed at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2008/>

For further information on ALT visit www.alt.ac.uk and for further information on ascilite visit www.ascilite.org.au. The ascilite annual conference on the changing global educational technology landscape will be held in Melbourne, Australia from 30 November to 3 December.

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Notes to editors:

About ALT

ALT (the Association for Learning Technology) is a professional and scholarly association which brings together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology. There are over 200 organisational members from higher and further education institutions, private and public sector organisations and over 500 individual members. Sponsoring members include Becta, HEFCE, Microsoft, the Scottish Funding Council, Adobe, and the Learning and Skills Council.

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About Ascilite

Ascilite represents a vibrant professional community of innovators, leaders and scholars engaged with cutting edge applications of technology to enhance teaching and learning in higher education. ascilite's dynamic membership list includes people responsible for institutional elearning strategies and budgets, as well as practitioners with various levels of experience in elearning research and development, instructional design, online communities, Web 2.0 tools and interactive multimedia.

Ascilite provides a forum to stimulate discussion of current issues in educational technology, and to promote publication of relevant research and evaluation study findings. Through the annual conference, journal and portfolio of membership services, ascilite has gained a worldwide reputation for leadership in technology-enhanced education, and enjoys collaborative working relationships with major organizations and institutions within and beyond the Australasian region.

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