"In dreams begins responsibility"
Choices, evidence, and change

Manchester, UK, 8-10 September: preliminary notification

ALT-C 2009 – the 16th international conference of the Association for Learning Technology will be held at the University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.

Programme Co-Chairs
Gilly Salmon, Professor of eLearning and Learning Technologies at the University of Leicester, UK.
Professor Tom Boyle, Director of the Learning Technology Research Institute at London Metropolitan University, UK.

Keynote speakers will include: Michael Wesch, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Kansas State University, USA.
Terry Anderson, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Distance Education at Athabasca University, Canada.

Key dates: Proposals for inclusion in the programme will be accepted between 1 December 2008 and 16 February 2009. Bookings will open in early May. Presenters' booking deadline: 29 June 2009. "Earlybird" booking deadline: 6 July 2009. Bookings close: 14 August 2009.

Further information, with a sign-up form for a low volume email distribution list about the conference, is available from the conference web site:

www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009

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About the conference

Learning technologies and learning technologists are now at the heart of modern learning, and yet our community still faces many challenges, for example:

- learning from history to build on past gains and avoid previous mistakes;
- spreading innovations that are of true value, rather than mere fads;
- redesigning pedagogy, the curriculum, and assessment methods to secure a substantial positive impact on learning;
- ensuring cost effectiveness by various means, from working effectively at a large scale, to supporting peer-assisted learning cultures;
- developing a research culture that informs practice, and a culture of practice that uses research evidence.

To rise to these challenges, we must dream and act on our dreams, but evidence must justify the choices we make. ALT-C 2009 will provide a broad forum for practitioners, researchers and policy-makers from all sectors to explore, reflect, and learn.

Sponsorship: Organisations considering sponsoring ALT-C 2009 should contact Seb Schmoller, Chief Executive of ALT: **seb.schmoller@alt.ac.uk.**

Exhibiting: Organisations considering exhibiting at ALT-C 2008 should contact Hayley Willis, Events Manager: **hayley.willis@alt.ac.uk**.

About ALT

ALT, Registered Charity Number 1063519, is a professional and scholarly association which brings together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology. With over 200 organisations and over 500 individuals in membership, we:

- represent and support our members, and provide services for them;
- facilitate collaboration between practitioners, researchers, and policy makers;
- spread good practice in the use of learning technology;
- raise the profile of research in learning technology;
- support the professionalisation of learning technologists;
- contribute to the development of policy.

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