

Joint Open & Working IFIP Conference: ICT and Learning for the Net Generation LYICT 2008

IFIP education has a tradition of organising exciting conferences which stimulate discussion, foster the exchange of ideas and knowledge and generate more informed understanding of the issues of Informatics and ICT in education.

LYICT is a combination of two day Open Conference and a two day Working Conference focusing on aspects related to the following themes that are central to the work of Working Groups 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6:

1. Development of informatics and ICT knowledge and practice in secondary and higher education,
2. Various aspects of technology based learning and training with respect to related impact on policies, practice, concepts and methodologies,
3. Making Lifelong Learning available for all, in order to avoid a knowledge divide.

The goal of the conference is to bring together teachers, researchers and administrators involved in ICT and Learning for Youth to discuss and propose the future direction of activity in this area.

The conference format has been designed to accommodate inspirational keynote presentations, technical papers by participants, panel presentations, workshops, plenary discussions and informal exchanges of ideas among all participants.

LYICT will provide a forum for school and community practitioners, lecturers and researchers, advisers and policy makers. Doctoral students, newly qualified teachers and young people will be invited to contribute their perspectives – as the future is theirs.

Conference activities

We encourage you to submit a proposal for the Open Conference. If your proposal is accepted following the review process, you will be invited to present it during the first two days of the conference. You are also invited to join the Working Conference of the Working Groups 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6 on day 3 and 4. The Working Conference is designed to allow in-depth treatment of each conference theme and to promote comprehensive discussions and informal exchange of ideas and experiences, in each of the four Focus Groups. Each participant of the Working Conference chooses membership of one Focus Group. The intensive interaction with experts in the field (from all over the world) will provide a most stimulating experience.

Focus Group Sessions

In these sessions small groups of participants will work on different sections of the post-conference report identifying relevant problems and presenting possible (partial) solutions. After the conference this report will be edited and published as part of the conference website. Each Focus Group will be chaired by one of the participants and other participants will be asked to act as Focus Group Reporters. All Focus Group members are expected to contribute to the text of the post-conference report.

Intermediate Exchange at a Marketplace

Around the middle stage of the Focus Group discussion a “Marketplace” poster session will be held. This will facilitate sharing of information and will give participants the opportunity to reflect on the ideas of the other groups and promote coherence of the group reports.

Focus Groups Presentations

On the final day of the conference members of each Focus Group will present their conclusions and submit their completed contribution to the post-conference report.

Conference Themes

1) *New Learning Environments*

- Social Networking and Youth Culture using Web 2.0 applications
- New Principles and Methods for Learning
- Information Literacy
- Fundamentals of Informatics Education

2) *Changing Role of Learners and Teachers*

- ICT Competencies for Lifelong Learning (LLL)
- ICT-supported Local and International Social Networks for LLL
- New Professional Skills of Teachers

3) *Best Practices in ICT and Youth Empowerment*

- Empowering Youth for Global Activism
- Knowledge Achievement in Real-Life Scenarios
- Authentic and Sustainable Learning Environments
- E-learning & M-learning in the Knowledge Society

4) *Digital Divide and Cultural Understanding*

- ICT-supported Intercultural Learning
- LLL as a means to reducing the Digital Divide
- Knowledge Building Communities
- Integration of Training and Working in Business

Venue & Support & Sponsoring

The conference will be held at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur Hotel and will be supported by the Ministry of Education Malaysia, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia, Telekom Malaysia and Microsoft Malaysia.

Contributions

Proposals related to one or more of the Conference themes are invited. A proposal should conform to one of following formats.

- Full paper (6-10 pages).
- Short Paper (3-5 pages).
- Poster (1-2 pages).
- Workshop. A workshop proposal should be 2-5 pages and should detail the learning objectives for the participants, the prerequisites of them, the maximum number of participants, a brief description of the workshop activities and a list of the equipment and facilities which will be needed.
- Panel. A panel proposal should include an abstract, a list of topics / questions the panel will address, the learning objectives for the participants and the list of panel members.

All proposals will be refereed and acceptance is subject to the outcome of the review process.

Details, how to submit a paper can be found on the web-site: <http://cidt.oum.edu.my/lyict/>

Publication

A book of abstracts, including all full and short paper abstracts together with details of posters, workshops and panels will be published and made available to conference attendees.

All accepted papers, together with the text from the book of abstracts, will be published on a conference CD-ROM with ISBN number. All conference attendees will receive a copy of the CD-ROM.

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2008 Important dates

31st January	<u>Paper and contribution deadline</u>
31st March	<u>Notification of acceptance</u>
30th April	<u>Early bird registration</u>

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Call for Papers

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&
WG 3.2 Higher Education
&
WG 3.6 Distance Education**

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