

From the ICL2007 Conference Publication Chair

It is little short of a miracle that modern methods of instruction have not already completely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry.... I believe that one could even deprive a healthy beast of prey of its voraciousness if one could force it with a whip to eat continuously whether it were hungry or not...

Albert Einstein

The 10th International Conference on Interactive Computer Aided Learning, ICL2007, which took place in the period 26-28 September 2007 in Villach, Austria, has attracted about 350 scientists and practitioners from 69 countries from Europe and worldwide.

This interdisciplinary conference was focused on the exchange of relevant trends and research results as well as the presentation of practical experiences gained while developing and testing elements of interactive computer aided learning.

The conference again was been organized by the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, in collaboration with such partners as for example:

- European Distance Education Network (EDEN)
- IEEE Education Society and Region 8,
- Austrian Computer Society (OCG)
- International Society of Engineering Education (IGIP)

Keynote speakers have been:

- Nicolas Balacheff, Senior Scientist and Manager of the Kaleidoskop Project, CNRS Grenoble, France
- Sidney Burrus, Senior Strategist for the Connexions Project, Rice University, USA
- Susan De Antoni, UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning Paris, France
- Andy DiPaolo, Executive Director Center for Professional Development , Stanford University, USA
- Ulf Ehlers, Vice President of the European Foundation for Quality in E-Learning, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Roger Larsen, CEO Fronter AS, Oslo, Norway
- Taisir Subhi Yamin, Director of the Consultation, Training and Continuous Education Center, Arabian Gulf University in Bahrain

The high number of contributors (nearly 400 paper submissions) as well as participants shows the great interest in this topic. The conference was assessed by the participants of 'high standard', providing a 'great number of constructive discussions' in a 'very agreeable work atmosphere' and in a new and wonderful location (Conference Center Villach).

The following selected papers, published in this iJET special focus section, gives a short insight into some of this year topics.

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