

From the ICL2008 Conference Chair

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The 11th International Conference on Interactive Computer Aided Learning, ICL2008, which took place in the period 24-26 September 2008 in Villach, Austria, has attracted about 320 scientists and practitioners from 61 countries from Europe and worldwide.

This interdisciplinary conference was again 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 was been organized by the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, in collaboration and with support of partners as:

- Federal Ministries of Science, Education and Culture of Austria
- IEEE Education Society
- European Distance and E-learning Network (EDEN)
- European Learning Industry Group (ELIG)
- International E-Learning Association (IELA)
- European Institute of E-Learning (EIfEL)
- International Society of Engineering Education (IGIP)
- Austrian Computer Society (OCG)
- International Association of Online Engineering (IAOE)
- IT Campus Carinthia

Keynote speakers have been:

- **Erhard Busek**, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, President of the European Forum Alpbach, Chairman of the "Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe"
- **Muriel Dunbar**, Director European Training Foundation
- **Judson Harward**, MIT Center for Educational Computing Initiatives
- **Torsten Fransson**, KTH Stockholm, Vice-Dean School of Energy and Environmental Technology
- **Nikitas Kastis**, President of the European innovation and research network MENON, Greece
- **Bernd Kreissig**, CEO Brockhaus Duden Neue Medien GmbH
- **Richard Straub**, Secretary General European Learning Industry Group (ELIG)
- **P.Tapio Varis**, University of Tampere, Chair Media Culture and Communication Education Hypermedia Laboratory

Special guest speakers:

- **Jose M. Santana**, Ambassador Dominican Republic Presidency, Executive Director International Science & Technology Commission
- **Kun-woo Park (†)**, President Kyung Hee Cyber University, Korea
- **Rob Reilly**, Member of the Executive Committee of the IEEE Education Society; MIT Media Lab

The high number of submissions (nearly 400 papers have been submitted) as well as the number of participants shows the great interest in this topic and the attractiveness of the conference venue..

The conference was assessed by the participants of 'high standard', providing a 'great number of constructive discussions' in a 'very agreeable work atmosphere' in the wonderful Conference Center of Villach.

The following selected papers, published in this iJET special issue, give a short insight into some of this years topics.

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P.S.: Find a selection of the photos shot during the conference and the social events on the ICL archive pages:

Conference: http://www.cti.ac.at/online-lab/ICL_Archive/2008/ICL2008Conference/index.htm

Trips: http://www.cti.ac.at/online-lab/ICL_Archive/2008/ICL2008Events/index.htm