

This year's Keynote Speaker

We are very pleased to announce that **Professor Santosh Panda** will be this year's Keynote Speaker. Santosh Panda has a Ph.D. in Education and is a professor of Distance Education, Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), India.

Dr Panda has been visiting professor at the Manchester Metropolitan University, and at the University of London, UK; an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, USA/University of Oldenburg, Germany; and a senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA.

His specialisations include: Open/Distance/Blended Learning; Open Schooling; Teacher Education and Continuing Professional Development; Instructional Design and Curriculum Development; Higher Education Policy and Practice.

A well-known educator from the developing world, Dr Panda has published 16 books, 32 book chapters, and 48 articles and research papers, both in India and abroad, and is founding editor of an international journal 'Staff & Educational Development International.' His latest books include *Planning and Management in Distance Education* (RoutledgeFalmer, New York, 2003) and, with William Bramble, *Economics of Distance and Online Learning* (Routledge, New York, 2008).

We are certainly looking forward to hearing this distinguished scholar speak at ICICTE 2014.



EBSCO distribution of proceedings

We have entered into an ongoing agreement with EBSCO, one of the world's best distributors of academic research papers, to distribute our proceedings. They have already done so for papers presented at the 2012 and 2013 conference. This means that the papers presented at ICICTE 2014 will have the best chance possible of being found in academic searches world wide, and their contents referred to by our colleague researchers. This is most definitely value added for those who attend the conference.



Journals publishing ICICTE papers

Two very distinguished peer-reviewed journals are in the process of publishing papers expanded from those presented at ICICTE 2013. These are *The American Journal of Distance Education*, edited by one of the most distinguished scholars in this field, and a good friend of our conference, Professor Michael Graham Moore; and *Campus-Wide Information Systems*, the journal with the longest connection to ICICTE, and which focuses on the technology use in education (both local and distance).

Dear ICICTE delegate,

Welcome to the first edition of the ICICTE 2014 newsletter. Don't worry, I won't be sending you loads of these, but whenever I have something exciting to tell you about our conference, the newsletter format is perfect to communicate the news to you. It is also a good way for you to forward the news to all those in your network who might be interested in participating in ICICTE 2014.

As you know by now, the conference will this year be held at a beautiful hotel complex on the wonderful island of Kos. We are very excited because the conference has never been held on Kos before. We are also really happy with the accommodation package we have managed to secure from the Hotel so that delegates will find it easier to stay at the conference hotel itself (thank you, Nancy Pyrini!)

We hope to see many of you and your friends there.

Take care.

Görg Mallia

Chair, Publications and Promotions Committee,
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