ICICTE 2012 News

Dear ICICTE delegate,

Welcome to the first edition of the ICICTE newsletter. Its intention is to keep in touch with you and give you brief details of the conference progress.

We do not intend to create a lot of spam, so there won't be many of these newsletters ... just one once in a while to touch base.

We're very happy with the number of submissions we got from academics around the world. And it is wonderful to note that while delegates who have been to ICICTE before seek to return, many new ones are also getting on board. I guess the conference's reputation has spread quite extensively.

On top of this, ICICTE Steering Committee chairman, **Dr Chris Barlow**, has helped create new and exiting directions for this established conference.

Thanks again for being interested in ICICTE 2012. We definitely hope to see you on Rhodes, Greece, in July.

Take care.

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Chair, Publications and Promotions Committee, ICICTE 2012

Paper review process

The ICICTE 2012 Scientific Committee, led by **Dr Greg Anderson** of the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Canada, is hard at work peer-reviewing the paper submissions for the conference. It is a double, blind, review process that is often vetted by a third reader.

This makes sure that all that is presented at the conference is of the highest possible quality, keeping with the reputation that ICICTE has earned along the years.

Technology Partner

Turning technologies' 'Turning Point' audience response system will be available for use by presenters in paper presentations and workshops.

Keynote Speakers

This year ICICTE will have two distinguished keynote speakers.

Morten Flate Paulsen is the Director of Innovation and Development at NKI Nettstudier and Professor of Online Education at the Norwegian School of Information Technology (NITH) in Norway. He is President of the European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN) and was on the European Association for Distance Learning (EADL) R&D committee until November 2010. In the school year 2009-2010, he worked part time for Universidade Aberta in Portugal. He has a Doctorate of Education from the Pennsylvania State University, Department of Adult Education and Instructional Systems. Professor Paulsen is the regional editor for IRRODL (*The International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning*), EURODL (*The European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning*) and the *Asian Journal of Distance Education*. He is also on the Editorial Board of seminar.net. He has worked with online education since he designed NKI's first Learning Management System in 1986 and published many books, reports and articles about the topic.

Russell Stannard is a Principal Teaching Fellow at the University of Warwick, specialising in the application of media and technology to improve teaching, particularly in language learning. He runs the website www.teachertrainingvideos.com which provides step by step help videos for teachers who want to incorporate technology into their teaching. In 2008 he won the Times Higher "Outstanding Initiative" in ICT for the website and in 2010 he won the British Council "Innovation" award. The site gets more than a quarter of a million visits a year from teachers all around the world. Russell Stannard's work on feedback is especially well-known and his pioneering of the use of screen capture for feedback has received large scale press coverage around the world and his concepts were recently included in a report submitted to the UK government.

Delegates from all over the world are welcome to ICICTE 2012. For more information, see www.icicte.org, or contact Nancy Pyrini, nancypyrini@icicte.org