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Dear Colleagues,

We are coming to the end of 2012, and the deadline for submission to ICICTE 2013 is fast approaching. As you might know, this will be held at the Minoa Palace Resort and Spa on the island of Crete, Greece, from 4-6 July, and the deadline for abstracts is February 8 2013.

ICICTE continues to examine the effects that technological innovations are having on education globally in all its formats. Thematic streams will include alternative processes, procedures, techniques and tools for creating learning environments appropriate for the twenty-first century.

Our keynote speaker this year is Professor Alan Tait. Alan Tait is Professor of Distance Education and Development at the Open University and has a long record of professional practice, publication and the support of professional development in distance and e-learning. He is currently Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the Open University and was formerly Dean of the Faculty of Education and Language Studies. He is Editor in Chief of the *European Journal of Distance and E-Learning* (EURODL), was President of the European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN) from 2007-2010, is Co-Director of the Cambridge International Conference on Open and Distance Learning and a senior member of St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge. He has worked widely in developing countries for international organisations such as UNESCO, the European Commission and the Commonwealth of Learning. He is certain to provide an excellent keynote that will stimulate discussion.

As regular visitors to the conference will tell you, we pride ourselves on offering not only a high level of academic excellence, but also an intimate atmosphere that creates camaraderie, stimulates academic interaction and fosters development of innovative projects and networks across the world. ICICTE is small enough to allow extensive interaction between delegates, yet with a high level of representation from organisations and individuals from a wide range of disciplines and countries.

A lot of people who come once to ICICTE will do so again many times. Certainly, our location this year near Chaniá, overlooked by the White Mountains of Crete, should serve as added incentive for you to join us at the conference.

If you wish to present a paper at ICICTE 2013, either on one of the special themes or any of the other themes listed on the conference website, and would like to have your paper published in the conference proceedings, please submit your proposal to Nancy Pyrini at nancypyrini@icicte.org by **February 8, 2013**. (The Call for Papers is available at <http://www.icicte.org/ICICTE13Papers.htm>). All submissions and papers are blind peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific committee.

For any further information please feel free to contact us any time. I look forward to seeing you in Crete in July, 2013.

Cordially, on behalf of the ICICTE 2013 Steering Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Barlow', written in a cursive style.

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