



20-22 June 2005  
Royal Victoria Sheffield  
Sheffield, United Kingdom

## Invitation and Preliminary Program

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**You are invited to participate in alt-i-lab 2005**, an on-going collaboration of organizations, companies and individuals who are **advancing learning technology interoperability**. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **alt-i-lab** again brings together creators, vendors, users, and buyers of learning technology to evaluate demonstrations, exchange technology, and participate in working sessions focused on real-world interoperability, strategies maximizing the impact of learning technology, and critical examination of state of the art technology.

This is a working meeting. The format will provide technology demonstrations and seminar style working sessions, with ample opportunity for professional networking and informal discussion. The participants are informed practitioners, planners, and decision makers from the international vendor and consumer community. The organizations hosting **alt-i-lab 2005** represent a cross-industry, international collaboration.

### Program Committee:

*Dr. Alun Hughes (Chair)*, Director of Learning & Information Services, UHI Millennium Institute

*Dr. Carole Barone*, Senior Fellow EDUCAUSE

*Dr. Edward Walker*, Chief Executive Officer, IMS Global Learning Consortium

*Ms. Lisa Mattson*, Chief Operating Officer, IMS Global Learning Consortium

### Opening Session

#### **A Strategic View of Learning Technology** (tentative title)

*Professor Diana Laurillard*, Head, e-Learning Strategy Unit, DfES

#### **Measuring the Impact of eLearning** (tentative title)

### Demonstrator Themes

Distributed Content  
Software Interoperability  
Learning Design

## Working Sessions (as of 15 April)

### 1. Applications for Distributed Content

Organizing Chair:

*Jeff Merriman*, Senior Strategist - MIT/OKI project

### 2. Using Technology in Schools

Organizing Chair: TBD

### 3. Assessment for Learning

Organizing Chairs:

*Dr. Joel Greenberg*, Director of Strategic Development, Learning & Teaching Solutions, Open University

*Steve Lay*, Senior Manager, ICT Group, Assessment Directorate, University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate

### 4. Exploiting Robust Content Mobility

Organizing Chair:

*David O'Connor*, Vice President, Product Development. Central Media Group Pearson Education

### 5. Information Management Infrastructure

Organizing Chairs:

*Dr. Alun Hughes*, Director of Learning & Information Services, UHI Millennium Institute

*Dr. Colin Smythe*, Chief Specification Strategist, IMS Global Learning Consortium

### 6. Strategic Deployment of eLearning

Organizing Chair:

*Professor Diana Laurillard*, Head, e-Learning Strategy Unit, DfES

### 7. Medical Repositories and Virtual Patients

Organizing Chairs:

*Dr. David Davies*, Technical Director, IVIMEDS

*Professor Ronald Harden*, Director of Education, IVIMEDS

*Dr. Megan Quentin-Baxter*, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine, University of Newcastle

### 8. Learning Design

Organizing Chairs:

*Dr. Rob Koper*, Director of Learning Technology Research and Development, Open University of the Netherlands

*Dr. Bill Olivier*, Director of Development (Systems and Technology) for JISC

**Preliminary Schedule** (see <http://www.imsglobal.org/altilab/> for latest info):

*Monday, 20 June:*

9:00 Registration opens  
1:00 Welcome, Opening Session  
5:00 Opening Reception

*Tuesday, 21 June:*

9:00 Demonstrator Overviews  
1:30 Working Sessions convene  
4:00 Technology Exchange and Reception

*Wednesday, 22 June:*

9:00 Working sessions  
3:30 Closing Remarks and Reception  
5:00 Adjourn  
6:00 VIP Dinner

*Thursday, 23 June:*

9-4 Workshops/Tutorials (TBD)

*Friday, 24 June:*

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**Hosting:**

alt-i-lab 2005 hosting committee is being organized by Digital South Yorkshire.

**Meeting Fees:** A \$350 participation fee is required to cover meeting materials, facilities, and food. An early-bird fee of \$250 will be available until 20 May 2005.

**Registration** will be available beginning the week of 18 April at <http://www.altilab2005.com>

**Details:** <http://www.imsglobal.org/altilab>

For more information about sponsorship or to participate in the Technology Exchange, please contact Lisa Mattson at [lisa@imsglobal.org](mailto:lisa@imsglobal.org)