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International Council for Open Research and Education Founded

Non-profit ICORE Association to Support and Develop Innovation in Open Access, Open Educational Practices and Resources, and more

Bonn, May 2013 – A new association is bringing together interested experts and stakeholders from the fields of open education and open research – the International Council for Open Research and Education (ICORE - www.icore-online.org). ICORE is completely non-profit, requires no membership fees to join, and is open to both representatives of organizations as well as individuals. The complete first public draft ICORE's statutes can be found at www.icore-online.org/membership and are open to further improvement by ICORE members. Joining before the first official meeting of ICORE on May 15 in Rome, Italy allows new members to be recognized as co-founders. Moreover, attendees of the first meeting will benefit from the great networking opportunities with prominent keynote speakers from the related 2nd European Conference on "Learning Innovations and Technology: The Future of Digital Resources" (LINQ 2013 – www.learning-innovations.eu) during ICORE's official launch and reception after the LINQ 2013 plenary on May 16.

ICORE offers membership to any organizations or individuals who support the association's goals of promoting open research and open education as a fundamental social objective. This promotion is to be accomplished through the fostering of collaboration between relevant stakeholders in open research and education, such as national, European and international policy makers, researchers, educators of all levels, students, non-profit educational providers as well as commercial educational providers, among others. Activities to implement such goals include the administration of an online community portal for information exchange, the organization of scientific and educational events (e.g. conferences, summer schools, etc.), and the establishment of creative partnerships between ICORE members to advance open research and open education internationally. ICORE will be designed to make collaboration a rewarding experience for all members.

Joining ICORE is easy: interested applicants can visit the ICORE application website (<http://www.icore-online.org/join-us>) and enter their information. A representative of the ICORE management team will contact applicants as soon as possible after said information has been submitted.

ICORE Important Dates:

- **First Official ICORE Meeting – May 15, 7:00 PM** at the Global Headquarters of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, Italy
- **Official ICORE Launch and Reception at LINQ 2013 – May 16, 5:00 PM** at the Global Headquarters of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, Italy

Interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to spread the word the new association ICORE and its goals with colleagues and through dissemination channels – ICORE looks forward to your valuable involvement in this new and innovative association.