

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

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The following conferences may be of interest to the readers of the *Quarterly Review of Distance Education*. Recommendations for conferences to be listed in future issues may be sent to: burmeister@nova.edu

***CIT Conference on Information
Technology: October 11-14, 2009,
Detroit, MI***

“The League for Innovation's annual Conference on Information Technology (CIT) offers a diverse program and cutting-edge exposition exploring the intelligent application of information technology in community and technical colleges.” Participants will have the opportunity to discuss strategies, solutions, and technologies with colleagues facing similar issues and concerns, hear firsthand what international experts have to say about important issues facing community and technical colleges, learn about the latest technology innovations and approaches that help accelerate learning, experience hands-on and demonstration sessions designed by and for new and experienced educators, and to compare the products and services of leading vendors in hours instead of weeks or months.”

<http://www.league.org/2/conferences/cit/2009/>

***2nd Annual Distance Education
Conference: October 16, 2009,
Youngstown, OH***

“The conference will provide many opportunities for interaction between Distance Education administrators, coordinators, and faculty.”
http://www.ysu.edu/distancelearning/index_conf.htm

***Western Cooperative for Educational
Telecommunications (WCET) 21st
Annual Conference: October 21-24,
2009, Denver, CO***

“WCET's annual conference is the premier professional development event in the field of e-learning. Attendees gain practical solutions, expand their professional networks, and have the opportunity to influence future WCET initiatives.”

<http://www.wcet.info/2.0/index.php?q=node/1157>

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***E-Learn 2009: October 26-30, 2009,
Vancouver, BC***

The E-Learn conference is a must to attend for these reasons: “E-Learn provides the only forum for serious minded education, government, healthcare and business professionals to discuss issues, research, development, strategies, and new technologies, and most importantly, identify solutions to meet the challenges of online learning. E-Learn is THE essential resource to make international connections for collaboration with others who may share similar problems as well as those offering solutions. E-Learn truly is an example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts as a forum where ideas and experiences from around the world are readily exchanged in a supportive culture that is nurtured at this conference.”

<http://www.aace.org/conf/cities/Vancouver/>

***mLearn: 8th International Conference
on Mobile Learning: October 26-28,
2009, Orlando, FL***

“mLearn was the first conference on Mobile Learning and is widely recognized as one of the most prestigious international conferences in the field. mLearn 2009 will be hosted by the University of Central Florida Institute for Simulation & Training. This conference is designed to bring together the world's leading mobile learning researchers, developers and activists in an environment that will stimulate dramatically increased deployment of mobile learning and accelerate dramatically enhanced innovation.”

<http://www.ce.ucf.edu/mlearn/>

***Association for the Advancement of
Computing in Education (AACE) 2009
International Convention: October 27-
31, 2009, Louisville, KY***

“This year’s convention will be held at the Galt House in downtown Louisville right on the

Ohio river. The theme of the convention is “Integrative Approaches: Meeting Challenges.” The notion of integrative approaches is interpreted broadly to include (a) integration of technologies into teaching, learning and performance, (b) transdisciplinary research and development, (c) multicultural and multi-institutional applications, and (d) projects that cut across disciplines and involve people from different academic and practical backgrounds. The three keynote speakers exemplify this theme as each one has a multidisciplinary background and represents different sectors—Daphne Rainey (NSF—computer science and education), Peter Goodyear (University of Sydney—collaborative learning and educational research), and Andrei Podolskij (Moscow State University—developmental psychology and instructional design). Several presidential panels and sessions have already been identified including a panel of researchers and teachers addressing comprehensive school reform in rural K-8 schools and an invited session featuring Cloudworks, a social computing application developed at the Open University of the UK.”

<http://www.aect.org/events/>

***15th Sloan-C 2009 International
Conference on Asynchronous Learning
Networks (ALN): October 28-30, 2009,
Orlando, FL***

“This conference will provide the latest information on asynchronous learning programs, processes, packages, and protocols and, is geared to experienced professionals and interested newcomers to online learning who hail from a variety of work sectors, including higher education, continuing education, business, government, health care, professional associations, and nonprofit organizations.”

<http://www.sloanconsortium.org/aln>

***EDUCAUSE Annual Conference:
November 3-9, 2009, Denver, CO***

EDUCAUSE 2009, will provide opportunities for attendees to “connect with visionaries like author Jim Collins, best known for taking organizations from ‘good to greatest,’ to apply the success of other IT leaders on common challenges like managing IT funding, promoting sustainable IT, and providing open access, to leverage existing strategies and techniques to achieve greater efficiency and productivity, to advance an understanding of emerging technologies, and to collaborate with peers to define the future of the IT profession,” among other goals.

<http://net.educause.edu/e09/>

***InfoComm China 2009: November 9-11,
2009, Beijing, China***

“As China attempts to rebalance its economy towards domestic demand and consumption, local industries will have to find creative ways to become more competitive and engage with their customers. InfoComm China 2009 is thus poised to play an opportune role in bringing AV solutions to help Chinese businesses add sizzle to their operations and become global players.”

<http://www.infocomm-china.com/>

***Interop New York; November 16-20,
2009, New York, NY***

“Interop is the most comprehensive IT conference available and the best place to learn how key technologies work together to cut costs and increase productivity. Key topics include: cloud computing, data center, Enterprise 2.0, Green IT, SaaS, storage, visualization, VoIP and United Communications, wireless and mobility, information security, video conferencing, IT management and automation, and networking.”

<http://www.interop.com/newyork/>

***Online Educa Berlin: December 2-4,
2009, Berlin, Germany***

“Innovate, Share, Succeed—is the theme of OEB09. This year’s agenda will be about your learning innovations, your expertise and the great ideas that will lead your organisation, company or school to success. This year’s conference themes are now finalised and we look forward to receiving your suggestions and ideas for presentations, workshops, seminars, expert sessions, discussion topics, debates and demonstrations.”

<http://www.online-educa.com/>

***Florida Educational Technology
Conference (FETC): January 12-15,
2010, Orlando, FL***

“FETC, a division of 1105 Media Inc., is one of the largest, most successful conferences in the United States devoted to educational technology. The conference program is designed so educators and administrators have an opportunity to learn how to integrate different technologies across the curriculum—from kindergarten to college—while being exposed to the latest hardware, software and successful strategies on student technology use. FETC is designed for teachers, principals and deans, district administrators, curriculum designers, media specialists, technology directors and various other educators.” This conference will feature “the most comprehensive, progressive educational technology conference in the country.” There will be more than 200 concurrent sessions, focusing on current and emerging technologies, safety, and security, and social networking and collaboration. There will be over 70 professional development workshops targeting 21st century skills as well as an exhibit hall with more than 500 companies displaying the latest in technology and education resources.”

<http://www.fetc.org/>

***Wisconsin State Education Convention
and Exhibit Show: January 20-22, 2010,
Milwaukee, WI***

Please see the conference Web site for information as it becomes available.

<http://www.wasb.org/convention/conv2009/index.php>

***American Society for Training &
Development (ASTD) TechKnowledge
2010: January 27-29, 2010, Las Vegas,
NV***

“Held each winter, ASTD TechKnowledge emphasizes developing and managing e-learning. The educational program includes more than 50 sessions including hands-on computer labs and corporate case studies.”

<http://tk09.astd.org/2010.html>

***3rd Annual Forum on e-Learning
Excellence in the Middle East: February
1-4, 2010, Dubai, United Arab Emirates***

“The structure of the program and theme has been meticulously crafted to ensure it builds on last year’s forum and to guarantee its relevancy and application to the region; although many of the themes signal the interest and concerns at a global rather than at a regional level. The initial structure of the event will continuously be updated on the forum website over the coming months and therefore we do invite you to regularly check this website. The forum will feature a number of plenary sessions where eminent keynote speakers will address topics of relevance to the forum theme. Our keynote speakers will be a variety of well known international experts from both the academic and corporate fields.”

<http://elxforum.hbmeu.ae/>

***Texas Computer Education Association
(TCEA) Annual Convention and
Exposition, February 8-12, 2010: Austin,
TX***

“The theme for the 2010 TCEA is ‘Charting New Waters: 30 Years of Innovation in Educational Technology.’ Participants are invited to “chart new waters with TCEA at this conference recognized nationwide for quality sessions, speakers, and exhibits. TCEA 2010 features new events on the latest hot topics in educational technology, more than 100 one-to-one workshops, hundreds of free sessions, nationally known keynoters and presenters, Texas-sized events and a 900-booth exhibit hall.”

<http://www.tcea.org/convention/2010/Documents/index.html>

***Pennsylvania Educational Technology
Expo and Conference (PETE & C):
February 21-24, 2010, Hershey, PA***

“The Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) is a state-wide event that provides quality programs focused on technology in the educational field. Each year, hundreds of exhibitors showcase their latest technology products and services to the vast audience of teachers, administrators, technology directors, school board members and more. Monday and Tuesday mornings kick off with keynote speakers that will both educate and inspire you. Throughout the two days, you can attend concurrent sessions, key-stone poster sessions and student showcases. There is something for everyone at PETE&C!”

<http://www.peteandc.org/>

Brainstorm 2010: 11th Annual K-12 Information Technology Conference: February 28- March 2, 2010, Wisconsin Dells, WI

“The purpose of this conference is for K12 techs to network with their counterparts from all over the Midwest and to connect with technology vendors who tailor their products for the K12 community. The focus is on technology rather than curricular areas in education. The Midwest Educational Technology Association (META) invites attendees that come from the Midwest, with a concentration (to date) from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan to the BrainStorm Technology Conference (for K12 Techs, by K12 Techs) at Wisconsin Dells, WI hosted at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center.”

<http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/brainstorm/>

Society for Information and Teacher Education (SITE) 21st Annual Conference: March 29-April 2, 2010, San Diego, CA

“SITE 2010 is the 21st annual conference of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education. This society represents individual teacher educators and affiliated organizations of teacher educators in all disciplines, who are interested in the creation and dissemination of knowledge about the use of information technology in teacher education and faculty/staff development. SITE is a society of the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE). SITE is unique as the only organization which has as its sole focus the integration of instructional technologies into teacher education programs. SITE promotes the development and dissemination of theoretical knowledge, conceptual research, and professional practice knowledge through conferences, books, projects, and the Journal of Technology and Teacher Education (JTATE). You are invited to attend and participate in this annual international forum which offer numerous opportunities to share ideas,

explore the research, development, and applications, and to network with the leaders in this important field of teacher education and technology.”

<http://site.aace.org/conf/>

Ed-Media 2010: June 29-July 2, 2010, Toronto, ON

Please see the Website for information about this conference as it develops.

<http://www.aace.org/conf/edmedia/>

Association for Educational Computing and Technology (AECT) Summer Research Symposia: July 19-23, 2010, Bloomington, IN

The theme of this symposium is “The Evolution from Distance Education to Distributed Learning.” This bi-annual event is designed to draw the best minds together for an intensive intellectual exchange of ideas on a focused topic that would culminate in the publication of a Symposium Proceeding. The goal of the symposium is to bring a group of scholars together in a format that encourages in-depth dialogue and different perspectives on pre-defined topics and problems. The goal of the third AECT Research Symposia is to develop, in a collaborative manner, a new model specifically designed for teaching and learning at a distance, which combines the untapped power of technology with research-based knowledge-building pedagogy including a blueprint or vision of the future, standards, and best practices. Specifically, four “tracks” or areas of concentration will be explored. These are: instructional design, interaction, technology, and organizational alignment or support. The focus of symposia sessions is on active audience participation and exchange rather than presentation. Presentations at the symposium will be held in a discussion-centered environment, so each presenter will be asked to adhere to a strict 5-10 minute time limit for formally presenting their ideas, followed by participa-

tion in 45-50 minutes of discussion of their ideas with session attendees. Attendees are expected to read the papers prior to attending so that everyone is prepared to participate and contribute to the discussion. All papers will be made available to registrants prior to the symposium.

<http://www.aect.org/events/symposia>