



LINQ 2015: "The Need for Change in Education: Openness as Default?"

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International Conference on "Learning Innovations and Quality" Announces Keynotes and Opens Early Registration

LINQ 2015 to Host UNESCO and European Commission VIPs Speaking on "The Need for Change in Education: Openness as Default?"

The 4th annual international conference on "Learning Innovations and Quality" (LINQ 2015) has announced its first keynotes and invited speakers for its event from 11-13 May 2015 in Brussels. Officer-in-Charge for the UNESCO Institute for IT in Education (IITE) Dr. Alexander Khoroshilov, Deputy Head of the European Commission's Unit on Innovation in Education Mr. Bodo Richter, and Senior Researcher at the European Commission Institute for Prospective Technological Studies Dr. Yves Punie will address this year's conference theme "The Need for Change in Education: Openness as Default?"

Dr. Alexander Khoroshilov brings his experience as inventor of the ICT Competence Framework for Teachers (ICT CFT), implemented internationally. His experiences gained as both Officer-in-Charge for UNESCO IITE and as the UNESCO IITE National Programme Officer provide him with unique insight into processes of certification and the transfer of competences across national borders.

Mr. Bodo Richter has gathered over a decade of experience working for the European Commission, including the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. Before becoming the Deputy Head of Unit there, Richter was responsible for international education and training policy development with industrialised countries, in particular the EU-US and EU-Canada cooperation agreements as well as the cooperation programmes with Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. Yves Punie leads research and policy activities on "ICT for Learning, Skills and Open Education" at the European Commission Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC IPTS). His research covers four main interrelated research strands across all educational sectors: Open Education and OER, Innovating Learning and Teaching, Key Competences and 21st century skills, and the Future of Learning.

Their contributions to LINQ 2015 will ensure a strong basis for discussion regarding the developing global role of open educational resources and practices as well as the management of their quality. To join them, authors or project representatives still have the opportunity to submit papers, project descriptions, or workshop proposals to the three LINQ Calls until 4 March 2015 and to register until 31 March 2015 to take advantage of the early-bird registration rate.

More information on the keynote and invited speakers of LINQ 2015 are available here: <http://2015.learning-innovations.eu/category/linq-2015-speakers/>

All three calls of LINQ 2015 (Call for Papers, Call for Projects and Call for Workshops) can be found here: <http://2015.learning-innovations.eu/call-for-papers-projects-and-workshops/>



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All further details can be found on the LINQ 2015 conference website: www.learning-innovations.eu

Overview of the important dates:

- Paper submission deadline: **4 March 2015**
- Notification of acceptance: **20 March 2015**
- Camera-Ready copy due: **31 March 2015**
- Early-bird registration ends: **31 March 2015**
- LINQ Conference days: **11-13 May 2015 in Brussels**

For the latest information on the conference, please visit and like the LINQ Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LINQConference and follow LINQ on Twitter @LINQ_Conference.

Direct enquiries and full papers can be sent to the LINQ Conference Manager Mrs Tatiana Shamarina-Heidenreich at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany (Tatiana.Shamarina-Heidenreich@icb.uni-due.de).



About the 4th European Conference on Learning Innovations and Quality:

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The main goal of LINQ 2015 is to bring together a variety of experts and professionals active in the field of innovations and quality in lifelong learning (LLL). LINQ will support an innovative exchange of the latest developments in learning, education and training innovations and quality on both a European and international level. Potential points of access to this field include new learning methods and design, open learning and education, technology-enhanced learning (TEL), quality standards and certification, human resources development, competences and skills, digital resources, learning materials, and online collaboration and communities.

LINQ 2014 attracted hundreds of submissions from throughout Europe, as well as Asia, America, and Africa. LINQ 2014 thus showed a continuation in the high level of interest which made LINQ 2013 such a successful conference with more than 200 participants from four continents.

"We are very pleased to continue this trend and the exciting debates with our community at LINQ 2015 and to return to the birthplace of LINQ in 2012 in Brussels, Belgium", says the LINQ Conference Chair Christian M. Stracke.

More information about LINQ online:
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