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Innovative Quality Essential to Open Learning in LINQ 2015 Programme

Programme for "Learning Innovations and Quality" 2015 Includes Respected International Experts Addressing Motto "The Need for Change in Education: Openness as Default?"

How can the international scientific community develop open research and education to its fullest potential? What form should quality management take to cope with the constant innovation in learning technologies? The fourth annual LINQ conference on "Learning Innovations and Quality" will convene renowned international experts and voices from the field to answer these questions and more in Brussels from 11 to 13 May 2015. The complete conference programme is now available.

Corroborating LINQ's themes, distinguished organisations have promised their support for LINQ 2015. The UNESCO Institute for IT in Education (IITE - iite.unesco.org) has announced its patronage of the conference and its Officer-in-Chief Dr. Alexander Khoroshilov will hold one of the core keynotes. Furthermore, Europe's largest learning technology project, Open Discovery Space (ODS - www.opendiscoveryspace.eu), will host a high-level pre-conference event on innovative school education, a theme regarding which the project has collected uniquely extensive experience.

The pioneering Inspiring Science Education project (ISE - www.inspiring-science-education.net) will also host a special conference event centred on their experience in technology-assisted science education. In addition, members from the co-hosting International Community of Open Research and Education (ICORE - www.icore-online.org) will contribute to LINQ 2015 by fostering the potential connections and interactions between open research and educational practices.

The supporting organisations will provide a framework for discussing the scientific and practice papers selected by the International Programme Committee in double-blind peer-review, in addition to sixteen research project presentations. The selected six distinct and interactive workshops demonstrate LINQ 2015's dedication to furthering quality education and facilitating interaction between all participants.

The complete LINQ 2015 programme can be found on the official conference webpage (http://2015.learning-innovations.eu/linq-2015-programme/).

Though non-profit in nature, the conference fee and registration through the LINQ website is required. The fee includes all provisions, including warm lunches, coffee breaks, the conference bag, and a copy of the official conference proceedings. Registration for LINQ 2015 is still open, but interested parties should act quickly, as accommodations are limited.

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.

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<u>About the 4th European Conference on Learning Innovations and Quality:</u>

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

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:
www.learning-innovations.eu

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