



APSCE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear APSCE Members and Student Members

With your continuous support in the past years, our official conference ICCE has become an important event in the Asia-Pacific region. We are glad that we are able to have our new journal, "Research and Practice in Technology Enhanced Learning (RPTEL), published this year, which further helps achieve one of the society's objectives—To enhance international awareness of research conducted by researchers in member countries.

Another of the society's objective that we would like to achieve in the coming years is to "encourage and support the academic activities of researchers in member countries and to nurture a vibrant research community of younger as well as more experienced researchers." To achieve that, our Outreach and Publicity Subcommittee is contemplating new ways to stimulate more involvement and participation from various parts of our region to the society. At the same time, our Member Services Subcommittee is thinking about ways to support academic activities among members through a KM portal and the formation of SIGs. The Newsletter Subcommittee will continuously publish newsletters to disseminate the latest news and events of interests to our members and help increase communication among our members. The Student Committee is proposing several activities such as the set up of a separate student section of APSCE Website and a research directory to satisfy the special needs of student members. The Conference Subcommittee is now working closely with our Beijing partner on ICCE 2006. All the other Subcommittees are working closely as usual to support the Society's activities and goals to make it a more vibrant learning community for its members.

With the subcommittees' collective effort, I am expecting the Society to continuously increase its influence in the Asia-Pacific Region and around the world.

With best wishes
Fong-Lok Lee

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APSCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2006

President:	Fong-Lok Lee
Past-president:	Yam-San Chee
President-elect:	Yoneo Yano
Treasurer:	Shelley Shwu-Ching Young
Elected Committee Members	
China:	Wang Qiong
Hong Kong:	Lam-For Kwok Carmel McNaught Eugenia Ng
Japan:	Mitsuru Ikeda Ricchiro Mizoguchi Yoneo Yano
Korea:	Tae Wuk Lee
Malaysia:	Su Luan Wong
New Zealand:	Madhumita Bhattacharya Kinshuk
Philippines:	Raymund Sison
Singapore:	Chee-Kit Looi Yam-San Chee
Taiwan:	Tak-Wai Chan Shelley Shwu Ching Young Fu-Yun Yu
USA:	Dan Suthers

APSCE SUBCOMMITTEES 2006

Membership:

Eugenia Ng (Chair)
Mitsuru Ikeda

Elections:

Yoneo Yano (Chair)
Chee-Kit Looi
Tae-Wuk Lee

Conference:

Riichiro Mizoguchi (Chair)
Chee-Kit Looi
Shelley Shwu-Ching Young

Newsletter:

Fu-Yun Yu (Chair)
Dan Suthers
Su Luan Wong

Outreach & Publicity:

Lam-For Kwok (Chair)
Su Luan Wong
Wang Qiong
Fu-Yun Yu

Journal:

Yam-San Chee (Chair)
Carmel McNaught
Dan Suthers
Yoneo Yano

Student Programs:

Kinshuk (Chair)
Raymund Sison
Tak-Wai Chan

Member Services:

Raymund Sison (Chair)
Madhumita Bhattacharya

APSCE WEBSITE

Society-related information can be found on APSCE official website at <http://www.apsce.net/>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION (ICCE2006)



CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

Conference Chair

Fong-lok Lee (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Programme Co-chairs

Prof. Zhiting Zhu (East China Normal University)
Prof. Pierre Dillenbourg (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne)
Prof. Riichiro Mizoguchi (Osaka University)

CONFERENCE THEME

Learning by Effective Utilization of Technologies: Facilitating Intercultural Understanding

The 14th International Conference on Computers in Education (ICCE2006), to be held from Nov 30 to Dec 4, 2006 at The School of Education Technology, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, will be a prestigious and high quality international conference that establishes a forum for a scholarly exchange and interaction in employing the use of computing technologies in education. Organized annually under the auspices of the Asia-Pacific Society for Computers in Education (APSCE), ICCE conferences have been enhancing quality research and development in technology-supported education throughout the Asia-Pacific region and internationally. The technical program of ICCE 2006 will include paper sessions, panels, posters, tutorials, workshops, invited speeches, doctoral consortium and other special events. Deadlines for paper and proposals for various tracks are listed below:

Full Papers and Short Papers
Submission deadline: May 8, 2006

Doctoral Students Consortium
Submission deadline: May 8, 2006

Workshop Proposals
Proposals due: June 12, 2006

Tutorial Proposals
Proposals due: July 14, 2006

Interactive Events
Submission deadline: September 22, 2006

For detailed information, please refer to the conference website: <http://www.icce-2006.org>

CONFERENCE AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Learning sciences
- Socially informed design
- Collaborative and group learning
- Instructional Design
- Learning systems platforms and architectures
- Modeling and representation
- Intelligent tutoring and scaffolding
- Interaction design and novel interfaces
- Applications
- E-Learning and Knowledge Management
- Leadership in e-Education
- Planning and Evaluating of Educational Technology Systems

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Nov 30 and Dec 1 will feature tutorials and workshops.
- On Dec 1, selected students will present their PhD work in the Doctoral Student Consortium before a distinguished panel of scholars.
- Dec 2 – Dec 4 will be the main conference. Full papers and short papers will be presented. Panels are being planned.
- The main conference (local track) will also feature several presentations by local school teachers and students on sharing good practices in their schools.
- There will also be a large exhibition of ICT projects and artifacts created or used by students and teachers in Beijing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS 2006

ELECTION

The Election Subcommittee, consisting of three members Yoneo Yano (Chair), Chee-Kit Looi and Tae-Wuk Lee, is to nominate candidates for the annual EC election and organize the bi-annual election for President-elect by appropriately managing the election process.

Presently the EC has 20 members including the three new members chosen in January: Lam-For Kwok of City University of Hong Kong, Mitsuru Ikeda of JAIST and Su Luan Wong of Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Election for president-elect was conducted as well and Yoneo Yano of the University of Tokushima has been appointed as the President-elect for January 2007 to December 2007. In 2007 we will have the annual EC election and in 2008 the presidential election as well as EC members renewal are to be conducted.

Yoneo Yano
Tokushima University

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership sub-committee is responsible for approving an applicant's application to become a member of our society. The criteria are their relevant working experiences and academic qualifications.

Eugenia Ng
Hong Kong Institute of Education

JOURNAL

The Journal Subcommittee solicits and welcomes the submission of quality research papers to the Society journal, *Research and Practice in Technology Enhanced Learning*. The Subcommittee would appreciate the assistance of members in helping to disseminate information about the journal and in encouraging colleagues of members to submit articles to the journal. Detailed information about the journal and submission requirements can be found at: http://www.apsce.net/RPTTEL_CfP.htm

Yam San Chee
National Institute of Education, Singapore

NEWSLETTER

The goal we set for this year's newsletters was to help create a bond between APSCE and its members and among its members. We hope to achieve this goal through the dissemination of news of its members and news for its members. After a series of electronic brainstorming sessions among the subcommittee members and with President Fong-Lok's strong support in the process, we decided to propose some changes. In addition to sections already present in past issues (i.e., president's message, APSCE Committee news, ICCE news, conferences of interests, etc.), we intend to introduce more contents/sections and, most importantly, encourage input and contribution from the society members in the forthcoming newsletters. New sections will include the following:

- Showcase on best paper awardees of recent ICCEs;
- Showcase on research centers, laboratories, or programs that EC members direct or are affiliated with;
- Job opportunities in your institution (or in your region): post-doctoral position, research assistant, teaching position, etc;
- Scholarships for master or doctoral program in your institution;
- Personal news about community members (such as job changes, promotions, etc), research developments (e.g., new centers, books, software), and recent academic activities;
- News on forthcoming ICT-related International conferences around the world with a focus on the Asian-Pacific region.

Winners of the best paper awards of recent ICCEs will be invited to write a small column summarizing his/her work and him/herself. Any EC members who wish to increase the publicity and visibility of their programs, research centers, and laboratories are encouraged to submit the item to Dr. Yu at fuyun@mail.ncku.edu.tw to be included.

All members (not limited to EC) are welcome to send in items pertinent to the areas listed above. For your piece to be included in the next issue of APSCE's newsletter, an electronic copy of the file must be sent to me at least 10 days prior to the scheduled publication dates of future issues (which is set on August 10, November 10 of 2006, and February 10 of 2007).

As a first step towards interactions and communications among members, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for the newsletter subcommittee.

Fu-Yun Yu
National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The student sub-committee is working on creating a separate section of the APSCE website, which will be maintained as the resource-rich area for our student members. Various features planned for this section include member profiles, news center, discussion forum and resource directory. If you have any further suggestions, please feel free to send them to Dr. Kinshuk at kinshuk@ieee.org. More so, if any of our student members are willing to help, please contact Dr. Kinshuk at your earliest convenience.

Kinshuk
Massey University, New Zealand

OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY

As the APSCE Outreach and Publicity Subcommittee, we have discussed ways to increase the membership number by attracting more people to join the society. Proposals under consideration include:

- Launching a new type of membership called GROUP with its details to be decided. Its idea is to attract members (at least 3 in a group) from educational institutions, research laboratories, research centers, schools, etc. with some discounts to join APSCE.
- Exploring ways to find membership for our existing membership type-Corporate Member.
- Exploring the possibility of an incentive scheme for existing members to introduce new members to APSCE.
- Proposing new membership duration to start on a date that a member registers to join APSCE.

All these require the collaborative efforts of the Membership Service Subcommittee to provide more benefits to our members. One possible thing to do is

to solicit papers of past ICCEs to make them available on the website and accessible to members. If that is not possible, then we hope to have at least the citation information and the abstracts available.

Lam-For Kwok
City University of Hong Kong

MEMBER SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

The Member Services subcommittee identified three projects in 2005. They are listed below:

1. Wikipedia-like descriptions of "hot" or classic topics in ITED, which will include links to works/laboratories of APSCE members, as part of the services to be provided by a KM portal for APSCE members;
2. A mentoring program for ICCE 2006;
3. An SIGs program.

The mentoring program was approved for ICCE 2006 through the EC meeting in Singapore in December 2005, and responsibility for the said program was given to the ICCE 2006 Chair/PC Chair. The proposed SIGs guidelines remain under study by the EC. The Wikipedia-like descriptions of "hot" or classic topics in ITED might eventually be incorporated into a student portal being set up by the Student Program subcommittee.

Suggestions are welcome as to what the initial topics could be (e.g., Educational Data Mining). Please send your suggestions to sisonr@dlsu.edu.ph.

Raymund Sison
De La Salle University, Phillipine

FORTHCOMING ICT-RELATED CONFERENCES

ASWC 2006

Conference Chair

Fausto Giunchiglia (University of Trento, Italy)

Program Chair

Riichiro Mizoguchi (Osaka University, Japan)

The 1st Asian Semantic Web Conference (ASWC2006) has been established to foster research and development of the Semantic Web and its related technology in Asia. ASWC2006 will

be run by ASWC steering committee in harmony with the sister conferences such as International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC) and European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC). The conference will be held on September 3-7, 2006 in Beijing, China. The vision of the Semantic Web is to make the contents of the Web unambiguously computer interpretable, enabling automation of a diversity of tasks currently performed by human beings. The goal of providing semantics and automated reasoning capabilities to the Web draws upon research in a broad range of areas including Artificial Intelligence, Databases, Software Engineering, Distributed Computing and Information Systems. Details of this conference can be obtained from <http://www.aswc2006.org/>

NLC2006

The fifth international conference on Networked Learning (NLC) will be held at Lancaster University, on April 10-12, 2006. The Conference, supported by the Higher Education Academy and in association with the Kaleidoscope Network, is a research-based conference on networked learning in higher education and lifelong learning. For more information visit web site at:

<http://www.networkedlearningconference.org.uk/index.htm>

Tenth International IEEE EDOC Conference (EDOC 2006)

General Chair

Patrick C. K. Hung (University of Ontario Inst. of Technology, Canada)

Program Co-chairs

Qing Li (City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
Don Sparrow (MITRE, USA)

The IEEE EDOC Conference is the primary annual event focusing on the convergence of the paradigms, technologies and methods involved in enterprise computing. The IEEE EDOC Conference, co-hosted by City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, is the tenth event in the series of conferences and will take place on October 16-20, 2006 in Hong Kong. The Conference emphasizes the integration and management of enterprise computing research and development results, fostering an enterprise and social organizational engineering approach that can address and relate business, application, middleware and technical levels. The themes of openness and distributed computing, based on services, components and objects, provide a useful and unifying conceptual thread for this purpose. More information can be obtained from the conference website at <http://www4.comp.polyu.edu.hk/~edoc06/>

IEEE International Workshop on CAUL2006

Workshop Co-Chairs

Shian-Shyong Tseng (National Chiao-Tung University, Taiwan)
Kinshuk (Massey University, New Zealand)

IEEE International Workshop on Context Aware Ubiquitous Learning (CAUL) is a computer supported learning paradigm for identifying learners' surrounding environment and social situation to provide integrated, interoperable, pervasive, and seamless learning experiences. The objective of context aware ubiquitous learning is to move Web based and mobile learning a step further from learning at anytime anywhere to be at the right time and right place with right learning resources and right learning peers. CAUL will be held in conjunction with IEEE International Conference on Sensor Networks, Ubiquitous, and Trustworthy Computing (SUTC2006, <http://sutc2006.asia.edu.tw/>) on June 5, 2006 in Taichung, Taiwan. CAUL conference website can be accessed at <http://caul2006.ncu.edu.tw/>

GCCCE 2006

Conference Co-Chairs

Weihe Xie (Tsinghua University, Beijing, China)
Tak-Wai Chan, (National Central University, Taiwan)
Steering Committee Chair
Tak-Wai Chan, (National Central University, Taiwan)

The Global Chinese Conference on Computers in Education (GCCCE) has become a major event for scholars and practitioners around the globe who are interested in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education among the Chinese communities. GCCCE 2006 will be held in Beijing, China on June 2-5, 2006 and will be hosted by the Educational Technology Institute, Tsinghua University, China. The goal of the conference is to promote the application of ICT in education. Details of this conference can be obtained from <http://www.gccce2006.org/en/>

ITS 2006

Conference Chair

Tak-Wai Chan (National Central University, Taiwan)
Program Co-chairs
Kevin Ashley (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
Mitsuru Ikeda (Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Japan)

Since first held in Montreal, Canada in 1988, the ITS conference series have provided an excellent forum where researchers and practitioners from a broad spectrum of disciplines, ranging from artificial intelligence and cognitive science to pedagogy and

educational psychology, can exchange their work, ideas, theories, techniques and applications. The conference explores the real world impacts of intelligent tutoring systems on an increasingly global scale. The conference will be held on June 26-30, 2006 in National Central University, Taiwan. Details of this conference can be obtained from <http://www.its2006.org/>

ICALT 2006

Program Co-Chairs

Kinshuk, (Massey University, New Zealand)
Rob Koper, (Open University of the Netherlands, The Netherlands)

The 6th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies will be held on July 5 - 7, 2006 in Kerkrade, The Netherlands. The theme is "Advanced Technologies for Life-Long Learning". This conference creates opportunities for presenting and discussing vivid, creative solutions and experimental work at the point of collaborative learning via advanced media. Details of this conference can be obtained from <http://www.ask.iti.gr/icalt/2006/>

ICET 2006

Conference Chair

J.R. Parker (University of Calgary, Canada)

The IASTED International Conference on Education and Technology will be held on July 17-19, 2006 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. More information can be obtained from the conference website at <http://www.iasted.org/conferences/2006/calgary/c525.htm>

ED-MEDIA 2006

ED-MEDIA--World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications will be held in Orlando, Florida, USA on June 26-30, 2006. More information about this conference can be obtained from <http://www.aace.org/conf/edmedia/default.htm>