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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Teaching & Learning

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES: FROM PILOT TO MAINSTREAM

NUI Galway, Galway, Ireland  
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Aimed at academic and learning support staff in higher education, this conference will focus on practical issues in the implementation and use of a range of technologies, providing insight into emerging “good practice,” real world challenges and future potential. Our emphasis will be on teaching and learning, rather than technical issues and through a series of presentations, discussions and practical sessions we hope to be able to share experience and nurture networks of practitioners.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**Prof. Stephen Heppell** was formerly Director of the Ultralab e-learning research centre and is a highly regarded and distinguished expert on technologies for learning, across all age spans. He contributes to the Guardian, BBC and Channel 4 and past projects include notschool.net, the Ultraversity, and the design of “world classrooms.” He has served as advisor and consultant to various government departments in the UK on eLearning, classroom design and the internet.

**Prof. Ray Land** is Professor of Higher Education and Director of the Centre for Academic Practice & Learning Enhancement at the University of Strathclyde. He is a member and founding accreditor of the Higher Education Academy and his research interests include theory and practice of educational development, threshold concepts and troublesome knowledge and theoretical aspects of digital learning.

**Prof. Michael Kerres** holds a chair in Educational Media & Knowledge Management and is also the Vice-Rector for Information, Communication & Media at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

**Prof. Wim van Petegem** is the Director of AVNet (the learning technology service) at the Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, one of Europe’s oldest institutions of higher education. He has extensive experience of elearning policy and practice and has led a number of European projects and served on international panels and committees in the field of elearning.

Others to be confirmed

#### **PARALLEL STRANDS & THEMES**

- (1) E-learning in Practice - a discussion forum for staff with experience of delivering e-learning supported programmes, providing an opportunity for sharing ideas and knowledge.
- (2) Web 2.0 – combination of short practical sessions and discussions around the educational potential of blogs, wikis, portfolios, podcasts and social networking tools.
- (3) “Share and Share Alike” – learning objects, digital repositories, creative commons – exploring issues in sharing teaching and learning materials across institutions
- (4) Assistive Technologies – policy and practice in the use of a range of assistive technologies for learners with specific needs and examining issues of inclusion.
- (5) “You Tube, I Tube, We Tube” – audio and video materials in higher education: production, distribution and pedagogy – with applications across a range of subjects from medicine to languages.

Our programme will endeavour to provide ample opportunity to thoroughly debate key issues in theory and practice and to make the event as participative as possible. We are keen for practitioners from higher education to both showcase their own work and interact with colleagues from across the sector. A continual poster session will run throughout the event and a parallel strand of short presentations will also be scheduled.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration must be completed online no later than Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the conference website.

[www.conference.ie](http://www.conference.ie)

The conference fee is €100 with a reduced rate of 50 for staff of NUI Galway. An additional fee of €50 is payable if you wish to attend the official conference dinner.

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

If you have some work, related to the conference themes, which you would like to present then there will be a limited number of opportunities for short oral presentations. A preferred option would be to submit an abstract for a poster. Abstracts should be submitted online before the closing date of Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007 at the conference website [www.conference.ie](http://www.conference.ie)