

Newsletter

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Early Bird Registration Deadline: 1 July 2019



ACCELERATING GLOBAL PROGRESS IN OPEN EDUCATION

28th ICDE World Conference Update

We are glad to inform you that, although the main conference starts in the morning on Monday 4 November with a formal welcome and some great speakers, we have planned for you the great [pre-conference event](#) on Sunday 3 November 2019. It takes place on Dublin City University's (DCU) [St Patrick's Campus](#) located in the intercity suburb of Drumcondra. It is only about 30 minutes walk from the city centre, a short bus ride or taxi ride of about €10.

The day starts with tea and coffee on arrival and then a formal welcome to DCU including a unique cultural experience. This is followed by three breakout [workshops](#) and the [ICDE Global Presidents' Summit](#), which is open to senior institutional leaders by invitation. The website provides more information about how you can apply to participate in the Presidents' Summit. After a busy morning programme the different groups come together again for a combined lunch where we will be joined by participants attending the [Doctoral Research Symposium](#) which takes place over the afternoon. A real highlight of the pre-conference event will be guided tours of DCU's state of the art Library along with the "Lego Education Innovation Studio" and the "Microsoft Minecraft Lab" both purposefully designed to promote highly engaging forms of hi-tech, hi-touch learning.

At the end of the day participants will again come back together for a short 10-minute walk to DCU's historic [All Hallows Campus](#) for a pre-conference reception. This final part of the day includes a guided tour of the campus where you will have an opportunity to visit the impressive Capel which is steeped in history. This will be another major highlight of the pre-conference event. We really hope you take this unique opportunity to participate in Sunday's programme as it will give you a chance to formally register for the conference and meet other delegates from over 50 countries attending this year's ICDE World Conference.

To summarise, here are five great reasons why you should attend the pre-conference event we have planned for you in Dublin:

1. Get to see DCU's St Patrick's Campus which is home to Ireland's and one of Europe's largest Institutes of Education with over 4,000 students studying courses from Early Childhood Education through to Adult Education.
2. Participate in some great workshops, doctoral research symposium and/or Global Leadership Summit where you will get the chance to meet some new colleagues from around the world.
3. Take a guided tour of the "Lego Education Innovation Studio" and "Microsoft Minecraft Lab" where you will learn about how DCU's Institute of Education is preparing tomorrow's teachers for today.
4. Finish the day with a reception and brief guided tour of DCU's historic All Hallows Campus where you will get to visit our impressive Capel steeped in history.
5. Complete your registration for the full conference starting on Monday so that you avoid having to arrive early and can plan in advance what you wish to attend over the course of the next four-days.

On other conference news the Dublin team has been busy over the past week visiting the conference venue and hosting one of our Gold sponsors from Brazil. We will be formally announcing the organisations supporting the ICDE World Conference in the next few weeks but if you haven't already checked them out on the website then we invite you to do so, as currently there are [25 professional bodies](#) and associations from around the world who have committed to being official conference partners.

Lastly, we continue to encourage you to follow our Twitter account ([@WCOL2019](#)) and/or the [ICDE's](#) and [National Institute for Digital Learning's](#) (NIDL) LinkedIn sites for regular updates and information on the World conference. In our next ICDE World Conference we will be sharing more information about our great line up of keynote speakers and what we have planned for you over the four-days of the conference programme.

Competence Reform - "Learn all your life"

Focus on flexible and lifelong education in the new state budget



The Norwegian Government has initiated the Competence Reform “Learn all your life”. The reform aims to make educational programs more flexible and accessible in the workplace. The budget for 2019 is going to increase additionally several millions for universities and colleges to provide and operate flexible and relevant further education. In addition, some extra millions are allocated to the development of flexible further education courses through the directorate under the Ministry of Education and Research, Skills Norway. For details, please visit [here](#).

Upcoming Event Highlights

A new list of international events has just been released. Please visit [International Event](#) page at the ICDE website.



#GPS19: Invitations issued, register to attend

The GPS is a forum specifically for Presidents, Vice-Chancellors, Principles and Rectors from ICDE Member institutions to engage in discussion, debate and learning in globally relevant topics. Invitations have been issued. Please register to attend. If you have not received an invitation, please contact [ICDE](#).



Webinar on the forthcoming UNESCO OER Recommendations, 7 Jun 2019, 15:00-16:30 (CET)

ICDE Ambassadors for the global advocacy of OER and the UNESCO ICDE OER Chairs will reflect and discuss the recommendations during this webinar hosted by ICDE and the ICDE OER Advocacy Committee. A recent global study on OER from UNESCO, the impacts, achievements and challenge of OER will also be presented. Webinar participants are invited to a lively dialogue after the



eLearning Africa 2019, 23-25 Oct 2019, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Every year, eLearning Africa offers a 3-day comprehensive programme which brings together over 1,000 high-level decision makers, investors, experts and practitioners to share their perspectives on issues facing technology supported learning and training. The 14th edition of eLearning Africa will be held with the theme "The Keys to the Future: Learnability and Employability". Read more and register [here](#).



International Conference on Distance Learning, 1-3 Aug 2019, Thailand

Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) along with UNESCO Bangkok Office will be hosting an international conference themed "Research and Innovation for a Digital Society". ICDE is organizing a session. For more, visit [here](#).

presentations are completed. Registration and more information to come soon at <https://www.icde.org/>.



International Conference on Blockchain, Open Education & Digital Citizenship, 28-29 May 2019, France

The conference on 28-29 May 2019 (Pre-conference on 27 May) provides a unique opportunity for an independent, informed overview of the application of blockchain technologies in the global education context. The plenary sessions will include use case studies from the European Commission, governments institutions, researchers and private stakeholders. The call for papers in seven over-riding themes and registration are still open. Please visit [here](#).



OOFHEC2019: Call for Abstracts is closed, registration opens on 3 Jun 2019

The OOFHEC2019 conference will focus on trends and high impact factors in the global and European higher education. Early bird registration opens soon until 31 July 2019.



**ASCILITE 2019, 2-5 Dec 2019,
Singapore: Call for Papers**

The ASCILITE 2019 conference is a key annual conference on best practice and excellence in the use of technologies for teaching and learning. It is inviting contributions describing critical perspectives on the use of educational technology under the themes and submission types outlined on the conference website [here](#).



**International Conference on Creating
Conditions for Deeper Learning in
Science, 29-30 Jun 2019, Athens**

The conference will bring together researchers, practitioners and decision makers from all around the world to investigate the concepts of Deeper Learning, the conditions under which it could lead students to develop mastery in scientific subjects and the methods how these achievements can be assessed. Read and register [here](#).



ANADOLU ÜNİVERSİTESİ

**International Open and Distance
Learning Conference (IODL 2019), 14-
16 Nov 2019, Eskişehir, Turkey**

Hosted by Anadolu University, the IODL Conference will have a specific focus on “glocal ODL learning opportunities and dynamics”. For detailed information, paper submission and the latest news, please visit the official website [here](#).



**12th annual International Conference of
Education, Research, and Innovation
(ICERI 2019), 11-13 Nov 2019, Seville,
Spain**

The conference is one of the largest international education conferences for lecturers, researchers, technologists and professionals from the educational sector. It has in the past brought together over 700 delegates from over 80 countries. The deadline for abstract submissions is 11 July 2019. [Read more](#).



**Southeast Asian
Ministers of Education
Organization**

50th Council Conference of SEAMEO , 22-25 July 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The tentative programme of the 50th SEAMEO Council Conference is announced while the official invitation will be sent afterward. Please refer to the tentative programme [here](#).

News and Updates



ICDE seeks new Secretary General

ICDE is seeking a new Secretary General for a full-time position from January 1, 2020. The application deadline is August 15 and we intend to come to an agreement with a well-qualified applicant before the end of September. More information [here](#).



Understanding the Impact of OER – new publication released

Saide's OER Africa together with UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education have worked on a collective research project to gather significant achievements, key challenges hindering the growth and potential of the impact of OER on education systems. The findings comprise a synthesis report and a series of case studies from several countries in each of the five UNESCO regions.



Quality Assurance Workshop for ACDE Members Offering Teacher Training

A train-the-trainers workshop was held in March 2019 on quality assurance for teacher training and professional development. It was organized by ACDE-QAAA which seeks to support member institutions to enhance the quality of ODL, including technology supported learning. Read more [here](#).



Virtually inspired

Virtually Inspired, powered by Drexel University Online, showcases innovations at ASU, where their online general education courses allow students to complete freshman credits at reduced cost. Read the article [here](#).



News from the ICDE Advocacy Committee (ICDE OERAC)

The International Journal of Open Educational Resources (IJOER) provides a venue for the publication of quality academic research with an emphasis on representing Open Educational Resources in teaching, learning, scholarship, and policy. [Read more](#).



ICDE Blog

Our broad global network of experts, thought leaders, executives and practitioners share their insights in the ICDE Blog. Read and comment on topics presented in the [ICDE blog](#).

OPEN PRAXIS

A world map graphic composed of small orange dots, with the text "Challenges, lessons and achievements in the practice of distance and e-learning" overlaid on it.

Challenges, lessons and achievements
in the practice of distance and e-learning

Open Praxis: Vol. 11 Issue 1

Read the most recent issue [here](#).

Open Praxis: Call for Editorial team

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