



INTERNATIONAL  
COUNCIL FOR OPEN AND  
DISTANCE EDUCATION

## ICDE Newsletter - 5 July 2017

### FEATURED NEWS

#### **27TH ICDE World Conference: Ensure to make the most of the Early Bird Rate!**

Ensure to benefit from the Early Bird Discount, by registering before the **10 September, 2017**. View [conference rates](#) and how to register [here](#).

Delegates who have the opportunity to attend the 27th ICDE World Conference on Online Learning: Teaching in a Digital Age – Re-Thinking Teaching & Learning from October 16 to 19, 2017 in Toronto, Canada will be able to benefit from a carefully crafted program, a stimulating active expo of emerging technologies in education, view live demonstrations, and test prototypes from leading technology providers and start-ups as well as:

- Discover new modes of teaching, learning, course delivery, and assessment in higher education.
- Find out about new strategies to improve student-learning outcomes.
- Hear from student leaders, doctoral students and young scholars on how open and flexible learning can meet the needs of today's and future students
- Learn about research and practices related to institutional change, quality assurance, international collaboration, lifelong learning and the latest trends in online, open and flexible learning.
- Share best practices and much, much more!

The international participants attending represent the global online learning community of educators from North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Nations, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and the Arab States.

To recognize the diversity of attendees, selected sessions are offered in French and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation may be available for plenaries. The plenaries, demonstrations, and conference program will be offered in English.

For a taste of what is to come, check out the Programme Preview: Five Practical Advice Exchange Sessions at the World Conference on Online Learning with Dr. Tony Bates, Contact North | Contact Nord Research Associate [here](#)!

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### ICDE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

#### **Special ICDE World Conference 2017 membership discount**

Registered participants at the [ICDE World Conference 2017](#) who apply for ICDE institutional membership before 1 August and pay the 2018 fee before 1 September 2017 – get 2017 for free and a 50% reduction of the fee for 2018.

ICDE has launched its [Membership Campaign](#) for 2017-2018 with the aim of expanding the ICDE

community to the unreached in further pursuit of the vision to be the global facilitator for inclusive, flexible, quality learning and teaching in the digital age. ICDE welcomes all educational players, in particular traditional higher education institutions entering digital supported learning and teaching.

If your institution is considering to become a new member of ICDE, you are encouraged to contact us directly (at [icde@icde.org](mailto:icde@icde.org) or phone +47 22 06 26 33) for further information about membership opportunities, [benefits](#) and membership [fees](#). Candidates for ICDE membership can register their application [here](#).

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### **Deadline for nominating candidates to the ICDE Prizes for Excellence: Extended to 17 July**

#### **It is time to nominate candidates for the ICDE Prize of Excellence 2017!**

The ICDE Prize of Excellence was inaugurated in 1999 as the global prize of excellence in open and distance education. ICDE is pleased to announce that ICDE Prizes of Excellence will be awarded in October 2017, at the 27th ICDE World Conference in Toronto, Canada, to deserving institutions and individuals for the highest possible excellence in the fields of open and distance education.

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### **Ph.D. Track at ICDE World Conference**

ICDE is happy to announce that the [tentative program](#) for the Doctoral Student's Track at the upcoming World Conference in Toronto is now available. Twelve Ph.D. students conducting research within the fields of online, open, flexible and technology enhanced learning are to present their interim research, and will get feedback from both peers and experts following their presentation. Read more about the Global Doctoral Consortium (GDC) [here](#).

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### **Invitation to study trip for ICDE members in Northern Europe**

In relation to the upcoming ICDE World Conference in Toronto, ICDE invites members from the Nordic countries and Northern Europe to attend a study trip in Toronto 19-20 October, after the conference has ended. The purpose is to connect Nordic and North European educational providers with expertise and interest in online, open, flexible and technology enhanced learning with Canadian institutions and innovative hubs who are engaged in digitalisation and learning. The study trip is being arranged in partnership with Flexible Education Norway. Please register your participation to [icde@icde.org](mailto:icde@icde.org) att. Torunn Gjelsvik by 1 September 2017 as soon as possible, as we practice "first come, first served" for the registry and there will be a maximum limit with regards to the total number of participants. See [here](#) for the draft program for details.

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### **Open Praxis vol. 9 issue 2 now available: Selected papers from the Open Education Consortium Global 2017 Conference**

This issue of Open Praxis compiles selected papers presented at the Open Education Consortium Global Conference, held in Cape Town (South Africa) on March 8-10, 2017. Additionally, the Innovative Practice section includes three papers.

Open Praxis is a peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal focusing on research and innovation in open, distance and flexible education.

View the full issue [here...](#)

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### **Call for papers: Open Praxis vol. 9 issue 4: Deadline for submission: 20 July 2017**

Open Praxis welcomes contributions that may present research or surveys of recent work, describe original work, or discuss new technology and its possibilities, implications and/or other related issues.

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### **Overview of ICDE meetings and speaking engagements in China, July 2017**

The ICDE Secretary General, Gard Titlestad is currently on mission to meet with ICDE members and undertake a number of speaking engagements within China.

Meetings include those with ICDE members and speaking engagements the 2017 International Forum on ICT and Education 2030 and the 2017 Dujiangyan International Forum.

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### **ICDE Keynote to be presented at the 1st International Conference of Technological Innovation in Health, 23 August, Lagoa Nova, Brazil**

ICDE Secretary General, Gard Titlestad has been invited by the Laboratory of Technological Innovation in Health (LAIS) from ICDE member, the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte to provide the keynote lecture on the 23rd August at the 1st International Conference of Technological Innovation in Health.

The Keynote will focus on the topics of innovation, digital transformation and the Sustainable Development Objectives.

The LAIS is a not-profit public leading institution that works mainly in the development of health solutions mediated with technology for the federal, state and municipal levels

The keynote presentation will be made available post conference on the ICDE website.

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### **2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress: OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action**

The 2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress is scheduled to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 18–20 September 2017, co-organized by UNESCO and the Government of Slovenia. This event will mark five years since the [World OER Congress](#) was held in Paris in June 2012.

The Congress will follow the theme »OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action«, reflecting a strong focus on the role of OER in achieving [Sustainable Development Goal 4](#).

Many ICDE members, ICDE OER Chairs in addition to the ICDE Secretary General and Senior Adviser will be in attendance and available for networking opportunities.

Visit the dedicated congress website [here](#).

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### **Presentations now available from the UNESCO IITE co-organised the Global Expert Meeting “Multilingualism in Cyberspace for Inclusive Sustainable Development”**

The first-ever international forum to address the importance of multilingualism and linguistic diversity in the implementation of the sustainable development goals was successfully hosted in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation, from 5 to 9 June 2017, in the framework of the IX annual International IT Forum.

The Global Meeting was building upon the result of the debates on language preservation and the development of linguistic and cultural diversity in cyberspace organized at global, regional and national levels. Thus, nine major international events were held from 2008 to 2016, including five within the framework of the UNESCO Information for All Programme, which were focusing on the cultural, social and ethical aspects of research and development in the sphere of linguistic diversity in cyberspace and using ICT for effective language preservation.

[Here](#) you can read an overview on OER in the perspective of lesser used languages and multilingualism, when digitalisation is penetrating education that was published on the ICDE website in June by the ICDE Secretary General.

For presentations, photos from the occasion and more information visit the dedicated webpage [here...](#)

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### **Participate in survey for Online, Open, Flexible and Technology-Enhanced (OOFAT) Models for Education**

We need your help in collecting relevant cases for various provisions flexible and technology enhanced education, please respond to the survey [here](#).

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### **MOOQ and ICDE establish close cooperation**

MOOQ and ICDE are joining forces and establish a close partnership: The two leading international initiatives for online learning share the same quality vision and interest in the field of Open Education. Consequently, the European Alliance MOOQ and the global membership organization ICDE have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a close cooperation. Christian M. Stracke, MOOQ coordinator, and Gard Titlestad, ICDE Secretary General, who signed the MOU, believe that the collaboration will provide benefits for the whole community worldwide. A first focus will be the improvement of the quality of Open Education and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

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### **Missed out on the two back to back events in France in May? Presentations available online**

- [Visionary Leadership for Digital Transformation: Higher Education for the sustainable future we want.](#)

- [ICDE Leadership Summit 2017: Leadership when transforming education through learning analytics and adaptive learning](#)
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## ICDE AND MEMBER EVENTS TO REGISTER FOR

### **27th ICDE World Conference on Online Learning: Teaching in a Digital Age – Re-Thinking Teaching & Learning, 16 -19 October, 2017, Toronto, Canada.**

For more information about the conference and to register click [here...](#)

### **31st AAOU 2017 Conference, 27 – 29 September 2017**

Register your attendance at the 31st AAOU 2017 Conference which will hopefully provide the catalyst for knowledge sharing among participants, particularly in areas pertaining to the sub-themes. For more information see [here](#).

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### **ICDE Board Member and former President of ICDE, Prof. Tian Belawati, Rector of Universitas Terbuka, Indonesia available for networking at the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Council Conference**

ICDE members attending the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Council Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia and those interested in finding out more about ICDE and how to join have the opportunity to connect with Prof. Belawati from the 24-26 July 2017 at the Ministry of Education and Culture, Jakarta. To find out more about the conference visit the website [here](#).

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### **Save the date: International Conference on 'Literacy in a Digital World' (UNESCO Headquarters, France, 7-8 September 2017)**

UNESCO will organize an **International Conference on “Literacy in a Digital World”** on 7-8 September 2017 at its Headquarters in France to celebrate International Literacy Day (ILD).

The overall objective is to reflect on what it means to be literate in increasingly digitally-mediated societies and to explore effective literacy policies and programmes that can leverage the opportunities of a digital world. If you have any inquiries regarding the International Conference, ILD or the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, please contact the Secretariat through: [literacy@unesco.org](mailto:literacy@unesco.org).

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### **Call for Proposals for the edited book *Ecologies of Open: Inclusion, intersections, and interstices in education*, intended for publication by an open press in 2019.**

It is anticipated that a varied audience for this publication will include instructors and their students; researchers; program and curriculum developers; and higher education and ODL administrators. The open-access publication of this book will increase potential readership.

For more information and for a full description of scope and themes click [here](#).

Contact [icde@icde.org](mailto:icde@icde.org) to share your own resources and suggestions with the global ICDE network and partners.

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- [UGC bans distance edu in non-univ institutes \(India\)](#)
- [Staff crunch: Teachers say new distance learning rules are impossible to implement \(India\)](#)
- [Google Classroom Could Bridge a Gap in Online Learning](#)
- [Free Online Content Provokes Deep Thoughts on the Cost of Learning](#)
- [Facebook, an Online Learning Platform?](#)
- [Lynda.com Graduates to Next Level of Online Learning](#)
- [China Online Education industry expected to grow to 241.6 million in 2021](#)

To stay updated on international news on open, online, distance education keep an eye on the ICDE news page.

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### Events Listing

- [2nd World OER Congress](#) ( 17-20 September, Slovenia)
- [QM Connect Conference - Pathways to Excellence](#) (24-27 September, USA)
- [31st AAOU Conference](#), (27-29 September, Indonesia)
- [27th ICDE World Conference \(17-19 October, Toronto, Canada\)](#)
  
- **ICDE Global Doctoral Consortium ( (17-19 October, Toronto, Canada)**
- [IAU Global Meeting of Associations](#) ( 17-20 October, Ghana)
- [EADTU Annual Conference](#) ( 25-27 October, UK)
- [3rd MENA-Higher Education Leadership Forum \(14-16 November, Dubai-UAE\)](#)

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