

# Learning@Europe



## Events

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Learning@Europe was presented at a number of cultural events and meetings all around Europe, and even further.

### **2006 October 15, Honolulu, Hawaii: E-Learn 06 - World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education.**

Professor Paolini, L@E Scientific Coordinator, presented Learning@Europe to an international audience of pedagogues and experts of educational technologies. He was the only invited speaker from Italy. The abstract of his talk, *Multi-user Virtual Environments for Education: A European Experience*, is available online on the conference website: <http://www.aace.org/conf/elearn/speakers/paolini.htm>

### **2006 September 7, Brighton (United Kingdom): VL/HCC 06 – IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centred Computing**

Learning@Europe was presented at a conference of programmers and visual language experts, with a paper titled: "*Visual Communication in a 3D Virtual Learning Environments*", by C. Poggi and N. Di Blas. The presentation focused on the role of visual communication in the 3D world, its peculiarities and its affordances for learning.

### **2006 June 29, Indiana University, Bloomington (Indiana): ICLS 06 - International Conference of the Learning Sciences**

Learning@Europe was presented to an audience of pedagogy experts and education researchers at the International Conference of the Learning Sciences, with a full paper titled: "*Collaborative Learning in a 3D Virtual Environment: Design Factors and Evaluation Results*", by N. Di Blas, C. Poggi and T. Reeves. Caterina Poggi illustrated the project's features, the monitoring tools, and the main results obtained in years 2004-05 and 2005-06, discussing opinions about data collection methods, and answering the questions of many interested people.

### **2006 June 26, Orlando (Florida): ED-MEDIA**

The paper "*Collaboration and playful competition in a 3D educational virtual world: the Learning@Europe Experience*", by N. Di Blas, C. Poggi and A. Torrebruno, was presented at ED-MEDIA 2006, World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications, which took place in Orlando, Florida. Aldo Torrebruno and Luisa Marini presented the experience, focusing on the features of collaboration and competition, and showed the final results of year 2005-06. The paper received an ED-MEDIA Outstanding Paper Award and obtained a great success!





### 2006 May 9-10, Warsaw (Poland): Digital Culture

Learning@Europe was presented in the Kultury Palace of Warsaw at Digital Culture, a cultural event meant to promote the use of new technology in schools. The event was promoted by the city of Warsaw and sponsored by Accenture Poland.

Prof. Lucyna Nocon Kobior and her students gave a demonstration of a L@E experience, by simulating a cooperative session of Learning@Europe, with real-time commentary of Prof. Paolo Paolini (Politecnico di Milano, scientific coordinator), Leopoldo Ferrè (Accenture Italy), and Agnieszka Bienkoska (Accenture Poland).

### 2006 May 3, Bruxelles (Belgium): European Parliament

Learning@Europe was presented at the European Parliament. Paolo Paolini (Politecnico di Milano, scientific coordinator of the project), Leopoldo Ferrè (Fondazione Italiana Accenture) and members of the staff showed a CD-Rom illustrating the project and answered questions.

We warmly thank Honorable Pasqualina Napolitano for organizing the event; we also thank all the parliament members who were so kind as to participate.



### 2006 March 22-25, Albuquerque (New Mexico): Museums and the Web

Learning@Europe flies to the USA for the international conference Museums and the Web 2006.

The L@E experience was presented in the Exhibits Hall for two consecutive days. Conference attendees (museum professionals, multimedia designers, authors of web-based educational resources) stopped to look at a plasma screen showing the new CD that illustrates Learning@Europe. Many interested people asked details

to the staff, took away brochures and copies of the CD, sometimes left their contact information to receive updates or further material.

L@E was also illustrated to an audience of researchers, academics, and museum professionals during the presentation of the paper: "3D for Cultural Heritage and Education: Evaluating the Impact" by N. Di Blas and C. Poggi, published in the conference proceedings.

(<http://www.archimuse.com/mw2006/papers/diblas/diblas.html>)

### 2005 December 5 – 2006 January 25: Learning@Europe meets the teachers

Learning@Europe was presented to teachers of European countries in several occasions, sometimes involving also political authorities at national level, such as Janis Reirs, special assignments minister for electronic government affairs of Latvia. Below is a list of the latest meetings with teachers:

- 2006 January 25, Paris (France)
- 2006 January 11, Glasgow (Scotland, U.K.)
- 2005 December 16, Madrid (Spain)
- 2005 December 13, Warsaw (Poland)
- 2005 December 5, Riga District (Latvia)





**2005 November 26, Genoa (Italy): TED (Tecnologie E Didattica, Technology and Education)**

Learning@Europe was presented at TED (Tecnologie E Didattica, Technology and Education), a major national event held annually in Genoa (Italy). Teachers, headmasters and parents showed great interest in the program.

**2005 June 28 - July 2, Montreal (Canada): Ed-Media**

Learning@Europe was presented during a poster session at Ed-Media, international conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications, promoted by the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education. Educators, instructional designers, and experts of interactive learning systems from different parts of the world stopped in front of our poster to get a detailed description of the program.



**2005 June 17, Milano (Italy): Learning@Europe Event at Palazzo Stelline**

Italian educational authorities (including the Rector of Politecnico di Milano), 12 teachers involved in L@E coming from France, Italy, Norway, Poland and Spain, representatives of Accenture Foundation and an audience of Italian teachers took part in this event officially presenting the results of the first year of Learning@Europe.



**2005 June 16, Milano (Italy): Working Day with L@E Teachers and the Scientific Committee**

12 teachers from 5 of the 6 countries involved in Learning@Europe 2004-05 took part in a focus group, assessing the results of online surveys and providing insights and anecdotes about class activities that helped understanding data.

In the afternoon, a meeting was held with 4 experts of the Scientific Committee, who reviewed the results and proposed a plan for the contents of the following year.

**2005 April 13-16, Vancouver (Canada): Museums and the Web**

After seeing a L@E session performed "live" under their eyes, a few attendees of Museums & the Web '05 (museum professionals, experts of multimedia content on cultural heritage, and designers of educational online resources) had a chance to experience a synchronous cooperative session of Learning@Europe. They played the roles of students, controlling avatars in the 3D world and answering the Guide's quizzes. They particularly enjoyed playing with their team partners in the Treasure Hunt.

