

The 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mobile Learning was hosted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, during 3 – 5 March, 2021.

This conference was organized by the International Association for Development of the Information Society (IADIS).

The Mobile Learning conference sought to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of mobile learning research which illustrate developments in the field. In particular, but not exclusively, aimed to explore the theme of mobile learning under the following topics: Learning analytics and mobile learning, Cloud computing and mobile learning, Pedagogical approaches, models and theories for mLearning, mLearning in and across formal and informal settings, Strategies and challenges for integrating mLearning in broader educational scenarios, User Studies in mLearning, Learner mobility and transitions afforded by mlearning, Socio-cultural context and implications of mLearning, Mobile social media and user generated content, Enabling mLearning technologies, applications and uses, Evaluation and assessment of mLearning, Research methods, ethics and implementation of mLearning, Innovative mLearning approaches, Tools, technologies and platforms for mLearning and mlearning: where to next and how?

This edition was published jointly with the 8th International Conference on Educational Technologies (ICEduTech 2021). These events received 119 submissions from more than 21 countries. Each submission was anonymously reviewed by an average of 4 independent reviewers, to ensure that accepted submissions were of a high standard. Out of the papers submitted, 21 received blind referee ratings that signified acceptability for publication as full papers (acceptance rate of 18%). A few more papers were accepted as short papers, reflection papers, doctoral paper and poster.

Extended versions of the best papers were selected to be published in:

Interactive Technology and Smart Education (ITSE) journal (ISSN: 1741-5659)

the IADIS International Journal on WWW/Internet (IJWI) (ISSN: 1645-7641)

IADIS International Journal on Computer Science and Information Systems (ISSN: 1646-3692)



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Besides the papers' presentations, the conferences also featured three keynote presentations: by Professor John Traxler (Professor of Digital Learning, University of Wolverhampton, UK); Professor Yiyu Cai (Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore) and Professor Johannes Cronjé (Dean of Informatics and Design, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa). There was also included a Special Talk presented by Professor Cathie Norris (Regents Professor, Co-Director, Center for Digital Curricula, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, USA) and Professor Elliot Soloway (Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Co-Director, Center for Digital Curricula, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA).

### **Keynote Presentations:**

#### MLEARNING: WHERE TO NEXT? COVID-19 AND THE 'NEW NORMAL' POINT THE WAY



by Professor John Traxler, Professor of Digital Learning, University of Wolverhampton, UK

#### **VARTEL EDUCATION INNOVATION**



by Professor Yiyu Cai, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

#### HOW WHATSAPP BROUGHT US TOGETHER AT A TIME OF ISOLATION

by Professor Johannes Cronjé, Dean of Informatics and Design, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa

## Special Talk:

# SEAMLESS LEARNING: USING THE SAME DEEPLY-DIGITAL CURRICULA FOR IN-SCHOOL AND REMOTE LEARNING

by Cathie Norris, Regents Professor, Co-Director, Center for Digital Curricula, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, USA and Elliot Soloway, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Co-Director, Center for Digital Curricula, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

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