The 12th International Conference on Mobile Learning was hosted in Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal, during 9 – 11 April, 2016.

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 received 62 submissions from more than 19 countries. Each submission had been anonymously reviewed by an average of 4 independent reviewers, to ensure that accepted submissions were of a high standard. Consequently, only 10 full papers were approved which meant an acceptance rate of 16%. A few more papers were accepted as short papers, reflection papers, posters and doctoral papers.

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

- the International Journal of Mobile and Blended Learning (ISSN: 1941-8647).

In addition to the papers’ presentations, the conference also featured a keynote presentation from an internationally distinguished researcher, Prof. Dr. Prof. h.c. Andreas Dengel, Scientific Director at the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI GmbH), Kaiserslautern, and Professor at University of Kaiserslautern, Germany. Also it included a tutorial presentation entitled “Planning for Ethical Challenges in Mobile Learning Research” by Dr. Jocelyn Wishart, University of Bristol, UK and a panel entitled “Beyond The Course Management System: Social Media and Mobile Learning” presented by Dr. Jake McNeill and Dr. Erin L. Ryan, Kennesaw State University, USA.
Keynote Presentation:
“CO-CREATIVE COMPANIONS FOR CYBER-SOCIAL TEAMING”
by Prof. Dr. Prof. h.c. Andreas Dengel, Scientific Director at the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI GmbH), Kaiserslautern, and Professor at University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

Tutorial Presentation:
“PLANNING FOR ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN MOBILE LEARNING RESEARCH”
by Dr. Jocelyn Wishart, University of Bristol, UK

Panel:
“BEYOND THE COURSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE LEARNING”
by Dr. Jake McNeill and Dr. Erin L. Ryan, Kennesaw State University, USA


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