

Call for Papers

6th Learning and Technology Symposium

“Cyber Citizenship: Vistas and Visions”

April 5 and 6, 2008

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Log on, Learn, and Live!

Technology is a tool that is reshaping society. Global communication, knowledge exchange, and cultural contacts are a simple click away. Technology is now available worldwide even in the so-called developing countries. An increasing number of people have the chance to be part of this transformation and to play a role therein by voicing opinions and contributing to our collective knowledge of emerging technologies and their application.

Effat College invites you to join us in exploring this brand new world at the 6th Learning and Technology Symposium to be held in Jeddah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This year's theme is “Cyber Citizenship: Vistas and Visions.” The aim of the Symposium is to increase awareness about the global digital nation of which we are all citizens and to showcase best practices and technological innovations.

Presenters will demonstrate how to use new technologies such as blogs, wikis, and virtual worlds. Participants will be invited to engage with others in exploring how new technologies can be applied in a variety of settings, including higher education, business, industry, research, and personal growth. We also invite participants who are interested in sharing research specific to education and training technologies.

Please send submissions to LT@effatcollege.edu.sa by January 15, 2008.

We invite submissions on the following topics.

Topic	Description	Examples
Emergent Technologies and Practices	Using emergent technologies in the context of learning and teaching with a main focus on authoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wikis, Blogs, Podcasts, Youtube Graphics and animation, Digital Art, Alice Web 2.0
Tools and Systems	Integrated tools and systems available for learning and teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Databases, learning management systems Open source initiatives Authoring tools
Social and Cultural Issues	Issues related to technology use in society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to technology Women in technology Social studies technology Social change Corporate social responsibility Teacher motivation and burnout
21st Century Skills	Skills for 21 st cyber citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information literacy Creativity, problem solving Ethics, protection and safety Social networking Language learning Learning with new challenges
Networking, Infrastructure and Security	Networking issues for educational institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privacy, policy, access Architectures Issues of concern for school administrators
Teaching and Learning	The impact of the new technologies on teaching and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new role of teachers and learners Teaching and learning support Curriculum upgrading Staff training and development Learning communities and networking Learning through or teaching with games, robotics, graphics, and animation

Submissions will be considered for the following categories:

- **Full papers** (45 minutes) describing projects, systems, resources, reviews, evaluations, empirical studies, and local case studies.
- **Brief Papers** (20-30 minutes) for new developments, demonstrations, and lessons learned from on-going projects.
- **Panel Discussions** (45 minutes to 1 hour) with 3 to 5 people presenting views and discussing them with the audience. Half of the time will be allocated to audience participation.

- **Workshops** (Half to Full Day) with intensive training on tools or systems of interest to educators and businesses people. Companies are welcome to conduct workshops and award certificates to attendees.
- **Student Posters** (For Display Only) showing student projects related to any of the Symposium's themes. A prize will be awarded to the best poster.

NOTE: Priority will be given to submissions for Workshops or Interactive Presentations.

Please include the following information with the submission:

- Title of paper
- Type of contribution (see above)
- Author(s) name, affiliation, address, country , telephone, email
- Topic keywords (up to 4)
- Abstract (maximum 350 words)
- Target audience

Preliminary Symposium Schedule

Saturday, April 5, 2008

8:00 am Registration opens
9:00 am Welcoming session with opening keynote
10:00 -1:00 Concurrent presentations
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 Concurrent presentations
7:00 - 9:00 Evening ceremony

Sunday, April 6, 2008

9:00 - 4:00 Concurrent workshops

Submission deadline	January 15, 2008
Announcement of accepted papers	January 31, 2008
Final paper submission	February 20, 2008
Learning and Technology Symposium	April 5 - 6, 2008