



Foreword

Fourth International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society

I am very proud that The International Journal of the Computer, the Internet and Management (IJCIM) has the privilege of publishing the Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society. The role that Information Technology, especially the Internet, currently plays in education, and the increased role that it will play in the future, are of great interest to us and is often the focus of our regular issues. To once again devote an entire issue to this topic is thus an extraordinary opportunity for us.

The range of papers given at the conference and published here is very wide, suggesting the great scope of eLearning. A wide variety of approaches are represented as are a wide variety of educational philosophies and technologies. This variety is a sign of great health in the field and suggests that in the coming years there will be an increased experimentation that will have a great impact on the practice of the educational process. I am happy to have a wonderful range of educational and computer specialists coming together in the conference and represented in these proceedings, as well as educators, IT professionals, and academics. Certainly, there will be much for everyone concerned with the field to think about in these Proceedings.

There is not enough space on this page to summarize the many papers published here but I would like to remark on the optimism I find in the work being done. There is a real sense that progress is being made and that learning at all levels – from the basic education of early youth, to the advanced learning in colleges and universities, to the lifelong learning that will be so important in the years to come – will be transformed by this work. The field is moving rapidly and we look forward to a conference next year which continues that progress still further.

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