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It is well documented that our modern society is characterized by rapid developing and ever-changing political, social, economical, technological and environmental situations. Consequently, our society of the 21st century makes great demands on its members in virtually every aspect of their lives. Members of the society must now keep pace with these mutable situations, adapt their skills and expertise with agility, collaborate, and compete to provide value to society. Technology subjects and the engineering domain are, in particular, affected by this situation.

As a result of this, educational approaches have changed over the last century from remedial repetitive learning to today's learning, which focuses on acquiring an understanding of how to become more independent in the learning process. Learning is no longer concentrated mainly in the first stages of human life through formal education and specific training in business, but it becomes a day-by-day routine over a human's life cycle. This situation requires new forms and channels in the learning process. Additionally, modern learning approaches must account for social and cultural aspects as well as the individual's profile including task and role-based aspects, interests, knowledge state, short-term learning objectives and long-term career goals. Thus processing and acquiring knowledge is a key to a modern learning pedagogy, but also content creation, collaboration and community-based practice for knowledge and skills development are important success factors.

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The conference will cover papers in the categories of: research, development, evaluation and best practices that deal with learning Engineering Education in academic, organizational, and life-long learning settings including, but not limited to the following areas and their associated topics:

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Location: Avenida de Madrid, 102 - 05001 Ávila

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**Susan M. Lord – Professor and Coordinator of Electrical Engineering, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, U.S.A. President of the IEEE Education Society**



Susan M. Lord received a B. S. with distinction in Electrical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University and the M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. Author of over seventy publications, her teaching and research interests include electronics, optoelectronic materials and devices, service-learning, feminist pedagogy, lifelong learning, and engineering student persistence. From 1993-1997, Dr. Lord taught at Bucknell University. She is currently Professor and Coordinator of Electrical Engineering at University of San Diego (USD). Her research has been supported by several National Science Foundation (NSF) grants from various programs including a CAREER grant, instrumentation and laboratory improvement (ILI) grants, scholarships for STEM (SSTEM), gender in science and engineering (GSE), and innovations in Engineering Education. She is the Guest Co-Editor of a special issue of the International Journal of Engineering Education on Applications of Engineering Education Research. Dr. Lord has worked at SPAWAR Systems Center, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, AT&T, and General Motors. She is a member of the IEEE, ASEE, SWE, and Tau Beta Pi. She has served on the national administrative boards of the IEEE Education Society (EdSoc) and the ASEE Education and Research Methods (ERM) Division. Dr. Lord served as the General Co-Chair of the 2006 Frontiers in Education (FIE) Conference and has served on the FIE Steering Committee since 2006. Dr. Lord served as Vice President of EdSoc for 2007-2008 and President for 2009-2010.

### **IEEE Education Society: Global Leader in Engineering Education**

The IEEE Education Society (EdSoc) is pleased to be a sponsor of EDUCON and technical co-sponsor of TAAE. EdSoc leaders view this conference as vital for carrying out the mission of our society and believe that EDUCON will be at the forefront of global Engineering Education in the future. In this talk, I will describe some of the history of the Education Society, its recent strategic planning process, and its hopes for the future. What is the Education Society? In April 2009, EdSoc leaders developed new vision and mission statements to introduce EdSoc to the world. The vision of EdSoc is “The IEEE Education Society strives to be the global leader in Engineering Education”. The mission is “The IEEE Education Society is an international organization that promotes, advances, and disseminates state-of-the-art scientific information and resources related to the Society’s field of interest and provides professional development opportunities for academic and industry professionals”. Currently, EdSoc has about 3000 members globally including 30% from IEEE’s Region 8 (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa) and 10% from Region 9 (Central and South America). Strengths of the Education Society include being globally engaged, recognized, and sought after to collaborate in educational innovation, generating quality publications and conferences, and dedicated leadership.

**Patricia Manson – Head of Unit, Cultural Heritage and Technology Enhanced Learning in the Directorate General Information Society and Media of the European Commission.**



Patricia Manson has worked at the European Commission since the early 90s on ICT applications areas in the Community's research programmes and for the past 4 years has been involved in defining the research agenda and subsequent workprogramme for technology enhanced learning research and for its implementation through the funded projects. Prior to joining the Commission she worked in the UK on a research-funded post providing technology and market watch, as well as information and advisory services to the cultural heritage community on the adoption of ICTs.

**Learning in the 21st Century: Technology-Enhanced Learning and European Research**

The presentation will explore the challenges facing learning in the 21st century and describe the role of European research in technology enhanced learning in this changing context. Experience has revealed the importance of giving equal weight to the technologies, to the learning and to the improvements in learning and this balance is at the core of technology-enhanced learning.

**Javier Uceda – Professor of the Automatic Control, Electronic and Computer Engineering Department at Technical University of Madrid. Rector of Technical University of Madrid**



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**Innovation in Engineering Education**

Engineering is changing as a consequence of scientific and technological evolution and society needs and demands. Engineers need to understand the structure and behaviour of matter from nanoscale to extremely complex systems. Convergence of scientific and technological disciplines requires also an interdisciplinary approach in education. In this presentation some of the challenges and possible orientations in Engineering Education will be discussed.

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**Area 3: General Issues in Engineering Education - Innovative Experiences - Chairman: Jaime Sánchez - room H - M1 - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
08D	The developing of personal and professional skills in automotive engineers through university competitions	Álvarez, Miguel Angel;Aparicio, Francisco;Galindo, Ernest;Sánchez Alejo, Francisco Javier	Institut Supérieur de l'Automobile et des Transports (France);Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain)
	MotionLab	Andrés Gutiérrez, Juan José;González, Miguel;Zayas Gómez, David	Telefónica R&D (Spain);University of Valladolid (Spain)
	Reflections about Teaching Engineering Graphics: Knowledge and Competencies Management	Jordá Albiñana, Begoña;Rojas Sola, José Ignacio	Technical University of Valencia-UPV (Spain);University of Jaén (Spain)
	Measuring collaboration and creativity skills through rubrics	Chicaiza, Janneth;López, Jorge;Piedra, Nelson;Romero, Audrey;Tovar, Edmundo	Technical Particular University of Loja (Ecuador);Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain)

**13:15 - 13:45 - Refreshment Break - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

**13:45 - 14:30 - Keynote Speaker Session - room H - SC - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

Patricia Manson - Head of Unit, Cultural Heritage and Technology Enhanced Learning - Directorate General Information Society and Media of the European Commission

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**14:30 - 14:45 - EDUCON Awards ceremony - room H - SC - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

IEEE EDUCON 2010 Meritorious Service Award - Dr. Russell D. Meier

IEEE Education Society Chapter Achievement Award 2009 - Portugal Chapter - Jose Salvado, Jose Carlos Metrolho, Co-Chairs

**14:45 - 16:00 - Cocktail - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

**16:30 - Avila Guided Tour - buses from the Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

**19:00 - Social Activity Los Talaos - Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

**21:00 - Dinner in Palacio Los Velada - buses from the Conference Palace (Lienzo Norte) - Avila**

**23:00 - Bus back to Madrid - buses from the Palacio los Velada - Avila**

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**9:30 - 12:00 - Registration Open - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

**9:30 - 10:30 - Session 9**

**Area 1: Uses of Technology in the Classroom - Learning Experiences - Chairman: Cristophe Gravier - room M - 2 - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09A	Barone, Dante Augusto Couto Challenges in an Emerging Country: A Digital Divide Case Using Robotics	Barone, Dante Augusto Couto;Gomes, Marcelo Carboni;Horwath, Karla Chagas	UFRGS (Brazil)
	Leo, Tommaso Team Teaching for Web Enhanced Control Systems Education of Undergraduate Students	Falsetti, Carla;Leo, Tommaso;Manganello, Flavio;Pistoia, Antonio	Technical University delle Marche (Italy)
	Premchaiswadi, Wichian Enhancing Learning Systems by using Virtual Interactive Classrooms and Web-based Collaborative Work	Jongsawat, Nipat;Premchaiswadi, Wichian; Tungkasthan, Anucha	Siam University (Thailandia)
	Alvarez, Teresa How can Apache help to teach and learn automatic control?	Álvarez, Teresa;Francisco, Jesús;Herrero, David;Madrigal, David	University of Valladolid (Spain)

**Area 4: Active Learning - Collaborative learning - Chairman: Rachida Ajhoun - room M - G - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09B	Martinich, Leslie P Retaining and Retraining: An Innovative Approach to Educating Engineers in a Changing Economy	Martinich, Leslie P;Polito, Catherine	Engineering Leadership Institute-Competitive Focus (USA);University of Texas at Austin (USA)
	Martín, Estefanía Active Learning in Telecommunication Engineering: A case study	Hernán Losada, Isidoro;Lázaro, Carlos;Martín, Estefanía	University Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)
	Sim, Tze Ying Reviews and Findings on Implementing Active Learning in a Large Class Environment	Sim, Tze Ying;Vogel-Heuser, Birgit	University Kassel (Germany);Technische Universität München (Germany)
	Muñoz-Fernández, Isabel Cooperative Learning vs. Project Based Learning: a practical case	García Martín, Javier;López Puche, Pilar;Muñoz Fernández, Isabel;Pérez Martínez, Jorge Enrique;Sierra Alonso, Almudena	Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain);University Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)

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**9:30 - 10:30 - Session 9 (cont.) - Friday, April 16th, 2010**

**Area 1: Collaborative and Social Technologies - Coll. and projects works - Chairman: Marinela Garcia Fernandez - room M - FP - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09C	Distributed Collaborative Homeworks: Learning Activity Management and Technology Suppor	Borge, Marcela;Carroll, John M.;Ganoe, Craig;Jiang, Hao	The Pennsylvania State University (USA)
	Tools for Collaborative Development of Visual Models and Languages	Allert, Heidrun;Richter, Christoph;Tchoumatchenko, Vassiliy Platonovich;Vasileva, Tania Krumova	Technical University of Sofia (Bulgaria)
	Embedding Sustainability in Capstone Engineering Design Projects	Hasna, Abdallah	The University of Southern Queensland (Australia)
	Project-Based Collaborative Learning of Electrical Master Students	Raud, Zojja;Vodovozov, Valery	Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia)

**Area 4: e-Assessment and new Assessment Theories and Methodologies - Theories - Chairman: Fernando Pescador - room M - 7 - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09D	Ensure Program Quality: Assessment A Necessity	Wyne, Mudasser F.	National University (USA)
	Paper-Based versus Computer-Based Testing in Engineering Education	Cagiltay, Nergiz;Yaman, Seniz	Atilim University (Turkey)
	Methods of the quality assurance applied at remote laboratory selection	Cotfas, Daniel;Cotfas, Petru;Samoila, Cornel;Stefan, Alexandru;Ursutiu, Doru	Transylvania University of Brasov (Romania);Bloomfield College (USA)
	Introducing alternative assessment into engineering language education at the Madrid Technical University	Durán Escribano, Pilar;Pierce McMahon, Joana;Ubeda Mansilla, Paloma	Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain)

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**OCW-Universia Special Session: OCW and Open Educational Resources - Chairman: Edmundo Tovar - room M - M - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09E	OCW Consortium: learning through the worldwide sharing and use of free, open, high-quality education materials organized as courses	Tovar, Edmundo	Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain)
	Role of regional consortia in OCWC: OCW-Universia	Aranzadi, Pedro; Capdevilla, Ramón	Universia (Spain)
	Development of the OCW Consortium	Carson, Stephen E; Forward, Mary Lou	MIT OpenCourseWare - OpenCourseWare Consortium

**VISIR Special Session: Workshop on VISIR electrical and electronic remote lab - Chairman: Javier García-Zubía - room M - A3 - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
09F	Workshop on VISIR electrical and electronic remote lab: Principles and educational view	Garcia Zubia, Javier; Gustavsson, Ingvar	Faculty of Engineering, University of Deusto (SPAIN); Blekinge Institute of Technology, (Sweden).

**10:30 - 11:00 - Coffee Break - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

**11:00 - 12:00 - Session 10**

**Area 1: Adaptive and Personalized Technology-Enhanced Learning - Chairman: Doru Ursutiu - room M - 2 - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
10A	Indexing and Searching Learning Objects in a Peer-to-Peer Network	Bulkowski, Aleksander;Duda, Andrzej;Nawarecki, Edward	Grenoble Institute of Technology (France);AGH University of Science and Technology (Poland)
	Public Displays and Mobile Devices in an Augmented Objects Framework for Ubiquitous Learning	Madeira, Rui Neves	ESTSetúbal/IPS (Portugal)
	Adaptation in a PoEML-based E-learning Platform	Anido Rifon, Luis;Caeiro Rodriguez, Manuel;Pérez Rodríguez, Roberto	University of Vigo (Spain)
	Madar learning : learning environment for E&M learning	Najima, Daoudi;Ajhoun, Rachida	ENSIAS UM5S (Morocco);ENSIAS UM5S (Morocco)

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**11:00 - 12:00 - Session 10 (cont.) - Friday, April 16th, 2010**

**Area 3: Specific Engineering Disciplines - Professional Developments - Chairman: Cornel Samoila - room M - G - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
10B	Page, Helen ESA Hands-on Space Education Project Activities for University Students: Attracting and Training the Next Generation of Space Engineers	Walker, Roger;Galeone, P.; Page, Helen; Castro, A.; Emmna, F.; Callens, N.; Ventura-Traveset, J.	European Space Agency (Netherlands, The);ESA Education Office (Spain)
	Galán, Santos A competitive collaborative learning experience in chemical plant design	Galán, Santos	Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain)
	McIntyre, Michael Introducing Project Management Theory into a Capstone Design Sequence	McIntyre, Michael;Wilson, Stacy	Western Kentucky University (USA)
	Romanovs, Andrejs Information Technology in Logistics: Teaching Experiences, Infrastructure and Technologies	Merkuryev, Yuri;Romanovs, Andrejs;Soshko, Oksana	Riga Technical University (Latvia)

**Area 2: Virtual Worlds for Acad., Org., Life-long Learning and training - Virtual media and tools - Chairman: Michael E. Auer - room M - FP - Forestry Eng. building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
10C	Gil, Charo Fingerprint Identification in LMS and its Empirical Analysis of Engineer Students' Views	Castro Gil, Manuel Alonso;Díaz, Gabriel;Gil, Rosario	Spanish University for Distance Education-UNED (Spain)
	Muñoz, Javier A Virtual Photovoltaic Power Systems Laboratory	Díaz, Pablo;Muñoz, Javier	Technical University of Madrid-UPM (Spain);University of Alcalá (Spain)
	Garbi Zutin, Danilo Lab2go - A Repository to Locate Educational Online Laboratories	Auer, Michael E.;Garbi Zutin, Danilo;Maier, Christian;Niederstätter, Michael	Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (CUAS) (Austria)

**11:00 - 12:00 - Session 10 (cont.) - Friday, April 16th, 2010**

**Telefónica Special Session: Telefonica University Chairs Network - Chairman: Fabián García-Pastor - room M - M - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
10D	García-Pastor, Fabian Telefónica University Chairs Network	García Pastor, Fabian	Telefónica (Spain)
	Val, Jose Luis del LMS and Web 2.0 Tools for e-Learning: University of Deusto's Experience.Taking Advantage of Both	Val, Jose Luis del	University of Deusto (Spain)
	Jofre, Lluis Attracting Student Vocations into Engineering Careers. EnginyCAT: Catalonia Promotional and Prospective Plan	Jofre, Lluis	Polytechnic University of Cataluña (Spain)
	Lozano-Tello, Adolfo The LULA Project by the Telefónica Chair of the University of Extremadura - LULA Linux Distribution for Latin American Universities	Blanco Galán, Marcos;Lozano Tello, Adolfo	University of Extremadura (Spain)

**Area 5: Lifelong Learning and Nontraditional Students - Practical experiences - Chairman: Gabriel Diaz - room M - 7 - Forestry Engineering building - UPM**

Presenting Author	Title	Authors	Organizations
10E	Zimmermann, Martin Experiences in Using Integrated Multimedia Streaming Services to Support E-Learning in Manufacturing Processes	Zimmermann, Martin	University of Applied Sciences Offenburg (Germany)
	Arias, Manuel Influence of PBL Practical Classes in Microcontroller-Based Digital Systems Learning	Arias, Manuel;F. Linera, Francisco;G. Lamar, Diego; Hernando, Marta;Rodríguez, Alberto	University of Oviedo (Spain)
	García Doval, Fátima M <sup>a</sup> TICTAC: Information and Communication Technologies for Augmentative Communication Boards	García Doval, Fátima M <sup>a</sup> ;Pousada Carballo, José M <sup>a</sup> ; Vez Jeremías, José Manuel	CEE Manuel López Navalón (Spain);Education Sciences Institute-USC (Spain);University of Vigo (Spain)
	Montero, Eduardo Integrating digital video resources in teaching e-learning engineering courses	Beltrán de Heredia, Álvaro;González, María Jesús; Martínez, David;Montero, Eduardo	La Fresquera Producciones Audiovisuales, Burgos (Spain);University of Burgos (Spain)