

2010 AECT International Convention

Cyber Change: Learning In Our Connected World Anaheim, CA

Concurrent Sessions: October 27-30, 2010

**Workshop Sessions: Tuesday, October 26, Wednesday, October 27,
& Saturday, October 30**

Invitation to Present

The AECT International Convention supports our efforts to improve ourselves by bringing together participants from around the world who offer practical applications, high quality research, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations of innovative approaches and developments in learning, instructional and performance technologies. You are invited to present at the 2010 AECT International Convention in Anaheim, CA. Share your expertise and knowledge with your peers, with those new to the field, and with professional practitioners and researchers representing multiple disciplines.

This year's convention theme is *Cyber Change: Learning in Our Connected World*. The rapid evolution of Web 2.0 technologies has generated a level of communication and interaction never before possible. In response, the National Science Foundation recently generated a 21st century research agenda that specifically focuses on cyberlearning, providing a call to action for research in how such technological systems may be effectively leveraged for the enhancement of learning. In support of this goal, AECT 2010 seeks to explore the transformational potential that these networked innovations hold for education, as well as share current research and best practices related to these developments.

Presentations related to the following five sub-themes are encouraged:

1. Social Networking for Teaching and Learning
2. Distributed Learning Systems: Globalizing Education
3. Innovations in Open Educational Resources
4. The Continuing Evolution of Distance Education
5. Issues in Cyberlearning Design and Development

In keeping with the conference theme, proposals may be submitted that feature the use of advanced information and communications technologies for remote presentation, including special tracks for Second Life and Present@Distance sessions. More traditional proposals that present findings and discuss important developments in research and practice are also welcome.

General Information

Proposal Deadlines

Proposals Open – December 15, 2009

Proposals Close – February 14, 2010

The review process by divisions and affiliates will be completed within six weeks of the closing date for proposals. Check with division and affiliate leaders with regard to their specific interests and review processes.

Proposal Process

To be considered, a complete proposal must be submitted. Presenters are limited to making no more than two (2) concurrent session presentations as key/first presenters during the convention. Presenters are expected to follow the AECT Code of Ethics.

Proposals are peer-reviewed in a blind review process. See the Division/Affiliate links on the AECT.ORG website for further information on proposal requirements. You will receive electronic notification that your proposal has been received and, at the appropriate time, whether it has been accepted for the program. Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- * Clarity of the proposal and the quality of writing.
- * Quality of proposed session's content, organization and format.
- * Relevance, timeliness, and general interest level of the topic.
- * Match to the convention theme(s) and other demands of the program.
- * Suitability for division/affiliate or organization mission and membership.
- * Length and session type including appropriateness for needs of the convention program.

The vast majority of proposals are *regular* proposals. Such proposals must be submitted electronically (see *How to Submit a Proposal Electronically* below) to **one** primary AECT division or affiliated organization for consideration. That is, proposers must identify a division or affiliate to which to submit and not submit the same proposal (or one that is largely the same) to any other division or affiliate. Each division/affiliate has a Convention Planner (usually the President-Elect). If this Convention Planner and/or the peer review panel for a division feel a proposal is not well suited to their division/affiliate, they may recommend it for consideration by another division/affiliate. This occurs without action by the proposer. In addition, a person may propose **no more than two concurrent** session presentations on which he or she is key presenter, although that individual may be a co-presenter on other proposals and may have roundtables/poster presentations.

The intent of (1) not allowing submission of the same (or a very closely related) proposal to more than one division and (2) limiting the number of presentations on which a person may be key presenter is to assure a diverse program in which many strong presentations are included and little duplication occurs.

If you are unsure of the suitability of your proposal for a particular division or affiliated organization, we encourage you to contact the Convention Planner for that division or affiliated organization. The list of Convention Planners can be found on the AECT website at www.aect.org. There are guidelines and principles posted on the AECT.ORG website that will assist in preparing proposals for submission.

How to Submit a Proposal Electronically

To be considered, a complete proposal must be submitted electronically no earlier than December 15, 2009, and no later than February 14, 2010. A complete online proposal submission consists of:

1. Presentation title
2. A short (fewer than 75 words) description
3. A 750-1000 word anonymous abstract
4. Equipment request
5. List of presenters

Procedure:

1. Go to www.aect.org for guidelines and the online submission form.
2. Read the guidelines for electronic submissions.
3. Complete the requested information in the online proposal form.
4. Complete the requested information in the online equipment request form (if you are requesting equipment).
5. Upload the 750-1000 word anonymous abstract, following the directions provided.

After you submit your proposal, you will receive electronic notification that it has been received. The peer review process begins shortly after the submission deadline. This process is discussed in the next section.

Notification of results of review process:

You will receive notification from the division/affiliate convention planner whether your proposal has been accepted or rejected within two months of the last date for submissions - February 14, 2010. If accepted, you will be required to complete an Acceptance/Verification Form acknowledging receipt of an acceptance letter and verifying your commitment to make the presentation at AECT 2010, Anaheim. Recognizing that all convention attendees are part of a shared community of research, practice, and professional growth and that convention registrations enable us to provide a strong convention, accepted proposers who do not register **will not be scheduled** for presentation (and thus will never appear in any printed program or other document). It is the responsibility of the **key presenter** to notify all individuals involved in the presentation as to the status of the proposal. All presenters participating at convention must preregister by September 5, 2010 in order to present. Only those who are present at the conference can submit papers that will be considered for publication in the conference proceedings.

Funding:

Presenters are required to assume responsibility for all costs associated with the presentation, including handout materials, convention registration, housing costs, and related expenses.

Types of Sessions:

Concurrent Sessions

These 20-, 30- or 60-minute sessions are primarily in presentation format and have comprised the majority of convention sessions in past years. The focus of these sessions is on sharing information, such as best practices and research results. Proposals for 60-minute sessions may include more than one presentation (as in a symposium or panel discussion). In addition, two 30-minute concurrent presentations of related content may be bundled together to form one 60-minute session.

Roundtables

Roundtables are designed for small group discussion of specialized topics, with the presenter leading the discussion. This participatory format allows for a highly interactive presentation lasting 60 minutes. Typically, several Roundtable discussions are scheduled simultaneously in one large room, with minimal audiovisual use. Handouts containing key ideas and related information are strongly encouraged for roundtable sessions.

Reflection Paper Sessions

Reflection Paper Sessions are designed to showcase a project, program, process, activity, or the like in an informal setting. A small table is provided to support a display board, laptop, handouts, and the like. Presenters will directly interact with participants by providing an elaboration of the product (project/program/process/activity/etc.); feedback and insights of colleagues on these innovative developments are especially welcome.

AECT/Second Life Concurrent Sessions

Presenters and their avatars present in a 60-minute session both in RL and SL on key issues in the field related to one of this year's themes and sub-themes *AECT/SL* presenters would prepare for presenting in both venues. AECT will provide a presentation room with a facilitator in Anaheim and a computer connected to a data projector so attendees can view the AECT/SL simulcast presentation on a large screen. Following the presentation, the onsite facilitator will coordinate live questioning of the presenter in RL and SL. Depending on bandwidth availability at the convention site and at the presenter's site, live questioning may be done using two-way video, two-way audio, email, or chat (such as IM).

Present@Distance

The 2010 AECT convention will sponsor a limited number of sessions in which presentations can be made by persons participating from a distance. These sessions will all be scheduled consecutively on Thursday, November 4, so that those wishing to register for remote participation in AECT will be allowed to do so for a one-day, remote participation fee. These sessions will require presenters and remote participants to have access to a broadband Internet connection and IP-based video-conferencing equipment that supports the H.323 protocol. Present@Distance sessions will be open to all conference attendees and will have a local session monitor in Anaheim.

Workshops

As half- or full-day sessions, workshops are intended to provide intense professional development opportunities that result in participants' acquiring new skills and in-depth knowledge. Workshops involve focused topics and methods targeted at specific interest groups. Workshops will only be accepted if there appears to be sufficient interest to attract at least 10 attendees. Workshops will be held in Anaheim on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Presidential Sessions

Presidential sessions are selected by the AECT President-Elect, Barbara Lockee. These limited sessions will be selected based on their strong alignment with the conference sub-themes, their importance to the work and interests of the AECT membership, and their likelihood to draw participation from multiple constituencies within AECT. Presidential session proposals are submitted directly to the President-elect or recommended to the President-elect by Division/Affiliate leaders; proposals should contain all of the elements expected in concurrent session proposals. Presidential sessions may be 60 or 90 minutes long.