



## **From the SIGHC Chair**

Welcome to the October 2009 SIGML newsletter. SIGML officers have been busy planning for the 2009-2010 year, and we have many exciting activities in store. First, Tony Vincent already hosted another ustream.tv session on September 30, and information on how to access the archived session is in this newsletter.. Second, we are in the process of creating some committees to give more of you an opportunity to get involved and to provide more activities for SIGML members. Third, we will soon introduce a SIGML digital project, for and by SIGML members. Read about them in detail in the SIGML News section.

Finally, NECC 2009 was a great conference for SIGML with many interesting sessions on mobile learning and of course the well-received SIGML forum at the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. ISTE 2010 in Denver promises to be another great conference for SIGML. Stay tuned for news about SIGML events there.

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## **SIGML News**

### **SIGML Survey**

In case you missed our email, SIGML is considering holding a book study for this year, and we would like your input. If you know of a book that would make for great conversation about mobile learning, please take a couple of minutes to answer five questions in a brief survey that is located at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fYhQNkJDpfjy5Au6pGQGiA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fYhQNkJDpfjy5Au6pGQGiA_3d_3d)

The survey will be open until October 21, 2009. SIGML will create a short list of books suggested and have you vote on which book will be used. The book study will start sometime in December 2009 or January 2010.

### **SIGML Committees**

At the SIGML business meeting in Washington DC, a proposal was made to create a number of small committees to better coordinate and expand SIGML activities. We are currently looking at creating committees for the following:

- Communications (to be chaired by Communications Officer)
- Digital Project
- International
- Professional Development Activities

We already have committees for Conference Proposal reviews (chaired by Dave Ramage), the SIGML Award (chaired by Cathy Risberg and Veronica McGowan), and the ISTE 2010 Conference. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees, please contact Mark van 't Hooft ([mvanthoo@kent.edu](mailto:mvanthoo@kent.edu)).

### **SIGML Digital Project**

Last year SIGML entertained the idea of creating a mobile learning book, with chapters contributed by SIG members. However, we decided that this was not the appropriate medium for what we envisioned (aside from the fact that it would take almost 2 years to get a book published). Instead, we are in the process of setting up a digital project, a venue for SIGML members to share (for free!) best practices in mobile learning by way of vodcasting. Detailed information will follow soon...

### **SIGML is now on Twitter!**

We recently created a twitter account for SIGML on twitter, which is ..... sigml. Please add us to your twitter list to stay updated on SIGML events and news.

### **SIGML Events**

**Podcast Picks (presented by Tony Vincent on September 30, 2009)**, is archived in two parts at ustream.tv: Part 1 is [here](#) and part 2 is [here](#). Another ustream.tv session is tentatively scheduled for November 2009. More on this to follow soon.

### **ISTE 2010 News**



Proposals are almost due!! Here is the information that was previously sent out:

### **SIGML CALL FOR PARTICIPATION - ISTE 2010 PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

SIGML invites your proposal submissions for the ISTE 2010 Conference (June 27 - June 30, 2010) in Denver, Colorado. The ISTE conference (formerly NECC) is the largest of its kind and a premier venue for educators to be informed about best practices in teaching and learning with mobile devices, to network and share ideas, and to experience mobile learning firsthand.

Proposals can be submitted for a variety of presentation types including panel discussions, demonstrations, research papers, posters, or workshops. We encourage you to think outside of the box and submit proposals which contain a high degree of audience participation. After all, SIGML is about mobile learning and we should do more than just talk about it.

All proposals must be submitted online. The online submission form, including complete details, instructions, and review criteria are available starting today, September 9, 2009 at <http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/2010/program/>. The deadline for proposal submissions is October 7, 2009. Final acceptance and regret notifications will be sent by mid-December. To be considered by the SIGML review committee, proposals should be submitted in the **Digital-Age Teaching & Learning /Mobile Learning and Podcasting** strands.

For more information about ISTE 2010, please visit <http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/2010/>. For any questions you may have about a SIGML-oriented session, please contact Mark van 't Hooft ([mvanthoo@kent.edu](mailto:mvanthoo@kent.edu)). For general questions about proposal submissions, please contact ISTE conference staff at [conf-program@iste.org](mailto:conf-program@iste.org).

We are looking forward to seeing many of your proposals.  
The SIGML Officers

## **Feature Articles**

Are you doing some cool stuff with mobile devices? Do you have any good stories to tell? Fellow SIGHC members would love to hear from you! Please submit your ideas and stories to the newsletter. Heck, we'll even help you write up your story if need be! Please contact any of the SIGHC officers for details (contact info is at the end of the newsletter)!

## **Upcoming Mobile Learning Events**

**Handheld Learning 2009**, London, UK, October 5-7, 2009.

<http://handheldlearning2009.com>

**mLearn 2009**, Orlando, FL, October 26-28, 2009

<http://www.mlearn2009.org>

**17th International Conference on Computers in Education (ICCE 2009)**, Hong Kong, November 30-December 4, 2009 (C4: ICCE Conference on Classroom, Ubiquitous, and Mobile Technologies Enhanced Learning (CUMTEL))

<http://www.icce2009.ied.edu.hk>

## **And Finally...**

As always, thanks to everybody who contributed to this month's newsletter. Don't forget to participate by submitting articles, volunteering to serve on a committee, or adding content to the SIGML wiki ☺. Our success depends on YOU!

If you have any news or info for a future newsletter, please send it to Mischelle Grubbs. For the November issue, please submit your contributions by **Friday, October 30.**

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**SIGML Wiki:** <http://sigml.iste.wikispaces.net/space>

**SIGML Website:** <http://www.iste.org/sigml>

**SIGML Discussion Listserv:** [sighc-discussion@iste-listserver.iste.org](mailto:sighc-discussion@iste-listserver.iste.org)

**SIGML Announcement Listserv**

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