

Global Learn Day VII
October 12, 2003

Call for Papers and Presentations

What: Global Learn Day VII (the Seventh annual event)

When: October 12, 2003

Where: From the South Pacific, through New Zealand, Australia, throughout Asia, including Japan, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Pakistan, India, with stops in the Middle East including Abu Dhabi, Africa, passing through Europe onto South America, Central America and North America ending 24 hours later in the Pacific via the Internet.

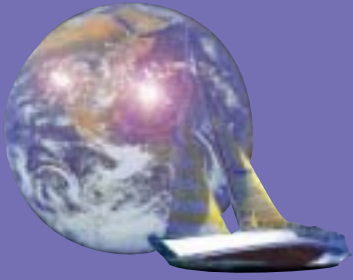
How: Global Learn Day begins at the International Date Line with the new day in the South Pacific and follows the sun as it moves through the 24 time zones completely around the planet. Each year Global Learn Day represents a voyage of discovery as those who participate share the challenges and successes they face in distance education in their part of the world. Using primarily the World Wide Web each participant is able to see and hear each presentation. More importantly, they may also interact with each other and presenters during Global Learn Day by using text based chat, and IP phone.

In recent years Global Learn Day has grown beyond the tens of thousands of Internet based participants to also include additional hundreds of thousands who experience Global Learn Day through public radio and television in various parts of the world.

Global Learn Day, each year a voyage of discovery, uses the metaphor of an ancient sailing vessel transiting the globe following the sun, visiting various educational ports of call, loading a cargo of distance education content distributed freely. Each year two to four **Masts** (topics) are highlighted — or emerge from the proposals which set the themes for that year. However, each year Global Learn Day's primary emphasis is on ***Access and Affordable distance education solutions.***

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The Luminaries

- **Keynoters, speakers and panelists have included such luminaries as Nelson Mandela, Sir John Daniel, Vint Cerf, two American senators, the Governor of Guam, the Mayor of Wellington, the presidents of the Commonwealth of Learning, the World Association of Radio Broadcasters, authors, senior administrators, technologists and department heads from more than two hundred fine universities worldwide.**
- **Sponsors have included CISCO, Pac Bell, Southwest Communications, English Learning Language Institute, Entovation Ltd.**

Scope:

Global Learn Day focuses on providing affordable and universal access to education. During Global Learn Day individuals, organizations, institutions, and government agencies from all parts of the world are invited to make presentations which highlight their projects and program which provide affordable access to education

All are encouraged to submit proposals for inclusion in Global Learn Day VII.

Masts (anticipated for 2003):

- Innovations in distance education,
- practical solutions for distance education,
- critical projects associated with distance education efforts,
- examples of practical applications that provide affordable access to education.

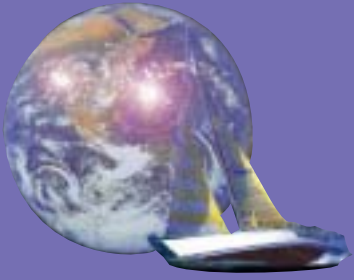
To submit a proposal:

Successful proposals will be submitted in two parts. The first part must include a 250 to 350 word description that addresses basic elements of what, who and how. Further the proposal must list the author or authors and their organization affiliation, if any.

The second part of the proposal involves completing a GLD VII voice-alert form, and making a phone recording. The instructions for completing the form can be found at www.bfranklin.edu/voicealert.htm

An example completed voice-alert can be found at users.voice-alert.com/gld6/6212.html

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Proceedings and Awards:

Accepted proposals will be published on the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Global Learning. Proposal submission indicates your commitment to participate during Global Learn Day.

All presentations will be considered for Best Presentation Awards within several categories. Award winning presentations will be invited for publication in various OnLine Distance Education Journals and will also receive a certificate.

Global Learn Day Conference Fee:

There is no conference fee for presenters or participants. This is a free global distance education conference.

However, members of The International Association of Distance Educators will receive the proceedings from the conference on a CD ROM.

Membership in The International Association of Distance Educators is \$40 per year. To register as a member for Global Learn Day please visit

www.olt.net/IADE/registpmnt.html

Membership includes access to participation in the closing ceremony, and the breakout sessions for the Commission of for-profit Distance Education Providers, the Commission of non-profit Distance Education Providers, and the Commission of Distance Education Technology.

For more information:

See our conference web site at:

www.bfranklin.edu/gld

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