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## ENGLISH EDITION OF COURSE BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED

The printed English version course book of NETIS on Information Society has been published this month and books have arrived to ITTK, the co-ordinator of NETIS project.

The book includes the same chapters as the Hungarian edition, contains the most current and popular themes related to the emerging Information Society:

- Preface by Róbert Pintér ([pdf](#))
- Róbert Pintér: Towards getting to know information society ([pdf](#))
- László Z. Karvalics: Information society – what is it exactly? (The meaning, history and conceptual framework of an expression) ([pdf](#))
- Attila Kincsei: Technology and society in the information age ([pdf](#))
- Szilárd Molnár – Bence Kollányi – Levente Székely: Social networks and the network society ([pdf](#))
- Bence Kollányi: Use of space in the information society age ([pdf](#))
- Márton Holczer: Innovation and competitiveness in the information society ([pdf](#))
- Éva Simon: Introduction to the legal regulation of information society ([pdf](#))
- Lilla Juhász: The information strategy of the European Union ([pdf](#))
- Szilárd Molnár: eGovernment in the European Union ([pdf](#))
- Elisa Mancinelli: e-Inclusion in the Information Society ([pdf](#))
- Árpád Rab: Digital culture – Digitalised culture and culture created on a digital platform ([pdf](#))
- István Bessenyei: Learning and Teaching in the Information Society. eLearning 2.0 and Connectivism ([pdf](#))
- Róbert Pintér: Popular buzzwords, supernarratives and metanarratives for development: What does the term “information society” mean? ([pdf](#))
- Bibliography ([pdf](#))
- Key terms ([pdf](#))

The Greek edition of the book will be available later this year (hopefully in September). Book chapters are also available in [NETIS Moodle](#) (free registration is necessary).

If you need the printed version for teaching activity, or only to check it, touch it, please contact us at [r.pinter@netisproject.eu](mailto:r.pinter@netisproject.eu)

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## SHIPMENT OF NETIS COURSE BOOK



Author, Levente Szekely helps to prepare the book packs for shipment at DHL office

NETIS project team members have shipped the English edition of the course book by DHL (public road transport) in March. DHL stated that the books will arrive within 3-5 workdays to every recipients (i.e. English, Estonian, Greek and Italian partners - the other Hungarian and Slovakian partners will transport the copies by car individually). After some traffic problems, the books finally have arrived safely to every recipients:

- two packs for England, 160 issues
- one pack for Estonia, 100 issues
- two packs for Greece, 135 issues
- one pack for Italy, 100 issues

100 issues are app. 42 kilogramms - so, one can say that science is heavy, and preparation for shipment lasted app. for 3 hours. We have included the copies for teaching and dissemination (e.g. libraries, reviewers, experts and conferences).

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> PROJECT MEETING IN LONDON

NETIS held its fourth general meeting in London, UK at Middlesex University in 2-7 March, 2008. The meeting has focused on:

- Segmentation interviews (with presentations on the results).
- English edition of our Course Book and its dissemination.
- Progress in Textbook (with country reports, papers from students and experts, and papers by NETIS partners).
- eLearning and experiences of NETIS Moodle.
- Teaching activities of all partners and future plans.

- Milestones of NETIS dissemination strategy (e.g. new website, newsletter, project blog, conferences, presence in media. Dissemination of Course Book, Textbook, and Moodle were discussed separately earlier).
- Management, Financial and Evaluation questions.

Presentations will be available soon (on segmentation interview results and experiences and future plans of teaching activities by each NETIS partners) in the *Event section* of our website.

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## NETIS COURSE FOR HUNGARIAN SOCIAL WORKERS –PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Teaching materials of NETIS were used in *Szocinfo* adult teaching project by Infonia Foundation in Hungary. The *Szocinfo* project had its formal final conference on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, where Robert Pinter NETIS project co-ordinator held a presentation on results of information society class. A 6-week-long blended learning training was organized by Szocinfo based on NETIS Course Book and Moodle in September-November 2007. The slides are available in Hungarian [here](#).

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## NEW BLOGPOSTS

The project team launched its blog in September, 2007 in order to disseminate news and developments more effectively.

New posts in the blog:

- [Shipment of Course book](#) by Robert Pinter
- [The English version of the Information Society course book is available now](#) by Robert Pinter
- [NETIS teaching in Estonia, spring 2008](#) by Tarmo Kalvet
- [New publication! The Development of eServices in an Enlarged EU: eGovernment and eHealth in Estonia](#) by Tarmo Kalvet

The blog is available at: <http://netis.edublogs.org>

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## SHORT NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF INFORMATION SOCIETY AND E-LEARNING

### **eLearningeuropa.info**

This web site contains lots of useful E-learning info, events, reference materials, etc. in many European languages. To read their latest newsletter, please visit the elearningeuropa web site by clicking the link provided here:

Visit: <http://www.elearningeuropa.info>

### **Call for Proposals (Journal of Distance Education)**

The journal Distance Education ([www.informaworld.com/DistanceEducation](http://www.informaworld.com/DistanceEducation)) is calling for proposals for the development of a guest edited special themed issue that will need to go to press in early May 2009.

Guest editors should send a short proposal using the following guidelines to the Executive Editor, Som Naidu ([s.naidu@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:s.naidu@unimelb.edu.au)) on or before March 30, 2008.

#### **Guidelines**

- Names and affiliations of guest editor(s)
- A clear and concise statement of the special edition theme
- Its relevance to the scope and coverage of the journal, and
- The need for a focus on the theme

Distance Education publishes research and scholarly articles in the fields of distance, open and flexible learning. This journal is different from related journals in the field because of its focus on the affordances of distance, flexible and open learning activities. Its focus is not on technology alone, but on how technology supports these processes.

Distance Education is owned by the Open and Distance Learning Association of Australia, Inc., and it is published by the Taylor and Francis Group. The journal was first published in 1980, and as such it is the oldest of all journals currently being published in the field. 2009 is its thirtieth anniversary year.

#### **Past themed issues include:**

- Volume 23, Number 1 (2002): Theme: Studying collaboration in distributed problem-based learning environments. Guest editor: Timothy Koschmann, Southern Illinois University, USA.
- Volume 26, Number 2 (2005): Theme: Distance Education: Past contributions and possible futures. Guest editor: Peter Smith, Deakin University, Australia.
- Volume 27, Number 2 (2006): Theme: Online distance education ♦ New ways of learning; new modes of teaching? Guest editor: Rod Sims, Capella University, USA and Knowledgecraft, Australia.
- Volume 28, Number 2 (2007): Theme: Distance education technologies ♦ An Asian perspective. Guest editor: Jon Baggaley, Athabasca University, Canada.
- Volume 29, Number 2 (2008): Theme: Distance education and e3-learning (effective, efficient and engaging learning). Guest editors: Michael Spector and David Merrill, Florida State University, USA.

More: [www.informaworld.com/DistanceEducation](http://www.informaworld.com/DistanceEducation)

Or: [s.naidu@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:s.naidu@unimelb.edu.au)

### **Europe's GEANT, the world's highest speed computer network, goes global**

„Europe's GEANT, the world's largest multi-gigabit computer network dedicated to research and education, is linking up to similar networks world-wide to create a single global research network. In Europe, GEANT already links researchers from Reykjavik to Vladivostok, serving around 30 million users in over 3500 universities and research centres and connecting 34 national research networks. High-speed links will now be established with regional research network infrastructures emerging in the Balkans, the Black Sea and Mediterranean regions, as well Asia, Southern Africa and Latin America. In Europe, GEANT has enabled ground-breaking

research collaboration in fields such as climate change, radio astronomy and biotechnology.”

More:

<http://www.europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/08/133&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **How E-learning Works**

“This article by Lee Ann Obringer is featured on the web site HowStuffWorks.com. Obringer goes through the many aspects of E-learning in a very simple and interesting way, keeping it simple so everyone can understand the concepts. The article examines the following areas:

- Introduction to How E-learning Works
- What is E-learning?
- The Psychology of Learning
- Interactive & Motivating E-learning
- Benefits of E-learning
- Planning Your E-learning Course
- E-learning: Incorporating Text
- E-learning: Integrating Media and Interactivity
- Using Animation in E-learning Courses
- E-learning Tips
- E-learning and College Courses
- Finding and Taking E-learning Courses
- E-learning Tools
- Lots More Information
- See all Conferencing articles”

More: <http://communication.howstuffworks.com/elearning.htm>

### **Introduction to E-learning 2008 slide show**

„Slideshare has numerous slide shows on E-learning that can be informative, fun, and fast. Please link to this slideshow, the search "e-learning, e learning, elearning" etc. You will be amazed at how many slide shows there are on this site. Granted, a lot of the slides may need further explanation, there is still quite a lot of useful content.”

<http://www.slideshare.net/markchilds/introduction-to-elearning-2008>

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## EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Women wanted in Europe's ICT industry!**

„Careers in information and communications technology (ICT) are often thought to be restricted to men. Such a common stereotype is far from the truth. Although the proportion of women graduating in engineering or computer science is still very low, young girls can expect a successful and rewarding career in the ICT sector. This topic is at the core of a conference organised today, ahead of International Women's day (8 March), in Brussels, where the European Commission will encourage young girls in Europe to "Move out of the shadow and seize the opportunity".”

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/392&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

**EcoMedia Europe Conference - "Strategies, Media and Technologies in European Education Systems"**

Riga, June 18-21, 2008

"This conference is designed to explore the challenges and opportunities of current educational developments in Europe. Participants are encouraged to report on case studies, examples of good practice, grass root ideas, experimental research and development results, theoretical analyses or practical experiences in the domain of teaching and learning."

<http://www.ecomedia-europe.net/>

**EEEL 2008 : "International Conference on e-Education and e-Learning"**

Bangkok, Thailand, May 21-23, 2008

The International Conference on e-Education and e-Learning (EEEL 2008) is the premier forum for the presentation of technological advances and research results in the fields of theoretical, experimental, and applied e-Education and e-Learning. EEEL 2008 will bring together leading engineers and scientists in e-Education and e-Learning from around the world.

<http://www.wahss.org/eeel08/>

Submission deadline: March 31, 2008

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## IMPRINT

NETIS is available on the web:

Project website: <http://www.netisproject.eu>,

E-learning environment: <http://netis.nyme.hu>

Blog: <http://netis.edublogs.org>

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