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## GLEANNING NEW KNOWLEDGE FROM THE INTERNET – A PRESENTATION BY CHRIS SADLER

Chris Sadler gave a presentation entitled *Gleaning new knowledge from the Internet* in the School of Computing Science Research Seminar series. The material was based on work done for a paper with a similar title contributed to the NETIS online 'textbook'. Currently large-scale web service providers collect information about their users typically by means of massive collections of personal data which are then 'mined' for trends and preferences. Even if the data owners have unimpeachable intentions, the existence of such data collections poses a threat to the data privacy of all citizens of the information society.

The seminar looked at various suggestions for ways in which equivalent information can be less intrusively collected by exploiting the scale-free properties of social networks – judging opinions, for example, by looking at links between busy social networking sites, rather than analysing individual blogposts. Subsequent discussion focussed largely on the use and purpose of more specific networking sites, like LinkedIn, which are not necessarily particularly 'social'.

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## E-LEARNING – THE SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE – A PRESENTATION BY ISTVÁN BESSENYEI

On the 1st of October 2008 the Hungarian National Institute of Vocational and Adult Education ([https://www.nive.hu/english\\_version/index.php](https://www.nive.hu/english_version/index.php)) organised a countrywide conference with the topic "E-learning - the school of the future". Dr. István Bessenyei was the first speaker with a presentation on network learning methodology, based on NETIS experience. On the conference participated more than 200 teachers from whole Hungary. (The URL of the conference in Hungarian: [https://www.nive.hu/index\\_sec.php](https://www.nive.hu/index_sec.php))

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## GREEK EDITION OF COURSE BOOK IS COMING SOON

The Greek partner of NETIS, ATEI Thessaloniki has started printing of the Greek Course book with the lead of Kerstin Siakas. The 400 examples of the book will be printed until the end of next week. If you are interested to have a copy, please contact us.

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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:

- [NETIS thematic issue of Hungarian Information Society Quarterly](#) by Robert Pinter
- [New Network Knowledge](#) by Chris Sadler

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

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

### **Video dictionary: Word wide web**

„A quarter-millennium after Dr Johnson published the first-ever English dictionary in 1755, 'the world's first democratically compiled, multimedia online dictionary' has just been launched in Johnson's house in London's Gough Square. The everyone-join-in dictionary is called wordia.com, and is the joint offspring of the television producer Edward Baker and Michael Birch, the internet entrepreneur who founded Bebo, the social-networking site. They've linked up with HarperCollins, the blue-chip publisher owned by Rupert Murdoch, to make use of their electronic dictionary of 76,000 headwords and 120,000 definitions. But the unique selling proposition behind wordia.com is visual: they want to compile an archive of videos in which thousands of members of the public will offer their own definitions of favourite words and have them posted on YouTube, with which Baker and Birch are also in partnership.”

[http://www.ejc.net/media\\_news/video\\_dictionary\\_word\\_wide\\_web/](http://www.ejc.net/media_news/video_dictionary_word_wide_web/)

### **HU: Parliament votes for closing digital divide**

„On 6 October 2008, the Hungarian Parliament unanimously voted two resolutions aimed at solving the eInclusion issue in the country. Deputies called for the establishment of an 'e-Inclusion Temporary Parliamentary Committee' and formulated recommendations for closing the digital divide.”

<http://www.epractice.eu/document/5108>

### **SK: eGovernment concept unveiled**

„The Slovak Government has recently approved the 'National Concept for Informatisation of Public Administration' (NCIPA).

Presented as the “second key document for the development of eGovernment in Slovakia”, this concept is a follow-up to the country's 'Strategy for Public Administration Informatisation'. According to the Slovak Ministry of Finance, the NCIPA “takes the vision of development and strategic eGovernment objectives to deeper levels of system architecture and infrastructure.””

<http://www.epractice.eu/document/5114>

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## EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Innovating e-Learning online conference 2008**

Learning in a Digital Age - Are we prepared?

Online conference

4-7 November 2008

Themes for Innovating e-Learning 2008 focus on the productive and energising tension between the tried and tested and the wholly innovative. e-Learning may now have established a foothold in learning and teaching, but are the demands of delivering the curriculum restricting its innovative potential? How can we plan to ensure the best possible e-enhancement of learning in the future?

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/elpconference08>

### **8th International Conference on "Computer Supported Collaborative Learning"**

June 8-13, 2009, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece

CSCL 2009 is a major international event, organised biennially by ISLS, which gathers together people involved in all aspects of the field of technology-based collaborative learning, including research, education, training and technology.

Submission deadlines: November 1, 2008. for full and short papers and December 20, 2008. for posters, panels and pre-conference events.

<http://www.isls.org/>

### **International Conference "Adult Learning and e-Learning Quality"**

November 25-26, 2008

Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

The goal of the conference is to discuss the factors influencing e-learning quality in the context of adult learning, and to contribute to adult learning and e-learning quality assurance.

[http://qualityalliance.vdu.lt/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=12&Itemid=27&lang=english](http://qualityalliance.vdu.lt/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=12&Itemid=27&lang=english)

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## IMPRINT

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