

European CSCL Award for Excellence in the Field of CSCL Technology



The Kaleidoscope¹ CSCL SIG sees the *European CSCL Award for Excellence in the Field of CSCL Technology* as a way of honouring and stimulating high quality research and/or design and development in the area of CSCL.

Nomination procedure:

Through this award, the Kaleidoscope CSCL SIG intends to distinguish computer science *and* interactive/cooperative systems design contributions to CSCL. By the outstanding examples to be awarded in this category, the CSCL SIG stresses the relevance of appropriate innovative technologies and of systems design for CSCL research and practice. Nominations can be made by members of the Kaleidoscope network and/or members of the CSCL community in Europe. (Evidently, self-nominations are excluded.)

The material to be sent in should comprise a short description and appraisal of the proposed work (around 500 words) and the contributions of the nominated person or team. Also, it should come with a list of references to technical or scientific descriptions and possibly applications or evaluations of the suggested work. Available downloads or versions of the system available on the web should be mentioned. The developments (including deployment) should either still be ongoing or should not have been finished earlier than 24 months before the proposal is made.

¹ Kaleidoscope is a Network of Excellence which brings together European teams in technology-enhanced learning. It integrates more than 80 research units from around Europe, covering a large range of expertise from technology to education, from academic to private research. Altogether, it is a community of more than 1000 researchers in 23 countries which have joined in their efforts to develop new concepts and methods for exploring the future of learning with digital technologies.

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Criteria:

In the technology category the main issues are technical innovation and applicability to relevant needs of CSCL. In more detail, the following criteria will be applied in the selection process:

- 1) Novelty and originality of the work in terms of methodology, system architecture, implementation principles, usage scenarios or new types of inter-operability (usually, a combination of these aspects).
- 2) Technical quality in terms of soundness from a computer science and esp. software or usability engineering point of view. State-of-art orientation should be proven by a contextualization of the work in current (technical) literature.
- 3) Relevance to collaborative learning as demonstrated through innovative applications under realistic conditions in practical learning settings.

For the selection process it is important that the systems allow for hands-on trials. Not only should the system or environment be documented in terms of architecture and implementation, but also in term of the enabled practice (e.g., through illustrated reports or videos). Strict empirical evaluation can support the relevance claim but it is not a must.

Review committee

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The award is endowed with 1000 Euro.

The nomination including the nomination text (approx. 500 words), affiliations and full addresses of the nominator and the nominee, as well as a copy of the scientific article to be considered should be sent by email to pierre.dillenbourg@epfl.ch before **October 1, 2006**