IFIP WG's 3.1 and 3.5 (in co-operation with 3.6) Open Conference
Aulanko, Hämeenlinna, Finland, June 13-18, 1999

Communications and Networking in Education:

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to ComNEd'99

It is our pleasure to invite fellow researchers, developers, and practitioners of communications and networking in education to participate in this open conference organised by the International Federation for Information Processing IFIP. Through its Technical Committee (TC 3) on Education IFIP enhances good professional practice in the area of educational technology. IFIP's Working groups WG 3.1 (ICT in Secondary Education) and WG 3.5 (ICT in Elementary Education) in association with WG 3.6 (Distance Education) together with local organisers (University of Helsinki, Finnish Information Processing Association, Summer University of Häme, Finnish National Board of Education and Finnish Ministry of Education) will be hosting this unforgettable event.

In ComNEd'99 the broad range of issues associated with the introduction of ICT into school education systems will be explored through more than eighty different presentations from more than twenty countries. Special attention will be paid to give participants an up-to-date and critical review of the state of the art of ICT in Finnish education.

Finland as the host country is not known only for its highly developed educational technologies and fascinating high-tech design but also for the natural beauty of its forests and lakes. You will be surprised of the versatility and quality of music and art included in the programme or available during your stay. Do not miss this unique opportunity to experience them all during the conference week in June.

ComNEd is an investment that needs careful consideration to justify your participation. Realising our responsibility as organisers we are working hard to make every minute of your stay worth the time and money spent. We are convinced that all the ingredients for a successful conference have been identified and are available. A substantial number of active participants will be needed, however, to make a conference a real success. So we hope you'll find ComNed a must.

For further information and registration, please have a look at this brochure and for more details visit our web-site or contact us.

Important dates to remember:

March 12	Last day of early-bird registration
May 10	Last day of registration
June 13	Conference opening

Looking forward to seeing you at ComNEd'99!

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The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and its Working Groups 3.1 (ICT on secondary education) and 3.5 (ICT on elementary education) in association with 3.6 (distance education) under the Technical Committee on Education (TC3) invite researchers, developers, and practitioners to share their experiences in an Open Conference *Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society, ComNEd'99* .

The conference will take place under the unforgettable northern sun (the sun stays below the horizon four hours only) in the most picturesque Finnish lake district only 100 kilometres from Helsinki in the panoramic settings of Hotel Aulanko, near Hämeenlinna, Finland from June 13th to 18th, 1999 just before the last midsummer festival of this millennium.

The ComNEd '99 conference continues and updates the exploration of a broad range of issues associated with the introduction of ICT into school education systems (pre-school through 18 years) that began when computers first appeared in schools. Recent IFIP Working Group 3.1 & 3.5 open conferences on related themes have been held in Austria (1993), Israel (1996) and Zimbabwe (1997). On this occasion we are pleased that Working Group 3.6 (Distance Education) is also a joint host.

The conference programme has been designed to support and encourage the in-depth treatment of conference topics, informed discussion, the informal exchange of ideas and opinions, and to encourage the establishment of new personal relationships. As on previous occasions, the Conference will provide a stimulating opportunity to work together for a week in the company of other experts in the field from all over the world. Proceedings from the Conference will be shared with the international community through the post-conference publication.

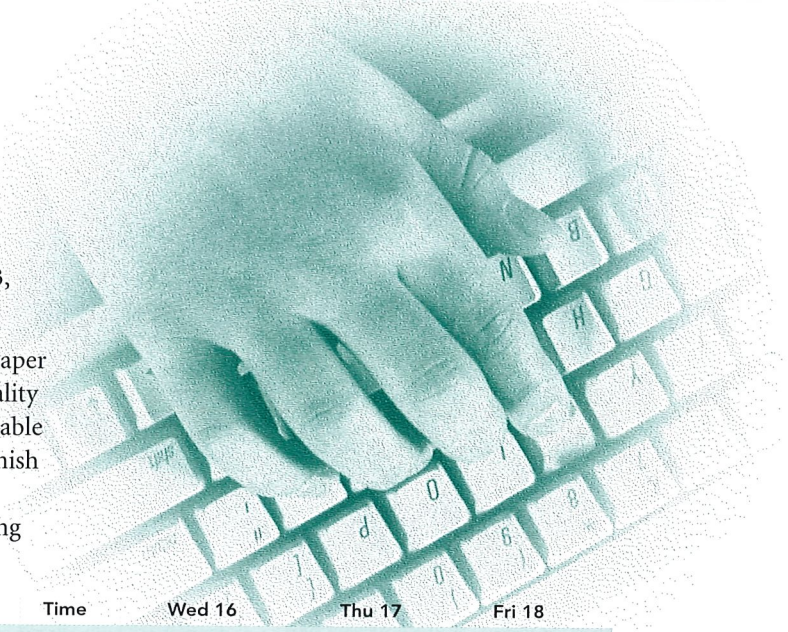
Academic papers, panel discussions, project presentations and keynote lectures will address key issues from a number of perspectives. The arrival of the Internet in schools is, for example, creating opportunities for new ways of working in both traditional classrooms and for distance learners. Several conference sessions will focus on issues in these areas. Additionally, these developments have profound implications for the future role of the teacher and so conference sessions will also address this.

Teacher education is widely seen as the key to bringing about change in teaching and learning but it is also acknowledged to be complex because current teaching practices have deep cultural roots that are closely associated with traditional classroom activities and working patterns. The challenges to both pre-service and in-service teacher education will be widely discussed in sessions.

The availability of ICT in the classroom has provided us with a new dimension in which to explore our understanding of learning processes. Conference papers and discussion will also assess what can be learnt from experiences in this area.

This brochure includes full details of the expected conference programme and it shows how key themes will be addressed. We, the ComNEd'99 organisers, hope you find it exciting and would like to welcome you to meet with us and other colleagues in Aulanko. Several hundred participants are expected from all around the world so please join us!

Programme structure of the conference



The conference will start on Sunday afternoon, June 13, and will close on Friday June 18 by lunch-time.

The programme consists of keynote lectures, parallel paper sessions, theme panels, demonstrations, and as a speciality an action–reaction session. Poster sessions will be available as well. One afternoon and evening is dedicated to Finnish presentations, and another one for social and cultural programme on the Finnish countryside notwithstanding Sauna.

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Time	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
	Breakfast	*Breakfast*	7	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*
	Opening Ceremony Keynote	Action - Reaction session Papers Papers	9 10	Keynote *Coffee*	Action - Re action session Papers Papers	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers
	Coffee	*Coffee*	10.30	Papers Papers	*Coffee*	*Coffee*
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Regist-ration	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	12.30	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*
	Theme Theme Panel Panel	Finnish plenary & parallel presentations	14	Cruise &	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers	
Sightseeing of Hämeenlinna and bus transfer to the town centre	*Coffee*	*Coffee*	16	Excursions in	*Coffee*	
	Papers Papers	parallel presentations	16.30	Häme region	Papers Papers Papers Papers	
Welcome reception	Papers Papers Demos Posters	continue	— 18.30		Demos Posters	
Bus service back to Aulanko						
Buffet	*Dinner buffet*	Finnish Evening Sauna Midnight swim	19	*Dinner buffet*	*Dinner*	

Conference activities

The Keynotes

The keynote talks, present an overview of the conference themes. The speakers are as follows:

Margaret Riel, Associate Director, Center for Collaborative Research in Education, University of California, Irvine. She took her Ph.D at the University of California, Irvine and is known for designing a networking program "Learning Circles" for elementary and secondary schools. The title of her keynote speech at ComNED´99 (via videolink) is *Learning Spaces of the Future – Where are we heading?* You can find out more about her on her web-pages: www.gse.uci.edu/mriel.html/

Alexei Semenov, Doctor, President of Institute of New technologies, Moscow, Russia. The title of his keynote is *Technology and School Transformation.*

Erno Lehtinen is professor of Education and dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Turku, Finland. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Turku and took his post-doctoral studies in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He has been a visiting research scholar at the University of Edinburgh and in the Learning Research and Development Center at the University of Pittsburgh. His research interests relate to learning research, particularly in the learning of advanced mathematics and complex skills. Recently his research has focused on the possibilities of implementing the theories of cognitive science in the development of computer-based learning environments.

The title of his keynote is: *Information and communication technology in education: desires, promises, and obstacles.*

Keynotes

The keynote talks, three in all (45 minutes each) present an overview of the conference topics and of its themes.

Paper sessions

Paper sessions are parallel plenary sessions. All papers will be available for participants on arrival at the conference in the pre-conference proceedings. In the paper sessions two to three speakers will present their papers in 20—25 minutes each and ample time will then be provided for discussion. Conference participants are strongly encouraged to discuss the papers with presenters and other colleagues. These discussions will form one of the essential and most rewarding features of the conference.

Theme Panels

Theme Panels provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in group discussions, sharing point of view and experiences, and engaging in debate. Members of Theme Panels will each make a 5 minute presentation before the debate is opened up to all those present.

Project Theme Panels and Demonstrations

Teams involved in major projects (many of them involving international links) will present their work in panel sessions that are each dedicated to a project. Following a substantial presentation there will be time to discuss the details of the project and its wider implications.

Action - Reaction Sessions

In addition to the presentation of papers, Action – Reaction sessions will include short prepared reactions to those papers. There will also be time for further discussion of the issues between all those present.

Poster Sessions

Poster and demonstration sessions provide an open forum for participants to make small presentations to facilitate the exchange of views between participants.

Participants who want to demonstrate software and other learning materials to other participants may do so in the demonstration room.

Exhibition

During the conference there will be an opportunity to get acquainted with Finnish educational ICT projects as well as commercial products. Potential commercial as well as non-commercial exhibitors are welcome to contact the organising committee members for more information.

Social Programme

Aulanko is an excellent venue to get acquainted with Finnish culture. Hämeenlinna is a regional centre of Häme built around a medieval castle which is well restored and worth visiting.

Participants will be taken to two separate excursions. On Tuesday evening there will be a visit to Vanajanlinna, a Manor house which has a very special place in the Finnish history. There will be musical programme. The dinner will be served in a unique atmosphere. Participants have also an opportunity to go bathing in Sauna and swim in the lake in the famous northern summer night light.

On Wednesday we will get on board and cruise on the lakes of Häme. One stop will be in the horticultural college providing among other things a rare opportunity to taste Finnish wine. Another stop will be at a forest studio of a Finnish artist of early 20th century. Participants will also have an opportunity to stop by a glass factory where famous Finnish design glass is produced, exhibited, and sold.

Conference venue

The ComNEd'99 will take place at the Hotel Aulanko, 4 kilometres from Hämeenlinna town centre, 105 kilometres from Helsinki. Participants are expected to lodge in the hotel. All professional events of the conference will take place within the hotel premises in lecture halls equipped with full computing and audiovisual facilities. Participants will have free access to computing equipment and software (wordprocessors, email, access to the web, etc.) and will be offered opportunities to run and demonstrate their own materials.

Aulanko offers experiences never to be forgotten. Saunas and an inner swimming pool are freely at guests disposal every morning. On your leisure time you can try Aulanko's fine golf course, horseback riding, or experience the beauty of Finnish watering courses on a cruise or take a walk in the near by forest.

Technical facilities

PCs with standard presentation software and data projectors as well as VHS videos are available for all presentations. Videos with NTSC can be provided on request. For personal use a computer lab with Internet connections will be built.

Organising Institutions

The International Federation for Information Processing

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) is a multinational federation of professional and technical organisations concerned with information processing, that was founded in 1960 under the auspices of UNESCO. IFIP is dedicated to improve worldwide understanding about the role information processing can play in all walks of life, and to increase communication among practitioners of all nations. Members of IFIP are national organisations in the field of information processing.

Technical and scientific work which is at the heart of IFIP's activities is managed by a series of Technical Committees (TC). Each TC is composed of representatives of IFIP member organisations. TC 3 is on Education. Under each TC there operate Working Groups which consist of specialists who are individually appointed by their peers independently of nationality.

The IFIP Working Group 3.1 on ICT in Secondary Education

Working Group 3.1 (WG 3.1) has its focus on Information and Communications Technologies(ICT) in Secondary Education. In the last decade WG 3.1 has organised several working and open conferences, of which the last ones are: *"Information technology: supporting change through teacher education"* (together with WG 3.5), Kiryat Anavim, Israel (1996), *Capacity Building for IT in Education in Developing Countries, CapBIT'97* (together with WG 3.4 and 3.5), Harare, Zimbabwe (1997) and *"Secondary school mathematics in the world of communication technologies: learning, teaching and the curriculum"* Villard de Laus-Grenoble, France (1997). WG 3.1 also regularly produces "Guidelines for Good Practice", and has elaborated for UNESCO a "Curriculum for schools: Informatics for Secondary Education".

The IFIP Working Group 3.5 on ICT in Elementary Education

Working Group 3.5 (WG3.5) focuses on ICT in Elementary Education. The scope of this group covers both pre-school and elementary school. By itself and in co-operation with other Working Groups it has organised several conferences in the last decade. Recent conference themes have included teacher education (pre-service and in-service), ICT in developing countries, the changing role of teachers and learners, and national policies regarding ICT in the curriculum.

The IFIP Working Group 3.6 on Distance Education

The aim of the working group is to investigate the pedagogical use of ICT 1) in the classroom, 2) in distance education 3) in open, flexible and distance learning. The focus of the work will be on: administrative as well as pedagogical issues plus technological opportunities applied on: 1) The Virtual University ; 2) The Global School; 3) Global Resources on the Internet with respect to communication, interaction and information. The working group's activities are mainly working conferences, workshops and open teleteaching conferences.

University of Helsinki

University of Helsinki is the largest and oldest university in Finland. Founded in Turku in 1640, the University moved to Helsinki in 1828. The University of Helsinki has nine faculties: Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Science, Education, Social Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine.

There are more than 32 000 students (61.4% women, 6.8% Swedish-speaking), 1 258 foreign students, 2 500 academic staff, 3 584 other staff.

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SUNDAY

13.00	***Registration desk opened***
17.00	Combined Sightseeing of Hämeenlinna and bus transfer to the town centre
17.30	***Welcoming Reception***
18.30	Bus service back to Aulanko
19.00	***Buffet***

MONDAY

7.00 *Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open*

9.00 Opening ceremony

9.30 ***Keynote Speech*** : **Alexei Semenov** Institute of New technologies: Technology and School Transformation

10.30 *Coffee*

11.00

Constructivist approach Paper session

•**Pamela Gibbons, Kathryn Crawford, Susan Crichton, Robert Fitzgerald**, Cognition and Information Technologies in Context

Psychological issues Paper session

•**Yacoov Katz**, The Comparative Suitability of Three ICT Distance Learning Methodologies for College Level Instruction

11.30

•**Enrica Lemut, Simonetta Greco**, Technology and Systemic Thinking in Mathematics

•**Juhani Tuovinen**, Research Framework and Implications for Online Multimedia Education Practice Based on Cognition Research

12.00

•**Qi Chen**, Use ICT to support Constructive Learning: Create an Interactive Multimedia-Based Learning Environment

•**Steve Wheeler**, Caught in the Spotlight: User Reactions To Videoconferencing

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00

Panel session

•**Petra Fisser**, The vision of a telematics university: using ICT to support instructors and students

•**Andrea Ko, Andras Gabor**, Knowledge Society Challenges the Higher Education?

Other presenters

•**Takashi Sakamoto**

•**Larry Miller, Jillian deJean, Rebecca Miller**

Giovanna Gazzaniga

Demonstration: EUN Schoolnet

•**Ella Kiesi, *Virtual School***

•**Tim Denning**, Pedagogical Guidelines for the Professional Development of Teachers

Panel session

•**Lasse Lipponen, Kai Hakkarainen, Hanni Muukkonen & Marjaana Rahikainen**, Promoting Educational Change with Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning

•**Paul Nicholson**, Linking science thinking and learning with software

•**Anne McDougall**, Issues in learning with new technologies

•**Michel Arnaud**

16.00 *Coffee*

16.30

Teacher education & Pedagogy (Informatics Curriculum) Paper session

•**Peter Hubwieser, Manfred Broy**, Educating Surfers or Craftsmen: Introducing an ICT Curriculum for the 21st Century

•**Valentina Dagiene**, Programming-based Solution of Problems in Informatics Curricula

The Classroom Paper session

•**Rosa Maria Bottino**, Computer-based Communication in the Classroom: Defining a Social Context

•**Eveline Riedling, Alexander**

•**Wahler, Klaus Niederarcher**, IGL - A Concept for an Interactive Growing Learning System

17.30

Demonstrations

•**Frank Brooks**, Studentnet, Building On-line Learning Communities

Demonstrations

•**Kathy Seddon**, Butterfly's Sight an innovative Website for the "School of the Future"

Poster sessions

•**Harriet Taylor**, The WebQuest Model for Inquiry-Based Learning Supported by the WWW

•**Li Yueyi**, The Design of the Internet-based resources Bank for Teaching or Learning

•**M.J.Verdu**, A CD-ROM/internet Experience for Primary and Second-ary Education

Poster sessions

•**Elena Osipova**, Providing Effective Autonomous Learning within the Framework of Existing Educational System in Russia

•**Kersti Hjertqvist**, Flexible Learning for the Inhabitants in the city of Stockholm

•**Bruce Fairfax**, Independent Learning

18.00

•**Andrey Narvsky**, Education Project – Joint Cultural Heritage without Borders

•**Helmut Stemmer**, This is no normal museum, museum@online

19.00 *Dinner*

TUESDAY

7.00 *Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open*

9.00

Action-Reaction Paper session Teacher education, pedagogical reflection

•**Gail Marshall**, Meaning Making: The Connection between Teacher, Student and Curriculum in ICT Environments

The Classroom, Paper session

•**Steve Kennewell, Howard Tanner, John Parkinson**, A Model for the Study and Design of Teaching Situations with ICT

Paper session

•**Giovanna Gazzaniga**, Is Distance Learning worth just for Real Distance Students?

9.30

•**Don Passey**, How will teachers be prepared for the connected learning community?

•**Wang Jiqing, Lu Hong**, A Web-based Instruction Network in a School in China

•**Avril M. Loveless**, Creativity, Visual Literacy and Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

10.00

•**Marta Turcsanyi-Szabo**, Imagine a Tool to Express and Explore

10.30 *Coffee*

11.00

Paper session

•**Vladimir Batagelj, Alenka Zibert, Vladislav Rajkovic, Borut Campelj**, Educational Networks Vision and Reality

•**David Passig, Sigal Eden**, Enhancing the Induction Skill of Hearing Impaired Children with Virtual Reality Technology

•**Lesley Shield**, The Fluent Project: Creating Richer Online Communities to Support the Distance Language Learner

T3, Panel session: Support and collaboration of autonomous learners in a European context Chair: Ineke Lam

Presenters: **Niki Davis** (by videolink), **Jyrki Pulkkinen, Donatella Persico, Andree Klein**

Panel: **Pulkkinen** (Finland), **Persico** (Italy), **Godinet** (France), **Lockhorst** (Netherlands)

EE Net, Panel session Chair: Raymond Morel

Presenters: **Helmut Stemmer** (Austria), **Liisa Lind** (Finland)

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00

Finnish session

•**Matti Sinko** and **Ella Kiesi**, ICT in Finnish Education: Elaborate Strategies and the Rugged Reality?

Finnish parallel sessions

15.00

•**Minttu Ollila,** Matilda – Telematic Litterature Circle

•**Teemu Leinonen**, FLE-tools: A WWW-based Application for Collaborative Learning

•**Jari Ikola**, The Teacher's changing role in distance learning in maths in Kaukajärvi Upper Comprehensive School

•**Erkki Pitkänen and Päiviö Peltokorpi,** Creating and Developing a Centre for Distance Education

16.00 *Coffee*

Parallel sessions continue

Riitta Karvinen: Helsinki welcomes all to Netd@ys '99

FINNISH EVENING: DINNER, MUSIC SAUNA, MIDNINGHT SWIM AT VANAJANLINNA

19.00

WEDNESDAY

7.00 *Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open*

9.00 *Keynote Speech*: **Margaret Riel,** Center for Collaborative Research in Education, California: Learning Spaces of the Future - Where are we heading?

10.00 *Coffee*

10.30

Computer-mediated Communications learning process
Paper Session

•**Michelle Arnaud**, Towards a more effective educational use of Internet. Case study in Parthenay, Srasbourg, St Laurent de Neste and Vienne (France)

Changing the role of the teacher
Paper Session

•**Joy Murray**, Computer Technology and Teacher Development: A Program to Support PedagogicalChange´

11.00

•**Terence R. Cannings, Sue G Talley**, Online University Degree Programs: Changes in Learning and Teaching

•**Tony Fisher**, Teacher Professionalism and the Use of Multimedia Portable Computers with Internet Capability

11.30

•**Kate Denning, Mike Davis**, Computer-mediated Communication in Adult Education: An Emerging Pedagogy

•**Svetlana Kudrjavtseva, Valentina Kolos**, Information and Communication Technologies in Distance Learning Process in Ukraine

12.00

•**Carolyn Dowling**, Social Interactions and the Construction of Knowledge within Computer Mediated Learning Environments

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00

CRUISE & EXCURSIONS IN HÄME REGION

•Lepoa horticultural college
•Visavuori studio
•Iittala glass factory

19.00 *Dinner BUFFET*

THURSDAY

7.00 *Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open*

9.00

Paper session

Josie Hopkins, Using an Intranet for Curriculum Clues and Creative Connections

Action-Reaction Virtual School, Paper session

David Passig, Aviva Sharbat, A Preferred Future Pedagogic Mission for Using Virtual Reality in Schools: An Imen-Delphi (ID) Exercise with a Group of VR Scholars and Developers

Teacher professional developement, Paper session

Barry H Blakeley, Target Setting and Action Plans - Improving Communication

9.30

•**John Parkinson, Steve Kennewell & Howard Tanner**, Planning for a Cross Curricular Approach to the Development of IT Capability

•**Wolfgang Weber, Annemarie Hauf-Tulodziecki**, Learning with New Media - Media Literacy

•**Giampaolo Chiappini, A. Chioccariello, C. Gibelli Collaborative** Teacher Training Through Telematics

10.00

•**Seija Mahlamäki,Leena Kallio, David Horsburgh, Geoff Davison**, Developing CD-ROM-Pedagogy in a team of Reflecting Practitioners

•**Helene Godinet, Andrée Klein**, The teacher as a Mediator in a Networked Society

10.30 *Coffee*

11.00

Panel session. The Impact of the Internet on the role of the teacher. Chair: David Benzie

•**Torlaug L Hoel**, Using the Internet to Train and Support Mentor Teachers
•**Heikki Kynäslahti**, The Roles of the Teacher and the Emergence of Distance Education in Finnish Schools
•**Yvonne Buettner**, Hello again?
•**Other presenters**
•**Helene Godinet, Andrée Klein**

Fetiche, Panel session, Chair: Bernard Cornu

Nordic Panel. What lessons can be learned from the Nordic Experience? ***Chair: Mike Aston***
In the panel: **Peter Bollerslev, Matti Sinko, Ulf Wasström, Sindre Røsvik**

Trends, Panel session

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00

Autonomous learners, Paper session

•**Paola Forcheri, Maria Teresa Molfino** ICT as a Tool for Learning to Learn

Changing the Role of the Teacher, Paper session

•**Gianna Avellis, M.Capurso**, ERMES Evaluation Methodology to Support Teachers in Skills Development

14.30

•**Akiko Inaba, Junichi Toyoda**, Discussion Animator: A knowledge-based system to encourage learners to collaborate

•**Shane Mallam**, The Teachers are not Keeping up. And Things are Getting Worse

15.00

•**Katherine Sinitsa, Alla Manako**, Extending glossary role in a virtual learning environment

•**Larry Miller, Jillian DeJean, Rebecca Miller**, Ships Passing in the Night: Teacher´s Existing Curricula and Curricula Embedded in a Computer-based Integrated Learning System

15.30

•**Jose Bravo, M.Ortega, M.F.Verdejo**, Planning in Distance Simulation Environments

•**David Squires**, A Teacher's PET for the Millennium

16.00 *Coffee*

•**Tomi Nummi, Riikka Ristola, Aarno Rönkä & Janne Sariola,** Approaching Pedagogical Networking through Teacher Education
•**Christos Bouras, Dimitris Fotakis, Agisilaos Konidaris, Afrodite Sevasti**, Virtual Environments in Educational Networks

•**Kaye L Nebauer**, Measuring the Performance of Public Education System Internet Web Sites
•**Mike Kendall**, The Birmingham Grid for Learning: schools as partners in creating a learning city

•**William Haworth**: The WELL project

17.30

Demonstrations:

•**Marie Grabar** and **Yew-Lee Tan,** Using the WWW for Teaching and Research

Demonstrations:

•**Ruth Vilmi**, Linking Reality with Virtual Reality: Projects for Learners in a Networked Society

Poster sessions:

Roman Baranovic and **Maria Nemethova**, ITC in Summer Out-of-School Activities
•**Minoru Kiyama**, Networked based courseware reuse and trade systems in CALAT project
•**Makoto Takeya**, The Virtual School Construv´cted by the Virtual Reality Modelling Language through the Internet
•**R.M. Bhatt**, Impact of Emerging Technologies for Education

Poster sessions:

Antonio S Neto, Education in the Interactive Age
•**Isabel Chagas, João Sousa and Rosa Tripa**, Assisting Teachers Innovating their Classroom Practices on ICT
•**Juha Turpeinen**, The KYTKE Project on the Development of Education in Technology and Entrepreuneurship in Finland as an Example

18.00

•**Annbjørg Hansen anad Kari Strømme,** Placing Teachers in Haram Community "on the map"

•**C. Vargus**, Learning Spanish

19.00 *Dinner*

FRIDAY

7.00	*Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open*	
9.00	***Online education, Paper session*** •**Hisao Koizumi, Takashi Dasai, Kiyoshi Yokochi, Klaus D. Graf, Seiji Moriya,** An interactive Distance Learning System and Verification Experiments between Japan and Germany	***Changing the role of the teacher, Paper session*** •**John Pearson,** Lurking Anonymity and Participation in Computer Conferencing: data from a case study on an initial teacher education course
9.30	•**Vittorio Midoro,** Modelling Online Education	•**Jack Carter, Beverly J. Ferrucci** Changing the Curriculum for Prospective Elementary School Teachers: Mathematical Web Site Constructions
10.00	•**Michelle Selinger,** Authentic tasks and the Internet in Schools	•**Paul Nicholson,** Virtual Teacher? Virtual Practicum
10.30	*Coffee*	
11.00	Keynote Speech: **Erno Lehtinen,** University of Turku, Information and communication technology in education: desires, promises, and obstacles	
12.00	*CLOSING CEREMONY*	
12.30	*Lunch*	

In ComNEd '99 the broad range of issues associated with the introduction of ICT into school education systems (pre-school through 18 years) will be explored through the following themes:

Theme 1: Learning processes and ICT

Theme 2: Supporting autonomous learners

Theme 3: The changing role of the teacher

Theme 4: Creating the school of the future

Theme 5: School systems in a networked society

Theme 6: The social context of learning

IT Centre for Schools

The Helsinki University Centre of Continuing Education communicates academic know-how and research results to the public at large. It runs a network of independently administered specialised institutes across Finland one of them being Vantaa Centre for Continuing Education, the base for IT Centre for Schools.

I T Centre for Schools provides

- ICT courses across the curriculum
- study programmes in educational software and multimedia design

IT Centre's research and development activities cover also

- curriculum development projects with schools
- developing innovative and interactive learning environments

Our information services

- active participation in national and international community of developers of ICT in education
- consulting in implementing and evaluating ICT policy on local, national and international level

Staff mounts up to 30 at the moment.

Finnish Information Processing Association

Today the Finnish Information Processing Association (founded in 1953) consists of 24 member societies, which jointly have as members some 24 000 individuals as well as nearly 700 companies and other types of organisations. The majority of these member societies operate regionally to promote professional growth of IT professionals and to provide them with an informal platform for discussing current issues of the field. They offer various types of activities, such as seminars, training, get-togethers with guest speakers, leisure activities, etc. Issues of particular interest for the Association frequently include the creation and revisions of Finnish law, such as questions about data security and copyright protection. One of the key tasks is to act as a sponsor and organiser of research projects of national significance in the IT field.

The association is a member to the following international societies: CEPIS, IFIP, ICC, NDU.

Summer University of Häme

Summer University of Häme was founded to cover regional educational needs and is now administrated by the Regional Council of Häme. The co-operation with universities is close, particularly in the case of open university teaching. In 1997 our summer university arranged 154 courses for 3776 students. Courses are open to everyone irrespective of age and education. Our programme is carried out according to the requirements of the universities.

Summer University of Häme arranges also supplementary courses especially in the subjects of education, health care and social sciences to develop professional skills or to provide stimuli.

Finnish National Board of Education

The National Board of Education is the national agency of expertise under the Ministry of Education covering areas of general education, vocational education and training and adult education. The agency is specialising in producing and marketing development, evaluation and information services to the owners and managers of schools and educational institutions, to teachers, to policy makers and working life:

- implementing the national educational policy
- co-operating in partnerships at home and abroad
- steered by the client's needs and striving for quality
- aiming at efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

Finnish Ministry of Education

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Weather

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How to reach Aulanko

Step 1. To Helsinki—Vantaa airport by plane. (You may arrive also by boat across the Baltic sea or by train or car from or through Scandinavian countries, Baltic countries or Russia).

Step 2. By bus to Hämeenlinna city (90 kms) directly from the airport or by shuttle bus to Helsinki city centre (20 kms from the airport) and from there by train or bus to Hämeenlinna (105 kms).

Buses to Hämeenlinna directly from the airport approximately every hour (9.20, 10.20, 12.15, 13.20, 14.15, 15.20, 16.35, 17.35...the last 23.45)

There is a shuttle bus to Helsinki city centre (the main railway station) every 20 minutes from the airport.

Timetables for buses and trains from Helsinki to Hämeenlinna can be easiest obtained from the following www-addresses:

trains: http://www.vr.fi/heo/english/heo.htm (look for connections Helsinki-Tampere, Hämeenlinna is on the way)

buses: (to Hämeenlinna or Tampere) http://www.expressbus.com/

Step 3. From the town centre or the railway station to Aulanko (3–4 kms) by local bus (numbers 2 and 13) or taxi.

Electricity supply

The voltage in Finland is 230V 50 Hz. Continental European plug.

Further information

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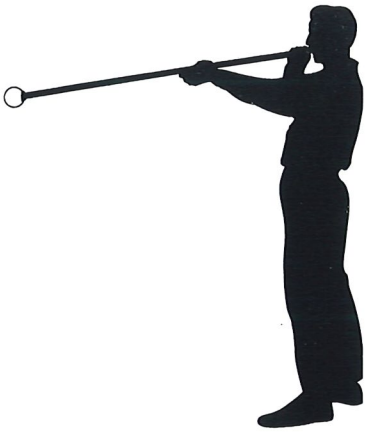

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ComNed'99 Registration form *Finland, June 13–18, 1999*

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INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE: _____ TOWN: _____ COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

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ACCOMPANYING PERSON

FAMILY NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

A. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION FEES

Costs for	**Until March 12**	**After March 12**
participants and accompanying persons	***FIM***	***FIM***
registration fee	***2150***	***2650***
registration fee for an accompanying person	350	450
full board in a double room	2620	2620
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accomp person in a double room (full b.)	2620	2620
meals without hotel accommodation	1015	1015
lunch and coffees only	625	625
post-conference book	***310***	***310***

B. EXTRA NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Before the conference from June 12 1 night single FIM 480
Before the conference from June 12 1 night double / p FIM 320

After the conference from June 18 to June _____ nights single x FIM 480
After the conference from June 18 to June _____ nights double / p. x FIM 320

Total cost of extra nights _____ **Total payment (A+B)** _____

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1) By a Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ Eurocard/Mastercard

Card n:o _____ Date of expiry (m/y) _____Signature_____

2) By a bank transfer (also send the corresponding statement established by your bank to the Conference secretariat together with your registration form) to Summer University of Häme. Bank: Merita Bank Ltd. Account number: MRITFIHH 204718-30131

SPECIAL REQUESTS
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Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and its Working Groups 3.1 (ICT on secondary education) and 3.5 (ICT on elementary education) in association with 3.6 (distance learning) under the Technical Committee on Education (TC3) invite researchers, developers, and practitioners to share their experiences in an Open Conference *Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society, ComNEd'99* in Aulanko, Finland.

The conference will take place under the unforgettable northern midnight sun near one of the most picturesque Finnish lakes from June 13 — 18th, 1999 just before the last midsummer festival of this millennium. The venue is the panoramic setting of Hotel Aulanko, near Hämeenlinna Finland, only 100 kilometres from Helsinki.

In ComNEd '99 the broad range of issues associated with the introduction of ICT into school education systems (pre-school through 18 years) will be explored through the following themes.

Theme 1: Learning processes and ICT
Theme 2: Supporting autonomous learners
Theme 3: The changing role of the teacher
Theme 4: Creating the school of the future
Theme 5: School systems in a networked society
Theme 6: The social context of learning

In addition to their regular own working conferences IFIP WGs 3.1 and 3.5 there has been a series of joint open conferences starting in Gmunden in 1993, followed by conferences in Kiryat Anavim in 1996 and Harare in 1997. This time also WG 3.6 (on distance education) wished to take part thus providing even a wider forum for professional users and developers of educational ICT. Through collegial and special organisational features, these joint events allow in-depth treatment of the conference topic, in-depth discussion, informal exchange of ideas and opinions, and will encourage the establishment of new personal relationships. Working together for a week in the company of other experts in the field from all over the world will provide a stimulating experience. Results of the conference will be shared later with the international community through the post-conference publication within a few months after the conference.

The ComNEd'99 organisers welcome all colleagues to Aulanko, Finland. Several hundred participants are expected all around the world. Special arrangements will be made to facilitate participation of colleagues from developing countries.

Themes of the conference

Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) have already had a significant impact on education in many countries around the world. In most schools the dominant supporting technology has been either the stand-alone personal computer (PC) or a modest local area network. This situation is, however, changing rapidly as a rising number of schools provide access to the Internet for their staff and their pupils. The issues related to this change have been grouped into six major themes which, taken together, will provide the overall focus for the conference.

Theme 1: Learning processes and ICT

The availability of ICT provides us with a new dimension to the challenge to understand the process of learning. Historically, many models of the learning process have been offered but are they robust enough to account for the ways in which pupils learn about and with ICT?
Contributions to this theme will address questions such as:

- How do pupils learn with and about ICT?
- What is knowledge in an ICT dominated world?
- Can ICT be used to support any pedagogy?
- Do traditional models of cognition adequately account for learning in an ICT rich environment?
- What are the consequences for the learning environment of our understanding of how learning occurs when ICT are available?

Theme 2: Supporting autonomous learners

Many have claimed that in future an individual´s ability to manage his/her own learning will be seen as a key skill. This ability is also seen as a critical attribute for effective life-long learning.

It has also been claimed that ICT can make a distinctive and effective contribution to the development and support of autonomous learners. Consequently, contributions to this theme will address questions such as:

- What are the key attributes of an effective autonomous learner?
- How can ICT be used to support the development of those attributes?
- How can ICT be used to enable groups of autonomous learners to collaborate and support one another?
- How can schools give pupils the opportunity to develop those skills?

Theme 3: The changing role of the teacher

Individual teachers play the most significant role in shaping the learning environment for pupils. ICT are often associated with changes in both learning activities and learning objectives for pupils and this has an inevitable impact on the role that the teacher is asked to play. However, new teaching strategies are far from self-evident and so teachers themselves need the opportunity to develop new classroom skills whilst receiving support.

Against this background, contributions to this theme will address questions such as:

- What is the role of the teacher in ICT rich learning environment?
- What is the impact of ICT on pedagogy?
- How can we motivate and support teachers as they develop new skills?
- Can ICT be used to support teacher communities and hence facilitate change?
- How can ICT be used to support pre-service and in-service teacher education?

Theme 4: Creating the school of the future

Schools are still organised in very traditional ways. The subject structure of the curriculum would largely be recognisable to pupils from past generations and teaching generally proceeds on the assumption that all relevant information can be provided by the teacher together with a few books that can be made available in school.

ICT present a challenge to these assumptions by creating the possibility of alternative, or at least modified, patterns of activity. In view of this, contributions to this theme will address questions such as:

- What should we be aiming for when creating 21st century schools?
- What are the consequences of ICT for curriculum organisation?
- How can we manage change associated with the introduction of ICT into school?
- What opportunities for schools are created by the widespread availability of ICT in the home?

Theme 5: School systems in a networked society

Schools are generally seen as discrete institutions where pupils and teachers meet at fixed times. ICT create the possibility for greater community involvement in education, for pupils to work and learn at times and places that are unconstrained by timetables and geography, and for widespread co-operation in education.

The challenge presented to school systems by ICT will be explored in this theme through papers that address questions such as:

- Is the virtual school possible? If so, is it desirable?
- Does schooling have to take place at fixed times with all pupils present?
- How can we use ICT to involve the wider community in school education?
- What are the implications of ICT for the organisation of school education at global, national, and regional levels?
- How can national organisations use ICT to support pupils and teachers?

Theme 6: The social context of learning

ICT provide unconstrained access to vast collections of information but that access has costs and dangers associated with it. Cultural and language domination is a serious possibility and there are significant equity issues associated with access to the technology.

These and other related issues will be explored in this theme by papers addressing questions such as:

- Can ICT be used to help pupils to respect and value cultural and linguistic diversity?
- What can schools do to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to become capable users of ICT?
- What value systems are we implicitly promoting through our use of ICT in schools?

Programme structure of the conference

The conference will start on Sunday afternoon, June 13, and will close on Friday June 18 at lunch.
The programme consists of keynote speakers, parallel paper sessions, theme panels, and as a speciality action - reaction sessions. Poster sessions will be available as well. One afternoon and evening is dedicated to Finnish presentations, and another one for social and cultural programme on the Finnish countryside including a Sauna.

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Time	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
	Breakfast	Breakfast	7	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Opening Ceremony Keynote	Action - Reaction session / Papers Papers Papers	9	Keynote	Action - Reaction session / Papers Papers Papers	Papers Papers Papers Papers
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	Coffee	Coffee	10.30	Papers Papers Papers Papers	Coffee	Coffee
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Registration	Lunch	Lunch	12.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Theme Panel / Theme Panel	Finnish presentations	14	Cruise & Excursions in Häme region	Papers Papers Papers Papers	
	Coffee	Coffee	16		Coffee	
	Papers Papers Papers Papers	Finnish parallel presentations	16.30		Papers Papers Papers Papers	
Opening cocktail	Demos / Posters		17.30 18.30		Demos / Posters	
Buffet	Dinner buffet	Finnish Evening Sauna Midnight Swim	19 20	Dinner buffet	Dinner	

Conference activities

Keynotes

There are three keynote addresses (45 minutes each) which together present an overview of the conference topics and of its themes.

Paper sessions

Paper sessions are parallel plenary sessions. All invited papers will be available for participants at the beginning of the conference in the conference proceedings. In the paper sessions two to three speakers will highlight their prepared papers in 20—25 minutes each and ample time will be provided for discussion. Conference participants are strongly invited to discuss the papers and their presentation. These discussions form one of the essential and most rewarding features of the conference.

Theme Panels

Theme Panels provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in group discussions, sharing points of view and experiences, and engaging in debate. Formally constituted panels will be embedded in the programme. Panel sessions will be based on conference theme(s). There will be three presentations within each panel session. These will be short, and designed to stimulate discussion. Ideas may be submitted for position papers within a specifically targeted panel or for a proposal for a complete panel.

Action - Reaction Sessions

Action - Reaction sessions are based on paper presentations. There are, however, fewer papers in such sessions in order to accommodate prepared reactions from the audience. These sessions will be composed by putting together papers containing controversial viewpoints.

Demonstrations and Poster Sessions

Poster and demonstration sessions are an open forum for participants to make small presentations to facilitate exchange of views between participants.

Participants who want to demonstrate software and other learning materials to other participants may do so in the demonstration room.

Exhibition

Potential commercial as well as non-commercial exhibitors will be encouraged to contact the organising committee members for more information.

Social Programme

Aulanko is an excellent venue to get acquainted with Finnish culture. Hämeenlinna is a regional centre of Häme and is built around a medieval castle which is well restored and well worth visiting.

Participants will be taken on two separate excursions. On Tuesday evening there will be a visit to Vanajanlinna, a Manor house which has a very special place in the Finnish history. Participants have also an opportunity to go bathing in a Sauna and swim in the lake in the famous northern, summer-night light.

On Wednesday we will get on board and cruise on the lakes of Häme. First stop will be in the horticultural college

providing among other things a rare opportunity to taste Finnish wine. The second stop will be at a forest studio of a Finnish artist of early 20th century. On the return journey participants will have an opportunity to stop by a glass factory where famous Finnish design glass is produced, exhibited, and sold.

Conference venue

The ComNEd'99 will take place at the Hotel Aulanko, 5 kilometres from Hämeenlinna town centre, 100 kilometres from Helsinki. Participants are expected to lodge in the hotel. All professional events of the conference will take place within the hotel premises in lecture halls equipped with full computing and audio-visual facilities. Participants will have free access to computing equipment and software (wordprocessors, e-mail, access to the web, etc.) and will be offered opportunities to run and demonstrate their own materials.

Aulanko offers experiences never to be forgotten. Saunas and an indoor swimming pool are at guests' disposal every morning. In your leisure time you can try Aulanko's fine golf course, horseback riding, or experience the beauty of Finnish watering courses on a cruise or take a walk in the forest near by.

Technical facilities

PCs and Macs with standard presentation software and LCD panels as well as VHS videos are available for all presentations. Videos with NTSC can be provided on request. For personal use a computer lab with Internet connections will be built.

Organising Institutions

The International Federation for Information Processing

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) is a multinational federation of professional and technical organisations concerned with information processing, that was founded in 1960 under the auspices of UNESCO. IFIP is dedicated to improve world-wide understanding about the role information processing can play in all walks of life, and to increase communication among practitioners of all nations. Members of IFIP are national organisations in the field of information processing.

Technical and scientific work which is at the heart of IFIP's activities is managed by a series of Technical Committees (TC). Each Technical Committee is composed of representatives of IFIP member organisations. Technical Committee 3 is on Education. Under each Technical Committee there operate Working Groups which consist of specialists who are individually appointed by their peers independently of nationality.

The IFIP Working Group 3.1 on ICT in Secondary Education

Working Group 3.1 (WG 3.1) is one such group which has its focus on Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in Secondary Education. In the last decade WG 3.1 has organised several working and open conferences, of which the last ones are: *"Information technology: supporting change through teacher education"* (together with WG 3.5), Kiryat Anavim, Israel (1996), *Capacity Building for IT in Education in Developing Countries, CapBIT'97* (together with WG 3.4 and 3.5), Harare, Zimbabwe (1997) and *"Secondary school mathematics in the world of communication technologies: learning, teaching and the curriculum"* Villard de Laus-Grenoble, France (1997). WG 3.1 also regularly produces "Guidelines for Good Practice", and has elaborated for UNESCO a "Curriculum for schools: Informatics for Secondary Education".

The IFIP Working Group 3.5 on ICT in Elementary Education

Working Group 3.5 (WG3.5) focuses on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Elementary Education. The scope of this group covers both pre-school and elementary school. By itself and in co-operation

with other Working Groups it has organised several conferences in the last decade. Recent conference themes have included teacher education (pre-service and in-service), ICT in developing countries, the changing role of teachers and learners, and national policies regarding ICT in the curriculum.

The IFIP Working Group 3.6 on Distance Education

The aim of the working group is to investigate the pedagogical use of Communication and Information Technologies (ICT) 1) in the classroom, 2) in distance education 3) in open, flexible and distance learning. The focus of the work will be on administrative as well as pedagogical issues plus technological opportunities applied on: 1) The Virtual University ; 2) The Global School; 3) Global Resources on the Internet with respect to communication, interaction and information.

The working group's activities are mainly working conferences, workshops and open teleteaching conferences.

University of Helsinki

University of Helsinki is the largest and oldest university in Finland. Founded in Turku in 1640, the University moved to Helsinki in 1828. The University of Helsinki has nine faculties: Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Science, Education, Social Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, Veterinary Medicine.

There are more than 32 000 students (61.4% women, 6.8% Swedish-speaking), 1 258 foreign students, 2 500 teachers and research workers, 3 584 other staff.

IT Centre for Schools

The Helsinki University Centre of Continuing Education communicates academic know-how and research results to the public at large. It runs a network of independently administered specialized institutes across Finland one of them being Vantaa Centre for Continuing Education, the base for IT Centre for Schools.

IT Centre for Schools provides
- ICT courses across the curriculum
- study programmes in educational software and multimedia design
- extensive training in telematics and multimedia in education

IT Centre's research and development activities cover also
- curriculum development projects with schools
- developing innovative and interactive learning environments

Our information services
- active participation in national and international community of developers of ICT in education
- consultancy in implementing educational technology policy on local, national and international level

Staff mounts up to 30 at the moment.

Finnish Information Processing Association

Today the Finnish Information Processing Association (founded in 1953) consists of 24 member societies, which jointly have as members some 24 000 individuals as well as nearly 700 companies and other types of organizations. The majority of these member societies operate regionally to promote professional growth of IT professionals and to provide them with an informal platform for discussing current issues of the field. They offer various types of activities, such as seminars, training, get-togethers with guest speakers, leisure activities, etc. Issues of particular interest for the Association frequently include the creation and revisions of Finnish law, such as questions about data security and copyright protection. One of the key tasks is to act as a sponsor and organizer of research projects of national significance in the IT field.

The association is a member to the following international societies: CEPIS, IFIP, ICC, NDU.

Summer University of Häme

The Summer University of Häme was founded to cover regional educational needs and is now administrated by the Regional Council of Häme. The co-operation with universities is close, particularly in the case of open university teaching. In 1997 our summer university arranged 154 courses for 3776 students. Courses are open to everyone irrespective of age and education. Our program is carried out according to the requirements of the universities.

The Summer University of Häme arranges also supplementary courses especially in the subjects of education, health care and social sciences to develop professional skills or to provide stimuli.

Finnish National Board of Education

The National Board of Education is the national agency of expertise under the Ministry of Education covering areas of general education, vocational education and training and adult education. The agency is specialising in producing and marketing development, evaluation and information services to the owners and managers of schools and educational institutions, to teachers, to policy makers and to company sector:

- implementing the national educational policy
- co-operating in partnerships at home and abroad
- steered by the client's needs and striving for quality
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Registration, accommodation, costs

The conference venue, Hotel Aulanko, provides also excellent full-board accommodation which we strongly recommend to all participants.

Participants' registration

Participants' registration fee is FIM 2150 (US$ 363). It covers

- scientific programme and other professional activities
- excursion to regional educational and cultural institutions on the lake district
- social and cultural programme: welcome reception, Finnish evening
- conference kit including pre-prints of all accepted papers and list of participants
- conference proceedings
- entrance to the exhibition and demos
- free access to the full Internet services plus personal computing during the conference

Accommodation according to options listed below

- full-board accommodation from Sunday June 13 noon to Friday June 18 afternoon including all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and coffees (before and after noon) plus sauna every morning
- other alternatives are also available, see the next page

Not included
- transportation from and to the airport
- alcoholic beverages or soft drinks, except the opening cocktail

All participants are encouraged to register by sending the enclosed registration form with full payment before February 28, 1999. The registration fees must be paid in Finnish currency, which is the Mark (FIM). At the April 1998 rate US dollars (US$) 1 = FIM 5,58. The fees are as follows:

	Until February 28		*After March 1, 1999*	
	FIM	US$	FIM	US$
registration fee for a participant	**2150**	**(385)**	**2650**	**(475)**
registration fee for an accomp. person	**350**	**(63)**	**450**	**(81)**
with full board in a double room	2620	(470)	2620	(470)
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with accompanying person in a double room	5240	(940)	5240	(940)
with meals but without hotel accommodation	1015	(182)	1015	(182)
with lunch and coffees only	625	(112)	625	(112)
post-conference book	**280**	**(50)**	**280**	**(50)**

Please note that no registration will be accepted after May 10, 1999!

For detailed information on other types of registration, please refer to the Registration Form. Please take into account the following:

- Full payment and registration form must be sent together to the Conference secretariat.
- Confirmations and acknowledgements of receipt will be sent to registered participants when these requirements have been fulfilled.
- Registration forms received without payment will not be processed.
- No adjustments for lodging or meals will be made for late arrivals or early departures.
- Participants without hotel accommodation should make their own lodging arrangements.

Colleagues from developing countries seeking financial support are advised to contact the organising committee for information on subsidies.

How to pay

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Refund and cancellation policy

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Announcement and Call for Papers

Submitting contributions

We invite you to actively participate in the conference through a number of means.

- Presenting a Paper
- Making a Demonstration
- Preparing a Poster
- Proposing a Panel Contribution

Instructions for authors

Papers

A paper (in standard English) of no more than 3,000 words should address one or more of the conference themes. We encourage the submission of papers that are research and reflection orientated, and also those with descriptions of concrete actions or innovations. They should be produced according to the following requirements:

1. On the top left of the text state that this is a paper submission, and identify the theme to which the paper is related.
2. After the title, give name and full affiliation of the author(s), including an e-mail address.
3. Write an abstract summarising the paper content in 100 words.
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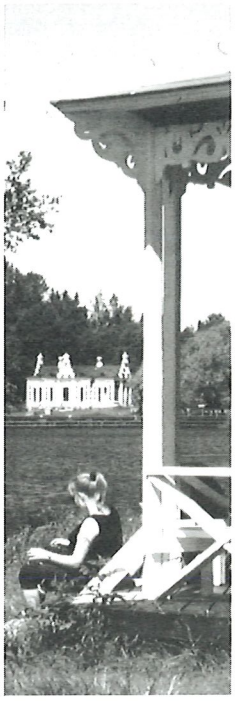

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The teacher, as a mediator in a networked society

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Abstract
As an increasing number of schools are being connected to the Internet and equipped with telematics tools, there is a growing fear among teachers who don't know how to make effective use of the machines.
The authors (teacher trainers) were interested to pinpoint through their day to day practice and their involvement in european projects the competences that emerged from their activities with their students. The paper defines the essential role of the teacher regarding ICT (the changing role of the teacher in an ICT-based school environment and in a networked society) and calls for vigilance in the use and integration of ICT in education and teacher training.

Keywords
Teachers role, multimediated learning, networking, language learning, mediation.

The teacher, as a mediator in a networked society

Introduction

Today, there is a widespread belief that, with the advent of ICT, networks and hypermedia, the role of the teachers will change, that the teacher will no longer be **the only one to convey knowledge.**

These fast and typically superficial statements provoke as many **fears as enthusiastic reactions** among the teaching profession. Fears for some, to see, computerized teaching gradually taking over or **distance learning superseding face to face teaching**. Enthusiasm for others who develop the notion of a radically new and improved educational paradigm and infuse into the profession an innovative spirit.

What can be said is that, when new technologies are **incorporated,** they are no doubt important when they serve to overcome material and technical obstacles to teaching and learning. But there is no clear evidence, on a larger scale, whether ICT, networks and hypermedia in themselves are sufficient as tools aimed at adding value to the educational process, or at improving the quality of education and its output.

Nevertheless, out of our humble, day to day practice as teacher trainers, we have piled up some experience and have now reasons to believe, that this particular combination of pedagogies and technologies is likely, not to revolutionise educational practice, but to bring about some noticeable changes, especially in the role of the teachers.

We will firstly present, these changes in terms of competences needed to grapple ICT and the roles that must be held by teachers, then in the second place we will try to replace the use of ICT and reflect on it in a more general context, to gain a better understanding of where we stand and assess the credibility a few tracks in initial teacher training.

Defining a progressive evolution in teaching competences through some experiments

It appears clearly that, starting from our specific framework - language learning/teaching - we have been experimenting for some years with our students (student-teachers), some practical ways of integrating ICT, the set of key functionalities mainly, interactivity, multimodality, evolutivity, that hypermedia have added to the idea of teaching and learning can make ICT integration possible and can transform the teaching/learning environement.

Our work, as practitioners, consisted in testing different softwares, CDROMS, organizing on-line tutoring via e.mail and visioconferencing, participating to on-line virtual workshops, sharing good practice via visioconferences, using and/or designing on-line resources with our european partners, in european Socrates projects like APPLAUD or T3 (telematics for teacher training, a telematics applications programme for education and training, supported by the European Commission DG XIII). From these various observations and experiments we ticked off three types of competences to be developped in teacher training . They relate to :

1. Technical ability

Competent teachers can use a wide range of appropriate telematic resources, (either browsing or/and creating networked resources, e.mail, visioconferencing), to enhance personal and professional efficiency, and to update skills in the light of new developments.

2. Pedagogical ability

Competent teachers can plan and implement lessons with telematics taking into account the needs, experiences and abilities of individual students.

They can organise resources effectively, to ensure differentiation and progression, monitor and evaluate the progress of students and the use of telematics and the outcomes.

They can manage the classroom appropriately according to their teaching objectives when using telematics.

3. Communicative ability

Competent teachers can optimize the interaction between medium and message in order to adjust to the mode of communication .To use hypermedia and network, teachers need to understand that information and resources are open, virtual, distant, multimodal.

Networking opens schools to other contexts, other communities , other cultures .

Telematics tools introduce opportunities to pick up on non-verbal communication cues such as gesture, body language, facial expression and human behaviour in general.

Learning and teaching a language (our trade) is studying another culture and accepting the otherness in it. Learning and teaching a language has a lot to do with culture and factual knowledge (history, current events,...). It is not only learning texts but more increasingly understanding sound, picture and video, (hearing, interpreting pictures..)

At last, teachers have to plan, deliver hypertextual rhetoric, evaluate and assess their students'learning in dealing with non linear networked information.

The competences identified here, though non exhaustive, imply a reorganisation of the roles of the teacher.

Defining the changing role(s) of the teacher in a networked society

Reflecting on social and human artefacts and activities, we are struck by the fact that, they all are the results of a mediation.

For example, there is no science, no religion without mediation. Education falls into the same category and the important message to deliver is that there is no education without mediation. Therefore, the role of the teacher is above all that of a **mediator** i.e the one who verbalizes experience and knowledge to ensure successful acquisition.

This fundamental role has some very practical implications when it comes to integrate ICT and can be seen as a core feature to be broken up into several others like :

The teacher as a designer
The teacher as a expert
The teacher as a tutor
The teacher as a evaluator.

The teacher as a <u>designer</u> : a mediator between the students and the environment

He/she sets up authentic learning environments which allow participants to gather information from multimedia data bases, and to communicate with others via multimedia technology .

In term of **resources**, (the web or ICT based packages as universal library);

In terms of **collaborative work**
- with teachers and students or students and experts outside the classroom and real-life communication established with peers, in other countries, by e.mail or visioconferencing;
- project-work shaped around sharing, negociating;
In terms of **reorganisation of pedagogical time** and places : reshuffling teaching hours, rethinking classroom management. He/she can turn his/her classroom into an open, international space adding a virtual dimension to it.

The teacher as an expert : a mediator between the students and knowledge
The teacher's traditional task is to organize and structure information. It is even more so with ICT because he/she has to turn the vast collection of **information** (sometimes uncontrolled) into **knowledge**.
He/she decides whether a site meets his educational objectives.
He/she tailors the materials to suit them.
He/she helps the students to discriminate between information and the processing of relevant information .
He/she stimulates the students to use on-line resources in a shrewd, cautious manner to form a critical community of users .

The teacher as at tutor : a mediator between the students and their learning styles
The electronic on-line tutoring enables the teacher to have frequent feedback and therefore an acute idea of his students'learning and cognitive styles. N. Edward [EDWARD 97] relying, on anglo-saxon sources, on cognitive psychology, showed how hypermedia enable the interaction between contents, methods and learning.
This will enhance the traditional moral support given by teachers.
He/she can tutor not only the students'products but the process of learning.
The computer provides the students with a learning programme, the tutor organises the contents according a progressive approach ajusted to the individual needs of the student.
The student needs to receive, in real time, a feedback which is more than a computer-calculated result . The role of the teacher is to structure his/her pedagogical on-line material and create hyperlinks in the provided resources so that users get an appropriate feedback, when browsing and re-structuring information (sometimes, when needed, preselected by the teachers).

The teacher as an evaluator : a mediator between the students and their productions
He/she provides his/her students with clear insights into their progression, storing files of their work, defining their weak and stronger points to help them come to terms with their learning and cognitive styles.

After carrying on these experiments that have led us identify and define competences and roles, we must acknowledge the fact that teaching with ICT is an uphill task.
The teacher has to reflect on his practice and on the learning processes and procedures even more than in a traditional learning environment. He/she has to become - it is quite new with teachers - a **professional.**

The teacher in a networked society : a watchful mediator

The teacher has not only to reflect on his/her practice but much more on the interaction between school and society. He/she has to reflect on the pedagogical relevance of ICT. A reflective attitude is possible only if at some point the teacher can take up a **critical attitude**. To keep distance from the «wired-up» society, to ponder on the forceful hype around ICT (pros and cons alike) is the best way to escape unscathed.
A cautious approach supported by, as suggested D.Wolton [WOLTON 97], a strong sense of **discrimination** and **relativity** must be taken up to escape the «cycle of deception» promoted by manufacters and some researchers in order to give credible answers to the call for evidence coming from our colleagues.
Where do we (teachers, educators) stand in the «information society» ? How can we find our way through the «webby» maze and find suitable strategies to integrate ICT and train student teachers . Here again, the teacher is a **mediator** between what is going on in the civil society and school. Information and communication technologies are, so it seems, vested with an intrinsic ability to solve social and cultural problems. We actually cannot demonstrate that a rich authentic ICT-based learning environment will solve them.

If the mediation is effective in the classroom and at school (see above) it also has to be effective in society. Actually, about ICT, the teacher has to be able to distinguish :

1° between different levels :

That of innovation (discovery), application (industrial implications) and service (usage). These three fields overlap and there is nothing worse than confusing them. Economy makers, manufacturers are inflicting the effects of the raging battle waged to occupy the unchartered lands of the ICT market on us. The consequences are that they tend to impose their rythm, their pace of change, their vision of the future, shaping it with the improbable concept of information society. We must clearly state that we are playing in a different field.

2° between services :

The use of ICT in services vary a lot. If they are quite handy with entertainement, tourism..., it is an altogether different story with education, health and work. Oversimplification and generalisation are to be avoided in these matters. Transferability from one to the others is not that easy ! The more sophisticated the activities (like learning and teaching), the more difficult it is to **standardize** them.
The main question is what is access to information for ? There is no relation between the increasing volume of information available and its effective use. The greater the flow of information, the greater the need to acquire conceptual tools to decipher complex systems become. Cultural inequalities to access and use of information will grow when going from services like tourism, entertainement to those related to teleworking, telecommuting, telematics in education.
In other words, it is necessary to discriminate between the widespread availability of data and the competencies needed to process, use, integrate them.

We have to demystify common and superficial assertions related to two notions often associated with ICT : time and autonomy.
The technological literature abonds in terms of «real time», «speed », «faster», «instant access» as if all of a sudden time like space was abolished and turned into instantanous data. Compressed time like space seems to be the new panacea that will save the world of

education.
As teacher trainers we have to defend/reintroduce the term of «**learning time**», and state clearly that the unavoidable ingredient in the learning process is **Time**.
Most of the time, in some papers or speech, educational multimedia software and autonomy (self-training) are synonymous. Since this new form of packaging change the how, when and where of the teaching/learning approach it tends to be presented as an incredible opportunity to move away from the traditional constraining learning environment, as something deceptively simple, almost magical : the ultimate in terms of individualized learning. This inordinate trend to see the individual as the nucleus of everything tends to deprive us of what is the most needed in our western societies i.e the social link or here the social context of learning.(The social fabric as the locus of social interactions at school).

Conclusion

We wanted to stress the necessity to train our students not only to become capable and critical ICT users but also and above all to become aware of the underlying concepts and the social, economical implications attached to it. We are in a transitory period, in which schools rely on tested tools and methodology . To talk about the ICT revolution does not solve most of the difficulties our societies encounter in just «technisizing» them. Our role as teacher trainers is to make future teacher's competences evolve regarding a progressive integration of ICT in a networked society (if such a thing exists or will ever exist.)
If ICT instrumentalizes the mediation, it neither changes its nature nor questions its necessity.

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A Preferred Future Pedagogic Mission for Using Virtual Reality (VR) in Schools: An Imen-Delphi (ID) Procedure with a World-wide Group of VR Scholars and Developers

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Procedure

In this study, 50 participants (see table 1) from worldwide agencies, organization and academic institutes were provided with an opportunity to take part in a future oriented discussion about the VR in education. This group of experts formed an ad-hoc virtual panel of people from the U.S, Canada, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Venezuela. Most of the participants are holding key positions at universities, research institutes and the industry of educational VR. The scholars among them have conducted studies and published scientific papers and books. The participants were aware of the names of their colleagues in this panel, but the whole procedure was carried out anonymously.

We have collected a list of 116 experts who are working on different aspects of VR and education through various channels—from VR electronic newsgroups to lists of participants in VR conferences. We have addressed them with the rational of the study and asked for their consent to participate in the panel. Fifty three sent their consent to participate, 22 refused to participate, and the rest didn't answer. Finally, 50 worldwide experts took part in this project—15 women and 35 men.

Table 1: Participants

Expertise / **Country**	Distinguished scholars	Industry developers	M.A & Ph.D. students working on educational VR
United States	17	6	4
Canada	1	-	-
United Kingdom	3	1	5
Germany	-	-	1
Switzerland	1	-	-
Austria	1	-	-
Greece	1	1	2
Australia	2	-	-
New Zealand	1	-	1
Singapore	-	-	1
Venezuela	1	-	-
Total = 50	28	8	14

The *participants* were asked to collect studies (teasers) regarding trends in two aspects of future educational VR: the *way* and the *reason* to integrate VR in schools—the *why* and *how* to make use

of VR technologies in future curriculum (K-12). We have asked them to provide us with teasers, and we engaged also in collecting others. By *intellectual-teaser* we meant any kind of references, short summaries or excerpts (10 sentences) from original articles, studies, visionary notes or any other published information, concerning the future of VR in education, which correspond to the two aspects in debate—the *why* and *how*. It was necessary to provide the participants with a number of thought-provoking *intellectual teasers* to assist them in generating thoughtful questions to be addressed later to the whole panel.

Participant Sessions

We then produced a file summarizing in it the variety of teasers submitted by the participants as well as the researchers (20 teasers on total) (see sample on fig.1). We have left space at the bottom of each teaser and asked the participants to draft questions for later presentation to the whole group of participants. The file was attached to an e-mail sent to the 50 participants in this study.
The participants were kindly asked:

1. To read the attached excerpts.
2. To imagine the other participants sitting in front of them reading the same material.
3. To imagine they had the opportunity to ask them questions on how they view the future of educational VR in light of the studies they all had just read.
4. To think about questions which would extract images from the participants' minds and hearts concerning the future.
5. To challenge the participants' motivations and self-expectations.
6. To draft actual questions relevant to the participants' scope of communal issues.

First Round

In a very real sense the causes of the present lie in the future, which means that the image of the future people have in their minds can have a dramatic effect on what they do right now. Repeated attempts were made to convince the participants that one of the reasons for this study was to consolidate the possibilities concerning the use of VR in K-12 education, and to assess their present view points accordingly. They were told that the idea of having them think of the future was not in order to predict the future, but to help them generate positive well managed future goals. This idea was enlarged in various opportunities (while repeatedly clarifying assignments and motivating them to submit their materials). We have stressed that it is important to learn and create complex images of the future, since on their basis it is possible to develop skills through which one may adapt to change and create change.
We then developed a second file in which we organized the questions (28 out of 413—clarifying, and combining the most relevant ones) around the two categories of future VR in education (for a sample of the first round questionnaire, see fig. 1).

The participants were asked to do the following:

1. To read the attached excerpts and projections.
2. To answer the questions briefly.
3. To enlarge upon their perspectives, notions and objectives in dealing with the issues.
4. To submit questions to the rest of the panel if they choose to do so.

Figure 1: Sample of a First-Round Questionnaire

The Why • SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING • Theory

The use of VR in education may encourage self directed learning in the student. Bruner (1968), Vygotskii (1978),and Piaget have emphasized the importance of self directed activity in their theories.

Brown, D. J, Mikropoulos, T. A, & Kerr, S.J. (1996) A Virtual Laser Physics Laboratory. VR in the Schools December 1996, Vol. 2: 3.

Questions to participants

8. How would you define VR in education?

9. What should be the leading education theory in the development of VR educational material (if any)?

Second Round

The underlying purpose of the second round was to facilitate a thorough interaction that would generate specific ideas listed as statements. Therefore, the second-round questionnaires were designed around the proposed mission-statements. The statements that comprised the second-round were narrated by the researchers who organized the answers that were received from the first round in two reports coinciding with the original two categories in debate—the *why* and *how* VR in K-12. These reports were e-mailed to the participants. The second-round questionnaire was comprised of 72 suggested future mission statements (for a sample, see table 2).

The purpose of this round was to help organize thoughts and focus the discussion around more specific solutions for 1) preferred futures, 2) expected futures, and 3) potential (or prospective) futures. The Imen-Delphi procedure is aimed at producing some type of agreement on an alternative future mission: complete disagreement, plurality, bipolarity, majority, or complete consensus. The second-round was designed to achieve that purpose (for a sample, see table 2).

Table 2: Sample of a Second-Round Questionnaire

Round 2

Statements	Question I Do you prefer this statement to be fulfilled in the future? A. Definitely yes B. Possibly yes C. Probably no D. Absolutely no	Question II What is the likelihood that this statement will be applied in the future? 1st. Certain 2nd. Uncertain 3rd. Probable D. Unprobable	Question III Is this statement feasible to be realized in the future? A. Certain B. Uncertain C. Probable D. Unprobable
8. Ed. VR will provide learning experience different from other media			
9. We will be able to evaluate Ed. VR learning experience using some of the same parameters as the ones used to measure the 'old' experiences.			
17. Ed. VR will have great potential in the application of spatial thinking.			

Third Round

The list of mission-statements that comprised the third-round was adapted from the mission-statements of the second-round that received the majority vote as being *very important goals* for the future of VR in education. The purpose of the third-round was to have the panelists take responsibility, formulate a final proposed list of future mission-statements, and generate new ideas and recommendations. The third round questionnaire comprised a final list of 46 agreed upon future mission statements. The following (see Table. 3) is the complete list that the majority of the participants accepted to represent the preferred points of a future mission of VR in education.

Table 3: Third-Round Questionnaire§ Round 3

	Agreed upon Future Mission-Statements	Participants' votes on the importance of this statement to the future? A. Definitely yes B. Possibly yes C. Probably not D. Absolutely not (from 2nd-r)	Please mark whether or not you are satisfied with the way Ed. nowadays uses the potential of VR expressed in each of these statements (y/n)	Please, give any suggestions as to how we can promote the implementation of these statements in future VR and Ed.
Characteristics				
1.	VR in ed. have to be defined as a computer-generated space which provides sensory immersion using 3-D interactive multi-user worlds and application of virtual environments for learning.	A. 45% B. 41% C. 5% D. 5%		
2.	VR in ed. will have to provide the students with an opportunity to experience sensory interactive learning environments which will enable them to move from passive learning to active learning.	A. 82% B. 18% C. 0% D. 0%		
3.	Novelty, interactivity, simulation, exciting scenarios,_ feeling of exploration and discovery, and making learning active, will have to make Educational VR (Ed. VR) interesting and motivating enough for students to want to use it.	A. 73% B. 27% C. 0% D. 0%		
4.	Immersive quality, free navigation, creative input and connection to the technology of computer games will have to make Ed. VR interesting and motivating enough for students to want to use it.	A. 50% B. 41% C. 9% D. 0%		
Attractive Environments				
5.	Ed. VR will change the physical structure of the classroom - the classroom will need no walls or boundaries.	A. 36% B. 32% C. 18% D. 14%		
6.	Ed. VR will have to be an augmentation to traditional learning paradigms.	A. 64% B. 36% C. 0% D. 0%		
7.	Ed. VR will have to teach people	A. 41%		

	with psychological phobias how to cope with them.	B. 45% C. 14% D. 0%		
8.	Ed. VR will have to be able to support cooperative learning among students at different locations by allowing them to share experiences of exploring a common environment.	A. 82% B. 18% C. 0% D. 0%		
9.	Ed. VR will have to provide equal support for students needing more structure, having learning disabilities, etc. by making all assumptions explicit and creating flexible design of environments.	A. 55% B. 32% C. 9% D. 5%		

Cognition

10.	Ed. VR will have to provide "new intelligence".	A. 18% B. 27% C. 32% D. 9%		
11.	Learning in Ed. VR will have to be cognitively different than that of a traditional educational environment by allowing the students to use simulated environment actively and interactively, and to combine abstract learning with understanding coming from experience to help in developing imagination.	A. 59% B. 9% C. 18% D. 5%		
12.	Learning in Ed. VR will have to be cognitively different than that of a traditional educational environment by providing multi-sensory interface, Ed. VR will lead to enhancement of spatial ability, and memory as well as the reduction of certain phobias.	A. 45% B. 41% C. 9% D. 0%		
13.	Learning in Ed. VR will have to be cognitively different than that of a traditional educational environment by allowing directed feedback, creativity and alternate learning styles.	A. 55% B. 27% C. 0% D. 14%		

Areas

14.	Humanities subjects Like: languages, Social Studies, History Will have to be served by Ed. VR.	A. 9% B. 50% C. 36% D. 5%		
15.	Science subjects like: Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics will have to be served by Ed. VR.	A. 41% B. 41% C. 14% D. 5%		
16.	The applications where Ed. VR has great potential will have to be all	A. 73% B. 27%		

	the areas in which visualization, simulation or "learning by doing" activities are essential.	C. 0% D. 0%		

Evaluation

17.	The assessment of Ed. VR will have to be done with a range of methodologies and qualitative studies of various systems.	A. 77% B. 23% C. 0% D. 0%		
18.	We will have to be able to evaluate Ed. VR learning experience using some of the same parameters as the ones used to measure the 'old' experiences.	A. 32% B. 41% C. 18% D. 9%		

Theories

19.	Constructivism will have to be the leading theory of education in the development of Ed. VR material.	A. 27% B. 45% C. 18% D. 5%		
20.	We will have to be able to ensure that the development of Ed. VR learning tools leads to more effective results for our students by using the same philosophy of experimentalism and criticism as a Neo-Deweyan paradigm.	A. 23% B. 45% C. 14% D. 0%		
21.	Vygotsky's social theories of education will have to be the leading theory in the development of Ed. VR material.	A. 5% B. 55% C. 23% D. 5%		
22.	Any theory that allows open learning environment will have to be suitable in the development of Ed. VR material.	A. 36% B. 41% C. 18% D. 5%		

Standards

23.	Quality standards will have to be Imposed on Ed. VR by the Marketplace, government and international regulatory body for VR.	A. 32% B. 32% C. 18% D. 14%		
24.	The same standards as the ones for ordinary education will have to be imposed on Ed. VR.	A. 37% B. 27% C. 18% D. 18%		

Methods

25.	We will have to be able to ensure that Ed. VR is applied in the most appropriate areas and prevent its misuse by encouraging the publication and discussion of criticisms and alerts about the dangers inherent to the new media, as well as addressing moral and ethical issues.	A. 55% B. 32% C. 9% D. 5%		

26.	The methods that will have to be used in the design of Ed. VR applications will be trial and error, customer feedback and monitoring of effects on health.	A. 9% B. 55% C. 27% D. 9%		
27.	Ed. VR will need to have great potential in the application of spatial thinking.	A. 82% B. 18% C. 0% D. 0%		
28.	Ed. VR will have great potential in the application involving topics where student is unable to build mental models and representations.	A. 41% B. 41% C. 14% D. 5%		

Developments

29.	We will have to be able to ensure that the development of Ed. VR learning tools leads to more effective results for our students by doing initial pilot studies and control studies to examine learning effectiveness.	A. 68% B. 23% C. 9% D. 0%		
30.	We will have to be able to ensure that the development of Ed. VR learning tools leads to more effective results for our students by developing appropriate methods for observation and evaluation of students' behavior and response to the new media.	A. 59% B. 36% C. 5% D. 0%		
31.	We will have to be able to ensure that the development of Ed. VR learning tools leads to more effective results for our students by communicating and making results available through the Internet.	A. 50% B. 45% C. 5% D. 0%		
32.	Ed. VR technology will have to be developed to its full potential by encouraging or sponsoring collaboration between the workplace & education.	A. 36% B. 55% C. 9% D. 0%		
33.	Ed. VR technology will have to be developed to its full potential by rewriting the curriculum in terms of interactive problem solving.	A. 27% B. 45% C. 23% D. 5%		

Resources

34.	Ed. VR associations will have to advise governments about any necessary regulations to ensure that VR is only applied in the most appropriate areas and prevent its misuse.	A. 41% B. 23% C. 14% D. 23%		
35.	We will have to educate teachers and others in the appropriate use of VR to prevent its misuse.	A. 55% B. 27% C. 9% D. 9%		

36.	The infrastructure needed to support the use of Ed. VR should be just regular computers and trained human resources for facilitating and assisting students.	A. 23% B. 45% C. 23% D. 9%		
37.	The human infrastructure needed to support the use of Ed. VR should be teams from all walks of life for example: from universities, K-12 schools, business, government, church, parents, and other community agencies.	A. 50% B. 23% C. 18% D. 9%		
38.	We will have to train teachers to utilize this technology by using the methods of "multiplying effect" (teachers training other teachers).	A. 68% B. 23% C. 5% D. 5%		

Research

39.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research into the effects of various aspects of VR on learning different subjects.	A. 59% B. 36% C. 0% D. 5%		
40.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research into the health effects of VR.	A. 18% B. 59% C. 18% D. 5%		
41.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research into the application of VR for spatial problems.	A. 36% B. 50% C. 14% D. 0%		
42.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research on motivation and exploration.	A. 36% B. 59% C. 5% D. 0%		
43.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research into Ed. VR standards.	A. 18% B. 64% C. 5% D. 14%		
44.	The necessary research that will have to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research on how we learn, using different methods and techniques, at every age, and every type of situation.	A. 55% B. 45% C. 0% D. 0%		
45.	Multimedia is a field from which Ed. VR research will have to learn a lot.	A. 50% B. 32%		

		C. 14% D. 5%		
46.	The research that will have to be necessary to assist instructional designers in developing effective Ed. VR learning environments is research involving the practitioners or the classroom teachers.	A. 64% B. 18% C. 9% D. 9%		

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Result.

powerful breakthrough

learning research

the teacher

Cognitively different

learning independently

the student centered

Solve existing problem

→ Conclusion

from providing ... support

to primary provider

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Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society

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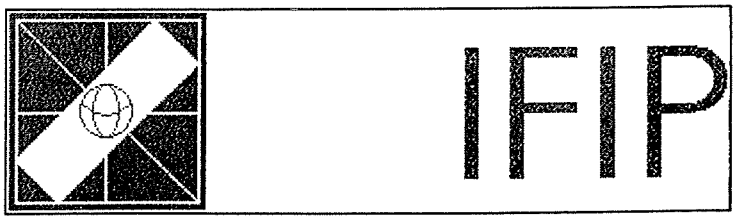

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Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and its Working Groups 3.1 (ICT on secondary education) and 3.5 (ICT on elementary education) in association with 3.6 (distance learning) under the Technical Committee on Education (TC3) invite researchers, developers, and practitioners to share their experiences in an Open Conference *Communications and Networking in Education: Learning in a Networked Society, ComNEd'99* in Aulanko, Finland.

The conference will take place under the unforgettable northern midnight sun in one of the most picturesque Finnish lake sceneries only 100 kilometres from Helsinki in the panoramic settings of Hotel Aulanko, near Hämeenlinna, Finland June 13 — 18th, 1999 just before the last midsummer festival of this millennium.

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The ComNEd '99 conference continues and updates the exploration of a broad range of issues associated with the introduction of ICT into school education systems (pre-school through 18 years) that began when computers first appeared in schools. Recent IFIP Working Group 3.1 & 3.5 open conferences on related themes have been held in Austria (1993), Israel (1996) and Zimbabwe (1997). On this occasion we are pleased that Working Group 3.6 (Distance Education) is also a joint host.

The conference programme has been designed to support and encourage the in-depth treatment of conference topics, informed discussion, the informal exchange of ideas and opinions, and to encourage the establishment of new personal relationships. As on previous occasions, the Conference will provide a stimulating opportunity to work together for a week in the company of other experts in the field from all over the world. Proceedings from the Conference will be shared with the international community through the post-conference publication.

Academic papers, panel discussions, project presentations and keynote lectures will address key issues from a number of perspectives. The arrival of the Internet in schools is, for example, creating opportunities for new ways of working in both traditional classrooms and for distance learners. Several conference sessions will focus on issues in these areas. Additionally, these developments have profound implications for the future role of the teacher and so conference sessions will also address this.

Teacher education is widely seen as the key to bringing about change in teaching and learning but it is also acknowledged to be complex because current teaching practices have deep cultural roots that are closely associated with traditional classroom activities and working patterns. The challenges to both pre-service and in-service teacher education will be widely discussed in sessions.

The availability of ICT in the classroom has provided us with a new dimension in which to explore our understanding of learning processes. Conference papers and discussion will also assess what can be learnt from experiences in this area.

This brochure includes full details of the expected conference programme and it shows how key themes will be addressed. We, the ComNEd'99 organisers, hope you find it exciting and would like to welcome you to meet with us and other colleagues in Aulanko. Several hundred participants are expected from all around the world so please join us!

Programme structure of the conference

The conference will start on Sunday afternoon, June 13, and will close on Friday June 18 by lunch-time. The programme consists of keynote speakers, parallel paper sessions, theme panels, and as a speciality a debate forum. Poster sessions will be available as well. One afternoon and evening is dedicated to Finnish presentations, and another one for social and cultural programme on the Finnish countryside notwithstanding Sauna.

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Time	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
	Breakfast	Breakfast	7	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Opening Ceremony Keynote	Action - Reaction session / Papers Papers Papers	9	Keynote	Action - Reaction session / Papers Papers Papers	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers
	Coffee	Coffee	10	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
	Papers Papers Papers Papers	Theme Panel / Theme Panel	10.30 / 11	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers	Theme Panel / Theme Panel	Keynote Closing Ceremony
Registration	Lunch	Lunch	12.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Theme Panel / Theme Panel	Finnish presentations	14	Cruise & Excursions in Häme region	Papers Papers Papers Papers	
	Coffee	Coffee	16		Coffee	
	Papers Papers	Finnish parallel presentations	16.30		Papers Papers Papers Papers	
Opening cocktail	Papers Papers Demos Posters		— 18.30		Demos Posters	
Buffet	Dinner buffet	Finnish Evening Sauna Midnight Swim	19	Dinner buffet	Dinner	

Conference activities

Keynotes

The keynote talks, three in all (45 minutes each) present an overview of the conference topics and of its themes. (HUOM.Leena, JÄTÄ TÄH'N KOHTAAN TILAA KAHDELLE TAI KOLMELLE KUVALLE JA K.O. IHMISTEN ESITTELYLLE!)

Paper sessions

Paper sessions are parallel plenary sessions. All papers will be available for participants on arrival at the conference in the pre-conference proceedings. In the paper sessions two to three speakers will present their papers in 20—25 minutes each and ample time will then be provided for discussion. Conference participants are strongly encouraged to discuss the papers with presenters and other colleagues. These discussions will form one of the essential and most rewarding features of the conference.

Theme Panels

Theme Panels provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in group discussions, sharing point of view and experiences, and engaging in debate. Members of Theme Panels will each make a 5 minute presentation before the debate is opened up to all those present.

Project Theme Panels

Teams involved in major projects (many of them involving international links) will present their work in panel sessions that are each dedicated to a project. Following a substantial presentation there will be time to discuss the details of the project and its wider implications.

Action - Reaction Sessions

In addition to the presentation of papers, Action – Reaction sessions will include short prepared reactions to those papers. There will also be time for further discussion of the issues between all those present.

Demonstrations and Poster Sessions

Poster and demonstration sessions provide an open forum for participants to make small presentations to facilitate the exchange of views between participants.
Participants who want to demonstrate software and other learning materials to other participants may do so in the demonstration room.

Exhibition

Potential commercial as well as non-commercial exhibitors will be encouraged to contact the organising committee members for more information.

Social Programme

Aulanko is an excellent venue to get acquainted with Finnish culture. Hämeenlinna is a regional centre of Häme built around a medieval castle which is well restored and can be visited.

Participants will be taken to two separate excursions. On Tuesday evening there will be a visit to Vanajanlinna, a Manor house which has a very special place in the Finnish history. Participants have also an opportunity to go bathing in Sauna and swim in the lake in the famous northern summer night light.

On Wednesday we will get on board and cruise on the lakes of Häme. First stop will be in the horticultural college providing among other things a rare opportunity to taste Finnish wine. The second stop will be at a forest atelier of a Finnish artist of early 20th century. On the way back participants will have an opportunity to stop by a glass factory where famous Finnish design glass is produced, exhibited, and sold.

Conference venue

The ComNEd'99 will take place at the Hotel Aulanko, 5 kilometres from Hämeenlinna town centre, 100 kilometres from Helsinki. Participants are expected to lodge in the hotel. All professional events of the conference will take place within the hotel premises in lecture halls equipped with full computing and audio-visual facilities. Participants will have free access to computing equipment and software (wordprocessors, e-mail, access to the web, etc.) and will be offered opportunities to run and demonstrate their own materials.

Aulanko offers experiences never to be forgotten. Saunas and an inner swimming pool are at guests disposal every morning. On your leisure time you can try Aulanko's fine golf course, horseback riding, or experience the beauty of Finnish watering courses on a cruise or take a walk in the near by forest.

Technical facilities

PCs and Macs with standard presentation software and LCD panels as well as VHS videos are available for all presentations. Videos with NTSC can be provided on request. For personal use a computer lab with Internet connections will be built.

Organising Institutions

The International Federation for Information Processing

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) is a multinational federation of professional and technical organisations concerned with information processing, that was founded in 1960 under the auspices of UNESCO. IFIP is dedicated to improve world-wide understanding about the role information processing can play in all walks of life, and to increase communication among practitioners of all nations. Members of IFIP are national organisations in the field of information processing.

Technical and scientific work which is at the heart of IFIP's activities is managed by a series of Technical Committees (TC). Each Technical Committee is composed of representatives of IFIP member organisations. Technical Committee 3 is on Education. Under each Technical Committee there operate Working Groups which consist of specialists who are individually appointed by their peers independently of nationality.

The IFIP Working Group 3.1 on ICT in Secondary Education

Working Group 3.1 (WG 3.1) is one such group which has its focus on Information and Communications Technologies(ICT) in Secondary Education. In the last decade WG 3.1 has organised several working and open conferences, of which the last ones are: *"Information technology: supporting change through teacher education"* (together with WG 3.5), Kiryat Anavim, Israel (1996), *Capacity Building for IT in Education in Developing Countries, CapBIT'97* (together with WG 3.4 and 3.5), Harare, Zimbabwe (1997) and *"Secondary school mathematics in the world of communication technologies: learning, teaching and the curriculum"* Villard de Laus-Grenoble, France (1997). WG 3.1 also regularly produces "Guidelines for Good Practice", and has elaborated for UNESCO a "Curriculum for schools: Informatics for Secondary Education".

The IFIP Working Group 3.5 on ICT in Elementary Education

Working Group 3.5 (WG3.5) focuses on Information and Communication Technologies(ICT) in Elementary Education. The scope of this group covers both pre-school and elementary school. By itself and in co-operation with other Working Groups it has organised several conferences in the last decade. Recent conference themes have included teacher education (pre-service and in-service), ICT in developing countries, the changing role of teachers and learners, and national policies regarding ICT in the curriculum.

The IFIP Working Group 3.6 on Distance Education

The aim of the working group is to investigate the pedagogical use of Communication and Information Technologies (CIT) 1) in the classroom, 2) in distance education 3) in open, flexible and distance learning. The focus of the work will be on: administrative as well as pedagogical issues plus technological opportunities applied on: 1) The Virtual University ; 2) The Global School; 3) Global Resources on the Internet with respect to communication, interaction and information.

The working groups activities are mainly working conferences, workshops and open teleteaching conferences.

University of Helsinki is the largest and oldest university in Finland. Founded in Turku in 1640, the University moved to Helsinki in 1828. The University of Helsinki has nine faculties: Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Science, Education, Social Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, Veterinary Medicine

There are more than 32 000 students (61.4% women, 6.8% Swedish-speaking), 1 258 foreign students, 2 500 teachers and research workers, 3 584 other staff.

IT Centre for Schools

The Helsinki University Centre of Continuing Education communicates academic know-how and research results to the public at large. It runs a network of independently administered specialized institutes across Finland one of them being Vantaa Centre for Continuing Education, the base for IT Centre for Schools.

IT Centre for Schools provides
- ICT courses across the curriculum
- study programmes in educational software and multimedia design
- extensive training in telematics and multimedia in education for

IT Centre's research and development activities cover also
- curriculum development projects with schools
- developing innovative and interactive learning enviroments

Our information services
- active participation in national and international community of developers of ICT in education
- consultancy in implementing educational technology policy on local, national and international level

Staff mounts up to 30 at the moment.

Finnish Information Processing Association

Today the Finnish Information Processing Association (founded in 1953) consists of 24 member societies, which jointly have as members some 24 000 individuals as well as nearly 700 companies and other types of organizations. The majority of these member societies operate regionally to promote professional growth of IT professionals and to provide them with an informal platform for discussing current issues of the field. They offer various types of activities, such as seminars, training, get-togethers with guest speakers, leisure activities, etc. Issues of particular interest for the Association frequently include the creation and revisions of Finnish law, such as questions about data security and copyright protection. One of the key tasks is to act as a sponsor and organizer of research projects of national significance in the IT field.

The association is a member to the following international societies: CEPIS, IFIP, ICC, NDU.

Summer University of Häme

Summer University of Häme was founded to cover regional educational needs and is now administrated by the Regional Council of Häme. The cooperation with universities is close, particularly in the case of open university teaching. In 1997 our summer university arranged 154 courses for 3776 students. Courses are open to everyone irrespective of age and education. Our program is carried out according to the requirements of the universities.

Summer University of Häme arranges also supplemetary courses especially in the subjects of education, health care and social sciences to develop professional skills or to provide stimuli.

Finnish National Board of Education

The National Board of Education is the national agency of expertise under the Ministry of Education covering areas of general education, vocational education and training and adult education. The agency is specialising in producing and marketing development, evaluation and information services to the owners and managers of schools and educational institutions, to teachers, to policy makers and working life:

- implementing the national educational policy
- co-operating in partnerships at home and abroad
- steered by the client's needs and striving for quality
- aiming at efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

Finnish Ministry of Education

Education and research are crucial factors for the development of Finland as an information society. In the information society, knowledge is the key resource. Advances in technology which facilitate production and improve communication have an essential effect on the structure, content and methods of education and resources. In 1995 the Ministry prepared a national strategy for education, training and research in the information society.

Supporting this event is a clear signal from the Ministry of its sustained commitment to fully implement the national information society strategy.

Registration, accommodation, costs

The conference venue, Hotel Aulanko, provides also excellent full-board accommodation which we recommend strongly for all participants.

Participants' registration

Participants' registration fee is FIM 2150 It covers

- scientific programme and other professional activities
- excursion to regional educational and cultural institutions on the lake district
- social and cultural programme: welcome reception, Finnish evening
- conference kit including pre-prints of all accepted papers and list of participants
- conference proceedings
- entrance to the exhibition and demos
- free access to the full Internet services plus personal computing during the conference

Accommodation

- full-board accommodation according to options listed below from Sunday June 13 noon to Friday June 18 afternoon including all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and coffees (before and after noon) plus sauna every morning
- other alternatives are also available

Not included

- transportation from and to the airport
- alcoholic beverages or soft drinks

All participants are encouraged to register by sending the enclosed registration form with full payment before March 10th, 1999. The registration fees must be paid in Finnish currency, which is Mark (FIM). The fees are as follows:

Costs for participants and accompanying persons	*Until March 10 1999* FIM	*After March 10,* 1999 FIM
registration fee	2150	2650
registration fee for an accomp. person	350	450
full board in a double room	2620	2620
full board in a single room	3420	3420
accompanying person in a double room	5240	5240
meals without hotel accommodation	1015	1015
lunch and coffees only	625	625
post-conference book	310	280

Please note that no registration will be accepted after May 10, 1999!

For detailed information on other types of registration, please refer to the Registration Form. Please take into account the following:

- Full payment and registration form must be sent together to the Conference secretariat.
- Confirmations and acknowledgements of receipt will be sent to registered participants when these requirements have been fulfilled.
- Registration forms received without payment will not be processed.
- No adjustments for lodging or meals will be made for late arrivals or early departures.
- Participants without hotel accommodation should make their own lodging arrangements.

Colleagues from developing countries seeking financial support are advised to contact the organising committee for information on subsidies.

How to pay

Payments will be received by Summer University of Häme. All payments should be made by means of a BANK TRANSFER (also send the corresponding statement established by your bank to the Conference secretariat together with your registration form) to:

Account holder: Summer University of Häme
Bank: Merita Bank Ltd
Swift.address: MRITFIHH 204718-30131

Payments can also be made by credit card (only Visa and Eurocard/Mastercard).

Refund and cancellation policy

Notification of cancellation should be sent in writing to the Conference secretariat no later than May 10, 1999. A 25% cancellation charge will be deduced from the total amount paid. Refunds will be made after the Conference. No refund can be made for cancellation received after May 10, 1999.

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Conference secretariat

The organisation of the IFIP Conference in Hämeenlinna is under the joint operational responsibility of the IT Centre for Schools and Summer University of Häme. The secreteries of the conference are Ms Maria SALONEN, Ms Varpu KUULIALA, and Ms Tuula SUIHKONEN.

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Miscellaneous Information

Money

The currency is the Finnish Mark (FIM). The exchange rate was in January 1999 about 5,14 FIM= 1US$. Major credit cards like Visa or MasterCard are accepted in most places. Several banks have offices in Hämeenlinna. However, since banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays (except in the Helsinki—Vantaa airport), you might want to obtain some cash in FIM in advance or at your arrival at the airport.

Weather

The weather is somewhat unpredictable in mid-June. It can be warm (up to 25 C) and sunny, or rainy. Evenings are sometimes quite cool in June (sometimes even down to 5 C, and if you have a sensitive skin, you may want to

be prepared for early summer mosquitoes (a protection will be included in the conference kit). Sports and swimming gears are recommended.

How to reach Aulanko

Step 1. To Helsinki—Vantaa airport by plane. (You may arrive also by boat across the Baltic sea or by train or car from Scandinavian countries or Russia).

Step 2. By bus to Hämeenlinna city (90 kms) directly from the airport or by shuttle bus to Helsinki city centre (20 kms from the airport) and from there by train or bus to Hämeenlinna (105 kms).
Buses to Hämeenlinna from the airport approximately every hour (9.20, 10.20, 12.15, 13.20, 14.15, 15.20, 16.35, 17.35...the last 23.45)
There is a shuttlebus to Helsinki city centre (and railway station) every 20 minutes from the airport.
Timetables for buses and trains from Helsinki to Hämeenlinna can be easiest obtained from the following www-addresses:
***trains**: http://www.vr.fi/heo/english/heo.htm (look for connections Helsinki-Tampere, Hämeenlinna is on the way)*
***buses:** (to Hämeenlinna or Tampere) http://www.expressbus.com/*

Step 3. By local bus (numbers 2 and 13 take you directly to the hotel Aulanko) or taxi from the town centre or railway station to Aulanko (4 kms).

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Electricity supply
The voltage in Finland is 230V 50 Hz. Continental European plug.

Further information

An interesting information package is available on the web giving plenty of information about the conference, including registration, organisers, tips for travellers, regional and Finnish culture, etc. Please visit our web-site at the URL: http:// www.hyvan.helsinki.fi/kttk/comned99/. The pages will be updated regularly.

ComNEd'99 Registration form

Finland, June 13—18, 1999

PARTICIPANT

FAMILY NAME: FIRST NAME:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

POST CODE: TOWN: COUNTRY:

TELEPHONE: FAX:

E-MAIL:

I plan to submit a paper: Yes No

ACCOMPANYING PERSON

FAMILY NAME: FIRST NAME:

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Time	Monday		
7.00	Breakfast, restaurant - swimming pool & saunas open		
9.00	Opening ceremony		
9.30	Keynote Speech : **Alexei Semenov**: Technology & School Transformation		
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11.00	*Constructivist approach* Paper session chaired by *Peter Bollerslev* **Pamela Gibbons, Kathryn Crawford, Susan Crichton, Robert Fitzgerald**, Cognition and Information Technologies in Context	*Psychological issues* Paper session chaired by *Bernard Cornu* **Yacoov Katz**, The Comparative Suitability of Three ICT Distance Learning Methodologies for College Level Instruction	
11.30	**Enrica Lemut, Simonetta Greco**, Technology and Systemic Thinking in Mathematics	**Juhani Tuovinen**, Research Framework and Implications for Online Multimedia Education Practice Based on Cognition Research	
12.00	**Qi Chen** , Use ICT to support Constructive Learning: Create an Interactive Multimedia-Based Learning Environment	**Steve Wheeler**, Caught in the Spotlight: User Reactions To Videoconferencing	
12.30	Lunch		
14.00	*Panel session* **Larry Miller, Jillian deJean, Rebecca Miller**, Ships Passing in the Night: Teacher's Existing Curricula and Curricula Embedded in a Computer-based Integrated Learning System **Giovanna Gazzaniga**, Is Distance Learning worth just for Real Distance Students? **Petra Fisser**, The vision of a telematics university: using ICT to support instructors and students **Andrea Ko, Andras Gabor**, Knwledge Society Challenges the Higher Education?	*EUN Schoolnet, Panel session* *The Virtual School, chaired by Ella Kiesi.* The presentations will give an overview of the state of affairs and contribute to the questions set out.	*Panel session* **Michel Arnaud**, Towards a more effective educational use of Internet. Caase study in parthenay, Strasbourg, St Laurent de Neste and Vienne (France) **Lasse Lipponen, Kai Hakkarainen, Hanni Muukkonen & Marjaana Rahikainen**, Promoting Educational Change with Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning: Finnish Perspectives **Paul Nicholson**, Linking science thinking and learning with software **Anne McDougall**, Issues in learning with new technologies
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	Coffee		
16.30	*Teacher education & Pedagogy (Informatics Curri-culum)* Paper session chaired by *Anton Knierzinger* **Peter Hubwieser, Manfred Broy**, Educating Surfers or Craftsmen: Introducing an ICT Curriculum for the 21st Century **Valentina Dagiene**, Programming-based Solution of Problems in Informatics Curricula	*The Classroom* Paper session chaired by *Raymond Morel* **Rosa Maria Bottino**, Computer-based Communication in the Classroom: Defining a Social Context **Eveline Riedling, Alexander Wahler, Klaus Niederarcher**, IGL - A Concept for an Interactive Growing Learning System	
17.00			
18.00			
19.00	Dinner		

Time	Tuesday		
7.00			
9.00	*Motion Reaction* *Teacher education, pedagogical reflection* Paper session **Gail Marshall**, Meaning Making: The Connection between Teacher, Student and Curriculum in ICT Environ-ments	*The Classroom*, Paper session **Steve Kennewell, Howard Tanner, John Parkinson**, A Model for the Study and Design of Teaching Situations with ICT	**Giovanna Gazzaniga**, Is Distance Learning worth just for Real Distance Students?
9.30	**David Passig, Sigal Eden**, Enhancing the Induction Skill of Hearing Impaired Children with Virtual Reality Technology	**Wang Jiqing, Lu Hong**, A Web-based Instruction Network in a School in China	
10.00	**Don Passey**, How will teachers be prepared for the connected learning community?	**Marta Turcsanyi-Szabo**, Imagine a Tool to Express and Explore	**Avril M. Loveless**, Creativity, Visual Literacy and Information & Communications Technology (ICT)
10.30			
11.00	**Baltic panel**	*T3, Panel session:* *Support and collaboration of autonomous learners in a European context* *Chair:* ***Ineke Lam*** *(Netherlands)* *Presenters*: **Niki Davis** (by videolink), **Jyrki Pulkkinen, Donatella Persico, Andree Klein** *Panel*: **Pulkkinen** (Finland), **Persico** (Italy), **Godinet** (France), **Lockhorst** (Netherlands)	*EE Net, Panel session*
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Time	Wednesday		
7.00	Breakfast (continental) Seminar room 1 & Sauna foyer		
9.00	Keynote Speech: **Margaret Riel:** Community Building (via videolink from USA)		
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10.00	Coffee		
10.30	*Computer-mediated Communications learning process chaired by Anton Knierzinger* **Michelle Arnaud**, Towards a more effective educational use of Internet. Case study in Parthenay, Srasbourg, St Laurent de Neste and Vienne (France)	*Changing the role of the teacher* **Joy Murray,** Computer Technology and Teacher Development: A Program to Support Pedagogical Change	
11.00	**Terence R. Cannings, Sue G Talley,** Online University Degree Programs: Changes in Learning and Teaching	**John Travers**, Information Technology and Teaching Style	
11.30	**Kate Denning, Mike Davis**, Computer-mediated Communication in Adult Education: An Emerging Pedagogy	**Tony Fisher**, Teacher Professionalism and the Use of Multimedia Portable Computers with Internet Capability	
12.00	**Carolyn Dowling**, Social Interactions and the Construction of Knowledge within Computer Mediated Learning Environments	**Svetlana Kudrjavtseva, Valentina Kolos,** Information and Communication Technologies in Distance Learning Process in Ukraine	
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Thu	Thursday			
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9.00	**Josie Hopkins**, Using an Intranet for Curriculum Clues and Creative Connections		*Action-Reaction* *Virtual School*, Paper session **David Passig, Aviva Sharbat**, A Preferred Future Pedagogic Mission for Using Virtual Reality in Schools: An Imen-Delphi (ID) Exercise with a Group of VR Scholars and Developers	*Teacher professional developement*, Paper session **Barry H Blakeley**, Target Setting and Action Plans - Improving Communi-cation
9.30	**John Parkinson, Steve Kennewell & Howard Tanner**, Planning for a Cross Curricular Approach to the Development of IT Capability		**Giampaolo Chiappini, A. Chioccariello, C. Gibelli** Collaborative Teacher Training Through Telematics	
10.00	**Seija Mahlamäki,Leena Kallio, David Horsburgh, Geoff Davison**, Developing CD-ROM-Pedagogy in a team of Reflecting Practitioners		**Wolfgang Weber, Annemarie Hauf-Tulodziecki**, Learning with New Media - Media Literacy	**Helene Godinet, Andrée Klein**, The teacher as a Mediator in a Networked Society
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11.00	*Panel session chaired by David Benzie*: The Impact of the Internet on the role of the teacher. **Helene Godinet, Andrée Klein**, The teacher, as a mediator in a networked society **Torlaug L Hoel**, Using the Internet to Train and Support Mentor Teachers **Heikki Kynäslahti**, The Roles of the Teacher and the Emergence of Distance Education in Finnish Schools **Yvonne Buettner**, Hello again?	*Fetiche, Panel session, chaired by Bernard Cornu*	Nordic Panel chaired by Mike Aston: What lessons can be learned from the Nordic Experience? In the panel: Peter Bollerslev, Matti Sinko, Ulf Wasström, Sindre Rosvik	
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14.00	*Autonomous learners*, Paper session **Paola Forcheri, Maria Teresa Molfino** ICT as a Tool for Learning to Learn		*Changing the Role of the Teacher*, Paper session **Gianna Avellis, M.Capurso**, ERMES Evaluation Methodology to Support Teachers in Skills Development	
14.30	**Akiko Inaba, Jun'ichi Toyoda**, Discussion Animator: A knowledge-based system to encourage learners to collaborate		**Shane Mallam**, The Teachers are not Keeping up. And Things are Getting Worse	
15.00	**Katherine Sinitsa, Alla Manako** Extending glossary role in a virtual learning environment		**Larry Miller, Jillian DeJean, Rebecca Miller**, Ships Passing in the Night: Teacher's Existing Curricula and Curricula Embedded in a Computer-based Integrated Learning System	
15.30	**Jose Bravo, M.Ortega, M.F.Verdejo**, Planning in Distance Simulation Environments		**David Squires**, A Teacher's PET for the Millennium	

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16.30	**Tomi Nummi, Riikka Ristola, Aarno Rönkä & Janne Sariola** Approaching Pedagogical Networking through Teacher Education **Christos Bouras, Dimitris Fotakis, Agisilaos Konidaris, Afrodite Sevasti,** Virtual Environments in Educational Networks	**Kaye L Nebauer,** Measuring the Performance of Public Education System Internet Web Sites **Mike Kendall,** The Birmingham Grid for Learning: schools as partners in creating a learning city	
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Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Time	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
	Breakfast	Breakfast	7	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Opening Ceremony Keynote	Action - Reaction session; Papers Papers Papers	9.00 9.30 10.00	Keynote	Action - Reaction session; Papers Papers Papers	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers
	Coffee	Coffee	10.30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers	Theme Panel; Theme Panel	11.00 11.30 12.00	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers	Theme Panel; Theme Panel	Keynote Closing Ceremony
Registration Sightseeing of Hämeenlinna and bus transfer to the town centre Welcome reception	Lunch	Lunch	12.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Theme Panel; Theme Panel	Finnish Plenary & Parallel	14.00 14.30 15.00 15.30	Cruise & Excursions in Häme region	Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers Papers	
	Coffee	Coffee	16.00		Coffee	
	Papers Papers Papers Papers Demos Posters	Presen-tations	16.30 17.00 17.30 18.00		Papers Papers Papers Papers Demos Posters	
Buffet	Dinner buffet	Finnish Evening Sauna Midnight Swim	19	Dinner buffet	Dinner	

SUNDAY 13

13.00	Registration desk opened
17.00	Combined Sightseeing of Hämeenlinna and transportation to town centre
17.30	Welcoming Reception at Hämeenlinna Art Museum, **Tapani Hellstén**, Deputy Mayor of Hämeenlinna
18.30	Bus service back to Aulanko
19.00	Buffet

MONDAY 14

7.00	Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open		
9.00	Aulankosali / Hall 23+24 **Opening ceremony** **Olli-Pekka Heinonen**, Minister of Transport and Communications of Finland **Professor Bernard Cornu**, Conference Chair, The International Federation for Information Processing Music by **Jorma Liimatta** (cello) and **Folke Gräsbeck** (piano): Jean Sibelius: Romance Opus 78 No2 and Rondino Opus 81 No 2 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy: Lied ohne Worte Opus 109 Carl Maria von Weber: Adagio und Rondo		
9.35	Aulankosali / Hall 23+24 **Keynote Speech** **Alexei Semenov**, Institute of New technologies: Technology and School Transformation		
10.30	Coffee		
11.00	Hall 23 **Constructivist approach / Paper session** **Pamela Gibbons, Kathryn Crawford, Susan Crichton, Robert Fitzgerald**: Cognition and Information Technologies in Context	Hall 22 **Psychological issues / Paper session** **Yacoov Katz**: The Comparative Suitability of Three ICT Distance Learning Methodologies for College Level Instruction	
11.30	Hall 23 **Enrica Lemut, Simonetta Greco**: Technology and Systemic Thinking in Mathematics	Hall 22 **Juhani Tuovinen**: Research Framework and Implications for Online Multimedia Education Practice Based on Cognition Research	
12.00	Hall 23 **Qi Chen**: Use ICT to support Constructive Learning: Create an Interactive Multimedia-Based Learning Environment	Hall 22 **Steve Wheeler**:: Caught in the Spotlight: User Reactions To Videoconferencing	
12.30	Lunch		
14.00	Hall 22 **Panel session/Visions of future teaching - What are the challenges?** Chair: **Sindre Røsvik** **Petra Fisser**: The vision of a telematics university: using ICT to support instructors and students **Andrea Kõ, Andras Gabor**: Knowledge Society Challenges the Higher Education? **Other presenters:** **Larry Miller, Jillian deJean, Rebecca Miller** **Giovanna Gazzaniga**	Hall 23 **Demonstration / EUN Schoolnet** **Ella Kiesi, Robert Whelan:** Virtual School **Tim Denning**: Pedagogical Guidelines for the Professional Development of Teachers	Hall 24 **Panel session / Collaboration in learning** Chair: **Raymond Morel** **Lasse Lipponen, Kai Hakkarainen, Hanni Muukkonen, Marjaana Rahikainen**:: Promoting Educational Change with Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning **Paul Nicholson**: Linking science thinking and learning with software **Anne McDougall**: Issues in learning with new technologies
16.00	Coffee		

... MONDAY 14

16.30	Hall 22 **Paper session / Teacher education & Pedagogy (Informatics Curriculum)** Chair: **Anton Knierzinger** **Peter Hubwieser, Manfred Broy**: Educating Surfers or Craftsmen: Introducing an ICT Curriculum for the 21st Century **Valentina Dagiene**: Programming-based Solution of Problems in Informatics Curricula		Hall 23 **Paper session / The Classroom** Chair: **Raymond Morel** **Rosa Maria Bottino**: Computer-based Communication in the Classroom: Defining a Social Context	
17.30	Hall 22 **Demonstrations / Posters** **Kersti Hjertqvist**: Flexible Learning for the Inhabitants in the city of Stockholm **Hajime Saitoh, Noriko Tanaka, Takashi Maeda, Azuma Ohuchi**: On the Application of the Participants Assistance System in Collaborative Communication Environments to a Collaborative learning. **M.J.Verdu**: A CD-ROM / internet Experience for Primary and Secondary Education	Hall 23 **Demonstrations** **Kathy Seddon**: Butterfly's Sight an innovative Website for the "School of the Future" **Helmut Stemmer**: This is no normal museum, museum@online	Hall 24 **Poster Session** **Harriet Taylor**: The WebQuest Model for Inquiry-Based Learning Supported by the WWW **Li Yueyi**: The Design of the Internet-based resources Bank for Teaching or Learning **Tatjana Kameneva**: Multimedia Interactive Language Learning Environment.	Hall 21 **Poster Session** **Elena Osipova**: Providing Effective Autonomous Learning within the Framework of Existing Educational System in Russia
19.00	Buffet Dinner			
21.00 - 22.30	Sightseeing / City train tour to Aulanko Park, Outlook Tower and Nature Reserve. (Maximum 40 persons, register at info desk!)			

TUESDAY 15

7.00	Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open		
9.00	Hall 22 **Action-Reaction Paper Session / Teacher education, pedagogical reflection** Chair: **Peter Bollerslev** **Gail Marshall**: Meaning Making: The Connection between Teacher, Student and Curriculum in ICT Environments	Hall 23 **Paper session / The Classroom** **Steve Kennewell, Howard Tanner, John Parkinson**: A Model for the Study and Design of Teaching Situations with ICT	Hall 24 **Paper Session** **Giovanna Gazzaniga**: Is Distance Learning worth just for Real Distance Students?
9.30	Hall 22 **Don Passey**: How will teachers be prepared for the connected learning community?	Hall 23 **Wang Jiqing, Lu Hong**: A Web-based Instruction Network in a School in China	Hall 24 **Avril M. Loveless**: Creativity, Visual Literacy and Information & Communications Technology (ICT)
10.00	Hall 22 **Rosa Maria Bottino**: Reaction	Hall 23 **Marta Turcsanyi-Szabo**: Imagine a Tool to Express and Explore	
10.30	Coffee		

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11.00	Hall 22 **Paper session** **Vladimir Batagelj, Alenka Zibert, Vladislav Rajkovic, Borut Campelj:** Educational Networks Vision and Reality **David Passig, Sigal Eden:** Enhancing the Induction Skill of Hearing Impaired Children with Virtual Reality Technology **Lesley Shield, Mirjam Hauck, Craig Rodine and Bernard Haezewindt:** The Fluent Project: Creating Richer Online Communities to Support the Distance Language Learner		Hall 24 **T3, Panel session / Support and collaboration of autonomous learners in a European context** Chair: **Ineke Lam** Presenters: **Niki Davis** (by videolink), **Jyrki Pulkkinen, Donatella Persico, Andree Klein** Panel: **Pulkkinen** (Finland), **Persico** (Italy), **Godinet** (France), **Lockhorst** (Netherlands)	Hall 23 **Panel session / EE Net** Chair: **Raymond Morel** Presenters: **Helmut Stemmer, Liisa Lind**
12.30	Lunch			
14.00	Aulankosali / Hall 23+24 **Finnish session** **Matti Sinko** and **Ella Kiesi**: ICT in Finnish Education: Elaborate Strategies and the Rugged Reality?			
15.00	**Finnish parallel sessions, Chairs: Liisa Huovinen, Liisa Ilomäki, Martti Piipari, Leena Vainio**			
	Hall 22 **Minttu Ollila**: Matilda – Telematic Litterature Circle	Hall 21 **Teemu Leinonen:** FLE-tools: A WWW-based Application for Collaborative Learning	Hall 23 **Jari Ikola**: The Teacher's changing role in distance learning in maths in Kaukajärvi Upper Comprehensive School	Hall 24 **Erkki Pitkänen and Päiviö Peltokorpi**: Creating and Developing a Centre for Distance Education
15.30	Coffee			
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	Hall 23 **Riitta Karvinen**: Welcome to NetD@ys'99		Hall 22 **Riitta Rinta-Filppula:** Flexible Learning Over the High Speed Internet Web University	
18.30	Transportation by bus to Vanajanlinna			
19.00 19.30 22/23	FINNISH EVENING AT VANAJANLINNA: MUSIC (**Kaija Saariaho:** Lonh for soprano and tape, **Pia Freund,** soprano**, Andrew Bentley**, electronics DINNER, SAUNA (music by **Heikki Mäenpää)** MIDNIGHT SWIM Transportation to Aulanko			

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WEDNESDAY 16

7.00	Breakfast restaurant, swimming pool & saunas open	
9.00	Aulakosali / Hall 23+24 **Keynote Speech** (by videolink)**:** **Margaret Riel**: Center for Collaborative Research in Education, California: Learning Spaces of the Future - Where are we heading?	
10.00	Coffee	
10.30	Hall 22 **Paper Session / Computer-mediated Communications in learning process** Chair: **Toni Downes** **Terence R. Cannings, Sue G Talley**: Online University Degree Programs: Changes in Learning and Teaching	Hall 23 **Paper Session / Changing the role of the teacher** **Joy Murray**: Computer Technology and Teacher Development: A Program to Support Pedagogical Change
11.00	Hall 22 **Kate Denning, Mike Davis**: Computer-mediated Communication in Adult Education: An Emerging Pedagogy	Hall 23 **Svetlana Kudrjavtseva, Valentina Kolos**: Information and Communication Technologies in Distance Learning Process in Ukraine
11.30	Hall 22 **Carolyn Dowling**: Social Interactions and the Construction of Knowledge within Computer Mediated Learning Environments	
12.00	Lunch	
13.30	Transportation by buses	
	CRUISE & EXCURSIONS IN HÄME REGION - Visavuori studio - Iittala glass factory - Lepaa horticultural college wineyard Greeting by **Matti Puotila** Music (accordion) by **Kalle Penttilä**	
19.30	Finnish Picnic	
21.00 - 22.00	Boat Cruise (M/S Silver Moon) to Aulanko	