



IMS Global Learning Consortium Announces Signing of General Permission Agreement with ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 36

Agreement supports continuing expansion of IMS standards adoption to support digital learning across the globe

Lake Mary, Florida, USA and SMART on ICT 2012 International Open Forum, Seoul, Korea – 24 October 2012 – The IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS Global) today announced signing of a general permission agreement with ISO/IEC to enable additional collaboration between IMS Global and ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 36. This agreement follows from successful collaboration between SC 36 and IMS in enabling ISO/IEC versions of IMS Access for All (ISO/IEC 24751) and IMS Content Packaging (ISO/IEC 12785).

SC 36 is chartered to produce IT international standards and guidance in the learning, education and training markets. SC 36 promotes international consensus in standards development and adoption of quality standards.

"The IMS specifications have proven support in industry and are already implemented in many countries," commented Erlend Øverby, Chair of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC36. "Having IMS specifications as ISO standards benefits all and SC36 are looking forward to a close and fruitful collaboration in developing standards for the best of Learning, Education and Training for a global audience."

The collaboration with SC-36 benefits IMS member organizations by opening up a path for adoption of IMS work in additional regions of the world.

"As we enter a new era of ubiquitous digital learning it is important that IMS play a role in opening up new opportunities worldwide and this agreement with ISO/IEC is aimed at that purpose," commented Dr. Rob Abel, Chief Executive of IMS. "My thanks to the IMS member organizations for their support in developing and sustaining a world-class organization with the means to help make global adoption of digital learning a reality."

About IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS Global) www.imsglobal.org

IMS Global is a nonprofit organization that advances technology that can affordably scale and improve educational participation and attainment. IMS members are leading suppliers, institutions and government organizations that are enabling the future of education by collaborating on interoperability and adoption initiatives. IMS sponsors Learning Impact: A global awards program & conference to recognize the impact of innovative technology on educational access, affordability, and quality.

About ISO/IEC JTC1/SC36 – Information Technology for Learning, Education and Training (ITLET)

SC36 is responsible for ISO standardization of learning technologies. SC36 have 22 active countries participating in the development of our standards, and 23 countries monitoring the standardization work. SC36 have so far published more than 30 international standards.