an annual international event
MOBiLearn and m-learning, the two mobile learning projects supported by the European Commission, are collaborating to organise a series of international conferences on Mobile and Ambient Learning. The conferences build upon the findings and knowledge shared in MLEARN 2002 (University of Birmingham) and MLEARN 2003 (London).

The projects bring an international perspective to the MLEARN conferences, having partners in Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and USA.

what is the purpose of the conference?
The main purpose of the conference is to bring together people who are interested in developing opportunities, systems and contexts for learning with mobile and wireless devices and networks. Speakers and delegates will include practitioners, designers of mobile learning materials and services, hardware and software technology developers and researchers from mobile learning projects around the world. This is an opportunity to find out what is going on now in the field of learning with mobile devices and ambient intelligence, and to share ideas and experiences, contributing to the future research agenda of Technology-Enhanced Learning. Participation will be encouraged - through question and answer slots, open debates and networking opportunities.

the programme
This will have a number of parallel tracks relating to the use of mobile/ handheld devices, wireless networks and mobile content. Fields of interest are expected to be:
- accessibility and mobility
- ambient intelligence
- ambient learning
- intermittently connected learners
- blended learning
- contextual learning
- informal and lifelong learning
- development of international standards
- learning management systems
- researching/ evaluating mobile learning
- situated collaborative learning
- mobile learning applications
- supporting and engaging the mobile learner
- Context Aware Learning Technology Systems
- mobile spaces for learning communities
- development of content/ teaching materials
- learning methodologies
- instructional design theories
- ad hoc networks for organisational learning
- learning objects and metadata for mobile learning
- innovation in concept, design and pedagogy

who should attend?
This event will appeal to a wide range of audiences who are interested in developing opportunities for learning anytime everywhere with mobile and wireless handheld devices, including:
- colleges/ training providers
- higher education institutions
- independent research organisations
- community and voluntary organisations
- publishers, content developers and brokers
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Schools and Local Education Authorities
- mobile device manufacturers and service providers
- software and technology developers
- government and military departments
- non-governmental organisations
- telecom operators

conference venue
MLEARN 2004 will take place in the Odescalchi Castle, at just a glance from Rome on the southern shore of Lake Bracciano. The 15th century castle majestically reigns as one of the most beautiful feudal residences in all of Europe. The Odescalchi Castle (www.odescalchi.it) is accessible:
- by bus: take the Cotral from via Lepanto in Rome
- by train: from Roma Termini (central) station in Rome, on the Viterbo line
- by car: Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is about 40 minute drive

keynote speeches
Speakers representing the European Commission, the Italian Ministry of Research and Education, and mobile learning projects around the world, have been invited to share their experiences, as have practitioners and researchers. Please see the conference website for more information about the speakers.

important dates
April 16, 2004: paper or extended abstract submission
May 17, 2004: notification of acceptance
May 31, 2004: final camera-ready manuscript
June 11, 2004: authors registration deadline

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Submissions are invited in the following categories:
- Full research paper: 5 pages (for Tracking session)
- Short developers paper: 2-3 pages (for Developers’ session)
- Posters: 2-3 pages (for Developers’ session)

Abstracts or papers are required by 16 April 2004. All applicants will be notified by 17 May 2004 about the success of their application to contribute.

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The following options are available:
- Student: 150 euro
- Registered student (including 2-day conference, refreshments and lunches, proceedings; excluding accommodation)
- Early registration (by 31 May): 300 euro
- Regular registration (after 1 June): 350 euro
- Author: 250 euro
- Full, non-residential booking (as above).
- Author booking (as above).
- At least one author per paper has to register within at most two weeks after notification, to be included into the programme.

If your organisation is a partner or SIG member in either the m-learning or MOBIlearn project, you will receive a discount of 10% on early or regular registrations.

Conference sponsors

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