**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 contents 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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Tracked sessions
The tracked sessions are an opportunity to showcase recent research and practice-based development work – get feedback, explore ideas and make contact with others working in the same field. Contributions will take the form of research paper presentations (up to 5 pages). A book of papers will be produced, which will contain an international book number (ISBN) to allow future worldwide library reference. A selection of the research papers will be presented for publishing in international journals for further education and learning technology (I CAL and J LT).

Developers’ sessions
These sessions are primarily an opportunity to present and discuss developmental work with a group of conference members. The work might relate to the development of hardware and software systems, learning materials, or other work in progress. The content should be designed to stimulate discussion, and feedback might be used to support participants in continuing their work. As an indication, final papers should be approximately 2-3 pages, although other formats (such as PowerPoint slides or HTML pages) may also be acceptable. This format is recommended for contributors who want to report developmental rather than research-focused projects.

Exhibition opportunities
The conference will host an exhibition that will allow organisations to showcase their mobile learning products, give demonstrations, offer solutions and delivery mechanisms for handheld devices to an interested audience. Please e-mail Giorgio Da Bormida (g.dabormida@giuntilabs.com) for further information.

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Booking options
The following options are available:
- Student: 150 euro
  - Residential booking (including: 2-day conference, refreshments and lunches, proceedings; excluding accommodation)
- Early registration (by 31 May): 300 euro
  - Full, non-residential early booking (including: 2-day conference, refreshments and lunches, proceedings, conference bag, pre-conference and in-conference reception; excluding accommodation)
- Regular registration (after 1 June): 350 euro
  - Full, non-residential booking (as above)
  - Student: 250 euro
  - Full, non-residential 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

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