

2nd International Conference

21st, 22nd and 23rd April 2010

The Hague, Netherlands

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“Putting eLearning to Work in Defence Environments”

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It's on again

Following the significant success of the Inaugural Defence Academies and Colleges e-Learning (DACeL) International Conference in Stellenbosch, we are pleased to announce the next DACeL International Conference will be held in The Hague, The Netherlands 21st – 23rd April 2010. So, mark your diary and prepare to attend and share your ideas and experiences with colleagues from around the world.

The conference host is the *Netherlands Defense Academy*, more specifically the *Netherlands Defense College* in The Hague. This conference is a co-effort between the Netherlands Defense Academy (NL), UNSW@ADFA (Australia), Cranfield University (UK), and Stellenbosch University (RSA).



National Defence College

Again, we encourage attendance of Defence/Military Academy staff. To make sure there will be plenty of opportunities to get to know each other and discuss all topics, the maximum number of participants has been set at 150. Last year in Stellenbosch most participants commented that a smaller conference stimulated interpersonal contact.

Keynote and Local Focus Speakers will be invited to the conference. The rest of the program is up to you. We need you to share your ideas with your academic, scientific, military and student colleagues and invite you to submit an abstract/proposal of the paper/presentation you wish to share. We also hope to again have institutional profiles (10 minutes per institution) presented during a session on the first and provide for poster space.

Conference Theme

E-learning is a very broad working field. While everything from CBT to Web2.0/serious gaming is referred to as e-learning, for this conference we will try to strand papers and presentations as:

- academic/scientific speakers (what's possible and why)
- practitioners (what are we doing and sharing lessons learned and ideas)
- students (What we like and how do we like it).

Although any subject within the field of e-learning is worth talking and hearing about, for this conference we would like to focus on the sub-themes of:

- security (how to deal with the conflict between technology and course openness and the defence security requirements and measures);
- change management (how to stimulate teaching staff to use e-learning); and
- student engagement with e-learning (pedagogically and technically).

Submitting an Abstract or Proposal

The conference theme *Putting eLearning to Work in Defence Environments* focuses on the principles and practicalities of implementing e-learning programs in Defence contexts.

We welcome, by way of an initial abstract or proposal, submissions that address the conference theme. This may be through analysing theoretical and practical issues or by providing case studies of 'good practice' and 'lessons learned'.

- **Conference Paper** (20 minutes duration);
- **Reports and Case Studies** (15 minutes duration); and
- **Student Presentations** (up to 15 minutes duration - we intend to offer special opportunities for students to provide presentations relating to their e-learning experiences.)

Discussion time will be provided for all presentations.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE AT: www.dacel.com.au

To enable your ideas to be considered by the Program Committee, please provide a 300 word (max.) abstract/summary to the Program Committee by 16th November, 2009. The Program Committee will respond by 11th January, 2010.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the DACeL Scientific Committee which comprises staff of all four organising academies/universities and other selected specialists.

Registration for participation or submitting abstracts is possible through the website (www.dacel.com.au).

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Logistics

The conference fee for 2010 will be €100; students free. This fee is to be paid when registering either by cheque, credit card or purchase order. The conference fee includes all sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, a *Welcome Reception* and the *Conference Dinner*. Participants are responsible for organising their own travel and accommodation (see below).

Accommodation

Option 1:

To promote the participation of students and members from academies in developing countries, the *Netherlands Defense College* has a maximum of 50, one person 'hotel style' rooms available, in which selected participants can stay for free. People who can apply for the free rooms are (in order of priority):

- Student participants
- Participants from academies in developing countries

Should you wish to nominate for one of these rooms please contact: LtCol Leon Punt

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0031 76 527 3532 directly, outlining your case.

Option 2:

The *Campanile Hotel Delft*, about five minutes walk from the *Netherlands Defense College*, has rooms for €105 (plus a local tax of €2 per day) per night, including breakfast.



Thirty rooms are available and reservations need to be made before 31st December, 2009. Email your reservation to: delft@campanile.com or telephone 0031 15 2799000. Please mention 'DACeL 2010' to be sure to get the special price.

Option 3:

The *Tullip Inn Delft*, a five minute drive from the *Netherlands Defense College* (transport will be available) has rooms for €109 per night with breakfast for an additional €12,50 (plus a local tax of €2 per day).



Fifty rooms are available and reservations need to be made before 20th February, 2010. Email your reservation using the document on the DACeL web site to:

info@tullipinndelft.nl or fax to 0031 15 8889011. Please mention 'DACeL 2010' to be sure to get the special price.

