



IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc.

SURF Foundation Joins IMS

BURLINGTON, Mass. - February 25, 2004 - IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. today announced that SURF Foundation, the Dutch higher education and research partnership organization for network services and information and communications technology has become a Contributing Member. Contributing Members help set the direction of IMS, guide in the development of IMS specifications and have voting representation on the IMS Technical Board.

Jocelyn Manderveld from SURF stated, "IMS is the best organization for us to join to help advance e-learning specifications. They have a proven track record of delivering specifications which are the backbone of development in the distributed learning arena."

The SURF Foundation will provide IMS with an important point of contact with the growing number of Dutch and European initiatives in elearning. We look forward to the contribution of the SiX experts to IMS' mission of delivering learning technology to users and vendors worldwide," said Ed Walker, CEO of IMS.

About SURF Foundation:

SURF Foundation is the Dutch higher education and research partnership organization for information communications technology. The SURF SiX expertise group will be representing SURF in the IMS Consortium. SURF SiX's goal is to expand knowledge about national and international specifications and standards in the field of learning technology. It also aims to promote the use of standards and specifications in higher education in the Netherlands. For further information visit the SURF SiX expertise group's website at <http://e-learning.surf.nl/SiX/english/>

About IMS

IMS Global Learning Consortium is an international non-profit organization that includes more than 57 Contributing Members and Affiliates. Members come from every consumer and vendor sector of the global e-learning community. The Consortium promotes the adoption of interoperable learning technology. Several IMS technology specifications are de facto standards for delivering learning products and services worldwide. All IMS specifications and related publications are made available to the public at no charge from www.imsglobal.org.

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