



Sakai Newsletter

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1. New Sakai Executive Director, Ian Dolphin

Please welcome Ian Dolphin as the new executive director of the Sakai Foundation. Ian currently serves as the international director of the e-Framework Partnership. Based with the UK Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), his role has focused on broadening education and research collaboration projects between government and public agencies in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Through his service on the boards of the Sakai Foundation, Jasig, Curriki Global Education and Learning Community, and the European Multimedia Forum, Ian has gained a breadth of experience in education open source community leadership.

Ian is an avid photographer, sharing photos from his travels at <http://www.flickr.com/people/iandolphin/>. He is also very active on Twitter

(@iandolphin24), where he provides regular updates on the behavior of the humber sheep.

Ian joins the Foundation formally on August 1, 2010, and can be reached at iandolphin@sakaifoundation.org.

2. New Sakai 3 Project Director, Alan Marks

Alan Marks has joined the Sakai Foundation as Project Director for the managed Sakai 3 project. Alan will be a Sakai Foundation employee reporting to Sakai Foundation executive director, Ian Dolphin, and accountable to the Sakai 3 steering group. The position is supported, at present, by funds from the participating institutions.

Alan has 18 years of experience in all phases of software development from concept through release to sustained engineering. He has directed product development and managed significant software projects for Microsoft, HP, SAP, Adobe and others.

Alan can be reached at alanmarks@sakaifoundation.org.

3. Call for Resources: Managed Sakai 3 Project

The managed Sakai 3 project has made significant progress. A formal steering group has been formed which includes: co-chair Ian Dolphin (executive director, Sakai Foundation), co-chair Philip Uys (Charles Sturt), David Ackerman (NYU), Clay Fenlason (product manager, Sakai Foundation and Georgia Tech), David Goodrum (Indiana), Oliver Heyer (UC Berkeley), and John Norman (Cambridge).

Each institution represented in the steering group has or is attempting to tender significant resources to the managed project. The steering group has selected a dedicated project director, Alan Marks, and defined a specific project roadmap for the managed Sakai 3 project. Progress, plans, and context can be found at <http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/SAKDEV/Sakai+3>.

Additional resources are still required to execute the Sakai 3 roadmap. Please review the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding for Contributing Partners), which describes the resource needs. The project can also accept donations of funding -- large or small -- which can be pooled to address resource needs. The success of the Sakai 3 project requires broad participation. If you have questions, please contact Ian Dolphin (iandolphin@sakaifoundation.org) or Philip Uys (puids@csu.edu.au).

4. Save the Date - Sakai 2011 Conference

Are you suffering from withdrawal from daily interaction with your Sakai community colleagues? The next annual Sakai conference is only 11.5 months away. Mark the dates on your calendar now. We will meet in Berlin at the Ramada Hotel Berlin - Alexanderplatz on June 14 - 16, with pre-conference sessions on June 13.

5. Sakai Teaching and Learning (T&L) Group - New Initiatives - Call for Ideas and Assistance

All members of the Sakai Community are invited to join the Teaching and Learning group as it plans initiatives for the coming year. In addition to continuing work on the Learning Capabilities Design Lenses and the Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award, the T&L Group is brainstorming possible new initiatives, including Distance Learning, Student Engagement, and Enhancing Communication. We are seeking ideas from both the community and members to help. To see the T&L Group's work and contribute to the conversation, please visit our Confluence page: <http://tinyurl.com/SakaiTL>.

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6. University of Virginia Upgrades

The University of Virginia is pleased to announce that we successfully upgraded from version 2.5.3 to version 2.6.2 on May 25, 2010.

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7. rSmart Welcomes New Community Members

Each month rSmart works with a new group of institutions to install and use the rSmart Sakai CLE. Bringing new institutions into the Sakai community is an important part of

our contribution. It is our pleasure to welcome the following institutions that are adopting and implementing Sakai:

Northeastern Community College, in Nebraska, has just made a decision to transition from Blackboard's Angel Learning to rSmart's Sakai CLE.

St. George's University, a medical veterinary school in Grenada, is moving to Sakai from Blackboard's Angel Learning and has already smoothly transitioned content for many courses to Sakai. Having spent a week on campus, we believe that St. George's is the perfect venue for a future Sakai Conference.

Smyrna School District in Delaware will implement Sakai as a platform for faculty development, with plans to increase access to students over time.

The Uniformed Services University will use Sakai and will also begin implementation of Quali Rice in preparation for broader use of the Quali enterprise suite. rSmart looks forward to working with USU and the Naval Postgraduate School to identify integration and leverage points between Sakai and our sister community, Quali.

8. Columbia University Job Opening

Columbia University is currently hiring for a position on its Web Architecture team that includes duties related to our current LMS and Sakai. This position is fully described at:

<http://jobs.columbia.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=118961>

Candidates must submit a resume and cover letter via the above link for formal consideration. Preliminary inquiries and questions are welcome and should be addressed to Carol Kassel, ckassel@columbia.edu.

9. Job Opening at Virginia Tech: Director of Online Learning and Collaboration Services

Virginia Tech invites applications for the position of Director of Online Learning and Collaboration Services. Reporting to Learning Technologies' Senior Director for Strategy and Planning, the director provides leadership and management of central online learning and collaboration systems and services supporting teaching, learning, discovery and engagement throughout the university. This position requires a dynamic "systems-

thinker" with professional experience in a complex technology-intensive environment providing robust customer service, conducting training, and managing a staff unit.

The director develops and maintains face-to-face interaction and collaboration opportunities with clients and a team of professional peers in Learning Technologies, Distance Learning, and other university units to strategize on existing and potential new service offerings, product selections, and policies, and to ensure the efficacy, soundness and relevance of these services to the university community. The director collaborates with a team of application developers, systems integrators, help desk agents, trainers and documentation developers to ensure excellence in system functionality and performance and to provide effective end-user support and training. This position requires a comprehensive and thorough knowledge of these systems as a whole as well as an understanding of the multiple ways they are integrated into other systems such as SIS and Banner. The director also coordinates QA testing for all upgrades and new service deployments.

To learn more about this position or to apply, please visit <http://www.jobs.vt.edu> and search for posting number 0100409 (Director of Online Learning and Collaboration Services). Review of applications will begin on August 2, 2010.

10. Recent Email Group Discussions

[Building Sakai] About License and inclusion in the map Who is using SAKAI?
<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-About-License-and-inclusion-in-the-map-Who-is-using-SAKAI-td5248925.html#a5248925>

[Building Sakai] Assessment zombies in gradebook
<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Assessment-zombies-in-gradebook-td5248751.html#a5248751>

[Building Sakai] Assignment "In/New" counts all read 0 after upgrade
<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Assignment-In-New-counts-all-read-0-after-upgrade-td5241486.html#a5248913>

[Building Sakai] Entitypicker
<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Entitypicker-td5249399.html#a5249399>

[Building Sakai] External LDAP users in a clustered environment.
<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-External-LDAP-users-in-a-clustered-environment-td5248997.html#a5249017>

[Building Sakai] Fwd: Add Users

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Add-Users-td5208547.html#a5208547>

[Building Sakai] presence.events.log

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-presence-events-log-td5246698.html#a5246698>

[Building Sakai] Profile2 v1.3.9 release imminent

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Profile2-v1-3-9-release-imminent-td5245853.html#a5245853>

[Building Sakai] Public announcements from Admin Workspace not possible?

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Public-announcements-from-Admin-Workspace-not-possible-td5246572.html#a5246572>

[Building Sakai] Spam and list moderation

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Spam-and-list-moderation-td5244963.html#a5244963>

[Building Sakai] students unable to create course sites in 2.6

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-students-unable-to-create-course-sites-in-2-6-td5244970.html#a5244970>

[Building Sakai] SVN checkin issue

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-SVN-checkin-issue-td5249091.html#a5249091>

[Building Sakai] User account integration

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-User-account-integration-td5248159.html#a5248159>

[Building Sakai] Web service and Samigo

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/template/NodeServlet.jtp?tpl=search-page&node=1343168&query=Web+service+and+Samigo&days=0>

[Building Sakai] wsetup.home.toolids and Home page synoptic tool order

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-wsetup-home-toolids-and-Home-page-synoptic-tool-order-td5248186.html#a5248334>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] please contribute staff and financial resources to the S3 project

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/please-contribute-staff-and-financial-resources-to-the-S3-project-t5225254.html#a5225254>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] Use of Survey question type in SAMigo

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Using-Sakai-Use-of-Survey-question-type-in-SAMigo-t5223481.html#a5223481>

[DG: User Experience] [sakai-kernel] Context sensitive help

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Re-DG-User-Experience-sakai-kernel-Context-sensitive-help-t5218325.html#a5218393>

[DG: User Experience] Fwd: UIEtips: Baking Social Interfaces Into Your Design

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/DG-User-Experience-Fwd-UIEtips-Baking-Social-Interfaces-Into-Your-Design-t5224396.html#a5224396>

[Portfolio] Clarification: possible OSP independent release

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Portfolio-Clarification-possible-OSP-independent-release-t5231165.html#a5231165>

[Portfolio] Image Gallery

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Portfolio-Image-Gallery-t5243684.html#a5243684>

[Portfolio] Turning in form instances for assignments

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Portfolio-Turning-in-form-instances-for-assignments-t5248981.html#a5248981>

[Using Sakai] Embed button in a rich text editor?

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Using-Sakai-Embed-button-in-a-rich-text-editor-t5245375.html#a5245375>

[Using Sakai] how to install sakai bin in an existing tomcat6

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Using-Sakai-how-to-install-sakai-bin-in-an-existing-tomcat6-t5246794.html#a5246794>

[Using Sakai] sakai 2.6 broken link on wiki and sakai.properties for sakai 2.7 not found in binary

<http://sakai-project-mail-list-archives.1343168.n2.nabble.com/Using-Sakai-sakai-2-6-broken-link-on-wiki-and-sakai-properties-for-sakai-2-7-not-found-in-binary-t5247165.html#a5247549>

11. Events

2010 AuSakai Conference

Wednesday - Friday, September 15-17

Pre-conference session: Wednesday, 15th September

North Sydney College, Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE

www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/AuSakai2010

Sakai 2011 Conference

June 14 - 16

Ramada Hotel Berlin - Alexanderplatz

Berlin, Germany