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Keeping You Informed of Current and Upcoming
Work inside IMS and the eLearning Community

PUBLIC DISPATCH

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Welcome to the monthly newsletter from IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. Our goal is to provide you with information about what is happening inside IMS and around the eLearning Community. We welcome your comments and feedback.

General Web Services Final Specification

The IMS General Web Services Final specification was released to the public on the 13 January. General Web Services will be used across all IMS specifications. It includes a base profile of core Web Services technologies as well as best practice guidance on issues such as Web Service security and routing. For the full specification visit: <http://www.imglobal.org/gws/index.html> 

IMS Blogs

Did you know that IMS has an official blog? Check it out at: <http://www.imglobal.org/blogs/> 

alt-i-lab 2006

alt-i-lab 2006 will take place at University Place Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, 19-21 June 2006. Make sure you save the date, more details will be available soon. Watch <http://www.imglobal.org/altilab2006> for updates. The call for Demonstrator went out in early January. For information on participating in the demonstrator visit: <http://www.imglobal.org/altilab/index.html> 

Workplan

Want to know what's happening in IMS?

Description	
QTI Assessment Project Group	The QTI Assessment Project Group has completed QTI v2.1 Public Draft specification which will be available on the IMS website soon.
Tools Interoperability Project Group	The Project Group is now working on the final version of the Tools Interoperability Guidelines to be completed in the first quarter of 2006.
Packaging Project Group	The Packaging Project Group has completed the v1.2 Public Draft specification and is seeking comments from those implementing the spec on various issues listed in the document set. The spec is available here: http://www.imsglobal.org/content/packaging/index.html
Common Cartridge Project Group	The Common Cartridge Project Group is working on the Base Document specification.
General Web Services Project Group	The IMS Technical Advisory Board has approved the Final version of the GWS v1.0 specification which is now available here: http://www.imsglobal.org/gws/index.html
Query Services Special Interest Group	After completing a white paper early last year, the Query Services SIG is beginning work on writing a charter to develop a specification.



Workshops and Presentations

- © 6-7 April 2006 - TELCERT Workshop: 'Interoperable of e-Learning Systems in Action' - Valkenburg aan de Geul, The Netherlands
- © 8 June 2006 - TELCERT Workshop: 'Facing the New Challenges of Globalization in e-Learning' - Palermo, Sicily
- © 9 June 2006 - TELCERT WS MoaT Workshop: 'Web Services - Modelling and Testing' - Palermo, Sicily

