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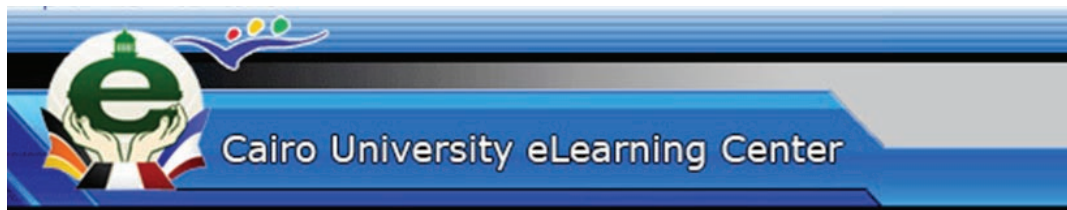
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Website updated to Plone 3

Thanks to the continuous and great work of our web team, the *CUELC homepage* is now running on Plone 3.

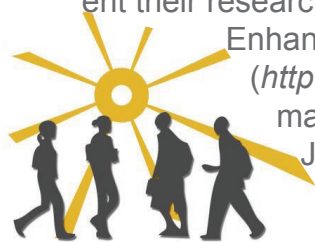
The most valuable new feature is the members' area, which lets you organise your workspace, compile a profile, search for and invite your friends, and much more. Other new features include improved collaboration tools, better inline editing and integrity checking as well as the new wiki support. To find out more about these and other new features visit the *Plone 3 website*.



Invitation to Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning 2009

CUELC is part of a bigger network of different EU projects, and we want to take the chance and broaden your horizon. Hereby we want to introduce and invite you to the summer school taking place from May 30th to June 6th in Terchova, Slovakia.

It will foster cross-domain training and collaboration opportunities among researchers in Europe and beyond, working in the disparate fields of expertise which promote the advancement of TEL at the workplace. The programme includes lectures and working sessions from leading professors in the field, tutoring, mentoring, and joint research opportunities. Additionally the school will offer practical sessions in research methodology for Technology Enhanced Learning. Advanced PhD students will be identified to present their research at the Fourth European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning in Cannes, France, September, 2009 (<http://www.ectel09.org>), and to participate in EATEL thematic workshops.



Join today under <http://jtelsummerschool.eu/> - application closing on March 16th. An option to receive a grant will become available in the near future.

1st CUELC Competition Winners receive prizes

We are happy to announce the winners of the 1st CUELC Programming Competition 2008: it is Team 3 consisting of the RWTH Aachen students Pavel, Jan and Niklas. On October 22nd 2008 they received their prizes - three iPod Shuffles - at the i5 char at RWTH Aachen personally from Prof. Dr. Matthias Jarke. You can review their winning sheet [here](#).

We hope all of the participants had fun, learned something useful and will perhaps join us in another future competition.





A CUELC Meeting at the ICT-Learn 2008

Katherine Maillet and I visited our Egyptian colleagues in Cairo within ICT Learn conference on an invitation from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Magda Bahaa Eddin Fayek as Egyptian CUELC coordinator. We had a lot of interesting meetings and discussions on the conference with colleagues from other Middle East, Asian and European companies and countries.

Technology Enhanced Learning in Middle East is in its development stage and shows perspectives in the evolvement of E-Learning in the region. This kind of learning has an incredible impact in the development of the countries in Middle East and Asia. Most of the limitations learners have are because of the location where they are based, that's why E-Learning is a perfect possibility to educate thousands of people who live far away from cities with universities as well as providing education independent of social background.

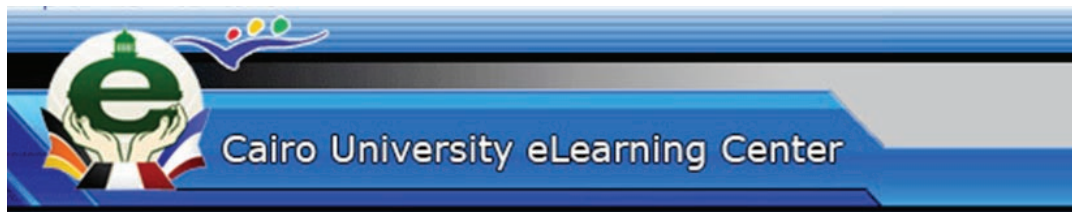
Some interesting points were discussed about the availability of the E-Learning tools. For example, the most available in India is the TV set. The studies show this naive tool had still achieved an audience of learners and raised their knowledge in the educated topic.

Moreover, Katherine and I had several strategical meetings within Prof. Dr. Samir Ibrahim Shaheen, Prof. Dr. Nevin Mahmoud Darwish and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Magda Bahaa Eddin Fayek where we discussed the further steps for our projects. We met some staff members working on the faculty and within the CUELC project and contribute a lot in last and upcoming CUELC programming competition, like Eng. Ahmed Said Mohamed Hefni.



I would like to thank our Egyptians colleagues and ICT Learn 2008 organizers for their hospitality.

Zina Petrushyna
CUELC Coordinator at RWTH Aachen



Invited Talk Session at ICENCO 2008: E-learning and achievements at Tempus

On Monday 28th of December 2008, the invited talk session on the first day of the 4th International Computer Engineering Conference (ICENCO) was concerned with E-Learning. Representing CUELC, Dr. Magda B. Fayek started her talk by an introduction on eLearning as a whole. Then she stated the mission and vision of the Cairo University eLearning Center (CUELC) and discussed the accomplishments of the center including the infrastructure, developed courses, tutorials and add-ons. She ended her speech by listing the policies and trends adopted by the center from engaging students in the center activities like developing educational games and participating in programming competitions to extending the research activities in the eLearning field.



The audience was impressed by the talk and especially those practicing eLearning activities in their universities in the USA and other countries with other LMSs like WebCT and Blackboard. The talk was concluded by a discussion, where some suggestions were made that may be useful for the students. One, that commented on “ Intelligent Mentor”, a future work planned at CUELC, was adding a feature to track and mentor the students’ performance and give them feedback messages to motivate and/or direct them according to their performance.

Moodle Workshop Report

The Moodle workshop, given by the CUELC on 17-12-2008, was planned as a hands-on tutorial on different features and capabilities of the Moodle learning management system. It was composed of two main parts: The administrative role and the User role.

Workshop Goals:

To show the teachers how to use the site to:

- Prepare, Set-up and Administrate a Course on Moodle
- Back-up and Restore a course
- Add Resources like labels, file and links to websites
- Create activities like Adding an Assignment, Chat tool, Choice and Quiz
- View reports and Grades



Workshop Feedback:

Participants asked about the possibility of setting up the Moodle at different Faculties and Universities. In addition, participants asked for another workshop to be able to do more practical work. As a sample the courses developed on the site were demonstrated. The participants were impressed and they wished they can prepare their courses to be similar to those on the site.