

Meeting Point@LearnTec 2009

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The event **Meeting Point@LearnTec 2009** is a lively virtual round table discussion with experts and participants from around the world who meet LearnTec visitors in Karlsruhe in a **virtual meeting room** that is being broadcast on the main screen in an interactive live online and off-line session (simulcast).



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Speaker



**Jay
Cross**

Jay Cross, CEO at [Internet Time Group](#) and founder of the [Workflow Institut](#), is a renown pioneer in the field of informal learning, web 2.0, and thought leader who coined the very term 'eLearning'. He has challenged traditional ideas about adult education for more than three decades, ever since his very first business degree program at the University of Phoenix. The Harvard and Princeton University graduate is a frequent keynote speaker and chairman at conferences and was CEO of the eLearning Forum. Jay is author of [Informal Learning: Rediscovering the Natural Pathways that Inspire Innovation and Performance](#) and [Learnscaping: How to Get Things Done in Organizations](#) and thousand read his Internet Time Blog daily. Jay is a sought-after consultant for implementing informal/ web 2.0 learning strategies to foster virtual team collaboration and accelerate performance in global enterprises.



**Rolf
Luehrs**

Rolf Luehrs is head of the department 'Interactive Communication' at the Hamburg based [TuTech Innovation GmbH](#), a company specialising in knowledge and technology transfer. Rolf has been working for more than a decade in the fields of social science, assessment of technology impact and Internet research and he has been involved in many different national and European research and development projects.

He is author of numerous articles in scientific journals, books and conference proceedings in the field of e-Democracy, e-Participation and e-Government. Since 2008 Rolf is the co-ordinator of the [Pan European eParticipation Network \(PEP-NET\)](#).



**Heike
Philp**

Heike Philp is founder and managing director of [LANCELOT School GmbH](#), an accredited training center for language trainers in the use of state-of-the-art virtual classroom technology. With over 20 years in education and several years of teaching German in Japan and the UK, Heike took on the live online challenge by starting a virtual language school and her experience subsequently led her to co-initiate the [European funded LANCELOT project](#). The LANCELOT project saw 23 partners in 8 countries jointly developing a train-the-trainer course for language teachers. [Heike's enthusiasm for synchronous Internet communication](#) also led her to co-initiate yet another European funded project: AVALON. AVALON stands for Access to Virtual and Action Learning live Online and is about language learning in Second Life, a 3D virtual world and with a consortium of 26 European partners, 11 of which are Universities. She is a frequent speaker at the Online Educa, EUROCALL, WIAOC, LearnTec and Illinois Online Conference about language learning in virtual classrooms.



**Dr. Günter
Podlacha**

Dr. Günter Podlacha is head of the E-Learning Division, International Community of Practice, Documentation at [InWEnt GmbH](#). For more than 10 years he has been working in the field of 'Technology assisted Learning, 'Virtual Information and Knowledge Transfer' as well as 'Collaboration and Interaction via the Internet'.

As consultant, trainer and coach in open and distance learning, Dr. Podlacha has gained extensive experience and the E-Learning Center of InWent GmbH, [Global Campus 21®](#) with more than 50.000 participants is [one of the largest learning and communication platforms](#) for international collaboration currently operating.



**Ken
Thompson**

Ken Thompson, who blogs on [Bioteams](#) is an independent consultant and writer on all aspects of „virtual collaboration“ between people in the same and different organisations. Ken's background is IT and coaching virtual teams, virtual business networks and virtual communities.

For the last 2 years Ken has been researching the organisational patterns and communications of ‚real‘ biological teams such as ants, bees, dolphins, biological cells and whole ecosystems and how we can learn from them, but not be limited by them, in creating our own high performing teams using [virtual technology and new working practices](#).



**Nancy
White**

Nancy White, is founder of [Full Circle Associates](#). She helps organizations connect through online and offline strategies. [Nancy is a skilled online interaction designer, facilitator and coach](#) for distributed communities of practice, online learning, distributed teams and virtual communities. Her work spans the globe working with international development efforts and helping create numerous online communities filled with enthusiastic people sharing their knowledge.

Program Wednesday, 04.02.09 13:30 - 18:00

13:30 Virtual Learning Moderation *Meinrad Rombach*

13:30 **Opening session** with *Michael Krings*, chairman of the board [European Telecoaching Institute \(ETI\)](#)

13:40 **Sir LANCELOT and the mists of AVALON, the virtual saga continues ...**

Heike Philp, Managing Director of [LANCELOT School™ GmbH](#), a virtual training center for language trainers, invites her online and offline audience to a live performance in Second Life with guest speakers from the project AVALON.

14:10 Virtual Development Moderation *Meinrad Rombach*

14:10 **e-Participation for European citizens in an e-Democracy**

Rolf Lührs, (TuTech Innovation GmbH) will speak about the current stage of eParticipation in Germany and introduce the [Pan European eparticipation network \(PEP-NET\)](#).

14:40 **Virtual Learning in International Communities of Practise (CoP)**

Dr. Günter Podlacha of [InWEnt gGmbH](#) in Bonn relates experiences from their global operation as training organisation for staff development, vocational training and dialogue. Some of the numerous e-learning centre in Africa, South and North America, Asia and Europe will be present live online to report first hand.

16:00 Networking break with coffee, tea and snacks

16:30 Virtual Collaboration Moderation *Heike Philp*

16:30 **Introduction** with *Lutz Berger*, free journalist 2.0, [Science&Faction](#)

16:40 **Virtual Round Table - Panel Discussion**

Jay Cross, author of the book '[Informal Learning](#)', *Nancy White*, consultant for [communities of practise](#) and *Ken Thompson*, virtual team expert and author of the '[Bioteaming Manifesto](#)', meet live online to discuss strengths and opportunities as well as weaknesses and threats for virtual teams.

This is an unusual and an explosive mixture of experts and trendsetters who have been doing the ground work of connecting people. We are looking forward to hearing their views on the 'next 5000 days' of the Internet, an Internet that apparently took 5000 days to reach the same amount of connections than our brain has todate. Heike Philp will be moderating the discussion and invites all present, namely all 'virtual' and all 'local' participants to testdrive virtual collaboration and to freely share ideas.

17:50 **Closing session** with *Michael Krings*, chairman of the board [European Telecoaching Institute \(ETI\)](#)