

Emerge Summer Institute
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
EARLY BIRD FEE \$50.00 UNTIL JUNE 6, 2008

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Accommodations Near SAIT

Click the link below for a list of hotels in the SAIT area. A list of hotels near SAIT is available [here](#) and a list of hotels offering government rates is available [here](#). **(Please Note: Registration confirmation for the event will be required to get the government rate.)**

May and June 2008

Emerge Webinar Events

More information on the EmERGE webinar events taking place in May and June is available in this month's EmERGE Newsletter.

August 20-22, 2008

Summer Institute

The EmERGE Summer Institute will be held at SAIT in Calgary. Registration for the event is now open and a special early bird fee of \$50.00 is in effect until June 6, 2008.

News from Alberta Education

Digital Resources Pilot Project

In preparation for the Summer Institute, contact information for teachers participating in EmERGE for the 2008/2009 school year is needed. All classroom teachers will be issued a user ID and password just prior to the Summer Institute allowing them access to the EmERGE Pilot site. Knowing that staff will continue to change until early October, principals will have the ability to modify the users.



Project leads are asked to collect a list of all teachers currently active in the Emerge project, including name, e-mail address, grade level, and their location (Alberta Education School Code). Please send this information to Karen Shipka, Project Lead, at Karen.Shipka@gov.ab.ca by August 1, 2008.

Teachers are asked to compile a list of all of the textbooks that they will be using during the 2008/2009 school year and ensure that one copy per student will be available. Please bring this list to the Summer Institute.

More information will be sent out in the next Emerge Newsletter.

U of C and Metiri Research Group

Evaluation Webinar – June 6, 2008

The University of Calgary and Metiri Group are busily analyzing Year 1 data and will be conducting a webinar on June 6, 2008 to orient participants to a sample report. Immediately following that meeting, participants will be able to pick up their individual reports in PDF format.

June 6, 2008: 9:00 - 10:30 am

Web Site: <http://metiri.acrobat.com/june08/>

Type your name: enter as guest

Phone: 1-888-296-6500

Participant code: 322454#

Sample reports will be available after June 1, 2008 at <http://www.metiri.com/alberta.html>.

News from Galileo Educational Network

Galileo wants to thank all participants at the April Community of Practice event for sharing their student and teacher work. Participants were provided a framework for examining their own projects in terms of 21st century learning and in terms of moving from the current state and moving to where you want to go, and how to get there.

Two rubrics on 21st century skills, based on current research and validated by the research team, provide a clear and attainable target to aim for. These resources and others are available online at <http://www.1to1alberta.com/resources.html> in the 21st Century Learning section. Jurisdictions are encouraged to continue working through this assessment for learning process with project participants, and as they consider their next steps, use these questions as a springboard for discussion:

1. Where do you see evidence of these two dimensions (critical thinking and teamwork and collaboration) in your work? In other work that is ongoing in your project?
2. What evidence do you have to support that?
3. How is this different from 20th Century learning?
4. What are your next steps and how are you going to accomplish this?



Reporting Procedures for Fall Reporting Webinar – May 13, 2008

10:00 – 11:30 am

This meeting will occur by telephone conference.

- Edmonton local area dials (780) 421-1483
- Calgary local area dials (403) 232-0994

The pass code for all participants is 28363#.

Globalization for Grade 10 Social Studies Teachers Webinar – May 12, 2008

3:45 – 5:00 pm

This IO Professional Learning Series is designed specifically for Grade 10 Social Studies teachers. Over the course of the 3-part webinar series, teachers will work with Social Studies curriculum expert, Ron Windrim, and connect with other Social Studies teachers across Alberta. Participants will be provided with hands-on experience to help teach Alberta's globalization curriculum and create a digital photographic essay.

To find out more and register online, go to <http://photo.ioevent.com>.

Meet the Teachers: Planning, Designing and Learning in 1:1 Webinar – May 27, 2008 (for all grades and subjects)

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Meet the teachers from Westwind School Division as the role of collaborative planning in improving teaching and learning is discussed. Designing 21st century learning with specific grade teams and with mentors online in IO and face-to-face around specific disciplines will be discussed, as well as ways of engaging students in authentic intellectual work and making teaching and learning public.

Register by email to galileo@ucalgary.ca

Login information will be emailed to those who register.

Meet the Teacher Using Web 2.0 Technologies Webinar – June 4, 2008 (for all grades and subjects)

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Christel Smith of Prairie Land Regional School Division will share ways in which she is integrating Web 2.0 technologies, such as Moodle and Wikis, into her courses. Please register by e-mail to galileo@ucalgary.ca. Login information will be provided to those who register.



Highlighted Resources

Assessment for/of Learning

Providing high quality assessment requires a comprehensive assessment plan that addresses three aspects: assessment for learning, assessment as learning and assessment of learning. Each of these three areas serves a different purpose. The latest issue of *Inquiring Minds* provides some specific information on planning for high quality assessment and is available online at www.galileo.org/about.html.

Distributed Learning Resources Branch Highlights

EveryWare Resources for September 2008 Availability

The following EveryWare distributed learning resources are scheduled to be available in September 2008:

Mathematics 1: Online learning resources pilot available through the Tools4Teachers website.

Mathematics 4: Online distributed learning course and print distributed learning courses.

Mathematics 5: An A-pack will be available for September 2008, with the B-pack following in November 2008.

Social Studies 6: This DVD resource contains electronic pages of the textbook *Many Voices 6* with embedded notes, multimedia, line masters, or other additional information to guide a distributed learning student. This EveryWare resource will also be available in a print format.

Mathematics 7: This DVD resource contains electronic pages of the textbook *Math Makes Sense 7* with embedded notes, multimedia, line masters, or other additional information to guide a distributed learning student. This EveryWare resource will also be available in a print format.

Social Studies 8: This distributed learning resource will be available only in print format.

Biology 20: Both online and print distributed learning courses will be available.

Chemistry 20: Both online and print distributed learning courses will be available.

Physics 20: Both online and print distributed learning courses will be available.

Biology 30: An online field-test course available through the Tools4Teachers website.

Chemistry 30: An online field-test course available through the Tools4Teachers website.

Physics 30: An online field-test course available through the Tools4Teachers website.

Social Studies 10-1: An online course will be available in September 2008, with the print course following in January 2009.

Social Studies 10-2: An online course will be available in September 2008, with the print course following in January 2009.

Social Studies 20-1 and Social Studies 20-2: Field-test courses are being developed through a secure wiki. Teachers interested in gaining access to this wiki should contact Merlin Flock, Resource Manager, Humanities, Distributed Learning Resources Branch, by e-mail at Merlin.Flock@gov.ab.ca.

All online resources and courses are available through the Tools4Teachers website. These resources are available free of charge to all teachers in Alberta.



New Resources Coming this Fall

The following resources to be available in an online format for September 2008:

Mathematics 1

Mathematics 4

Social Studies 6 EveryWare

Mathematics 7 EveryWare

Biology 20

Biology 30 (field-test version)

Chemistry 20

Chemistry 30 (field-test version)

Physics 20

Physics 30 (field-test version)

Social Studies 10-1

Social Studies 10-2

APPLE CANADA's Apple Learning Interchange

The Apple Learning Interchange is a social network for educators that features a wealth of content ranging from simple lesson ideas to in-depth K-12 curriculum units.

Users can create a free account to gain access to an environment for publishing and collaboration rich with movies, images and sounds. The Apple Learning Interchange can be accessed at <http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali>.

MICROSOFT's Innovative Teachers Network

The Innovative Teachers Network is part of the Innovative Teachers program, a global community of educators sponsored by Microsoft Partners in Learning. Through the Innovative Teachers Network, teachers can access lesson plans, how-to articles, inquiry-based student projects, and step-by-step implementation instructions—the tools needed to help create a technology-rich environment. Through working in a worldwide network of portals in the familiar Microsoft Office SharePoint environment, teachers can participate in online discussions and create virtual project teams with other innovative teachers in participating countries around the globe.

To take a tour or become a member and start enjoying the benefits today, visit the [Innovative Teachers Network](#) page and select a country from the drop-down menu. On the selected country page, information about upcoming events, new tools, and dates for the Innovative Teachers Forums is available.

SMART Learning Marketplace

SMART Technology Inc. has announced the release of the SMART Learning Marketplace, a content subscription service of learning resources for lesson creation. The Web-based service offers access to more than one million professionally developed, copyright-cleared multimedia learning resources through SMART Technologies Inc. and Cambridge University Press. The search engine options allow educators to search by subject area, curriculum, or grade level to find images, text documents, audio files, video clips and learning objects. Subscribers can search from SMART Notebook collaborative learning software or the SMART education solutions Web site. The service is also integrated with the SMART Board Interactive whiteboard. For more information, visit <http://www.education.smarttech.com/ste/en-us/>.



Elevate 2008

Alberta Education is hosting Elevate 2008, an international educational videoconferencing event, August 24-27, 2008 in Banff. This conference focuses on educational applications for videoconferencing and related technologies.

Elevate 2008 will feature spotlight presentations on the following topics:

- Interactive music with videoconferencing;
- Using videoconferencing to enhance curriculum;
- Forecasting the rapidly emerging future;
- Brain-based learning techniques in videoconferencing;
- Videoconferencing, virtual classrooms and virtual learning environments in South Australia; and
- Professional development supports for videoconferencing.

A special registration fee of \$375 for Elevate 2008 is in effect from now until May 20, 2008. Please visit <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008> for more information or to register.

