



Report from GLOBE: Activities at the global network of repository federations

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About GLOBE

<http://globe-info.org/>

*Global Learning Objects Brokered Exchange
Connecting the World and Unlocking the Deep Web*

GLOBE: “a one-stop-shop for **learning resource broker organizations**, each of them managing and/or federating one or more **learning object repositories**. GLOBE makes a **suite of online services and tools** available to its members for the exchange of learning resources”

GLOBE Members

The GLOBE Alliance is composed of the following organizations:

- ◊ **Ariadne Foundation**
- ◊ **Department of Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences**
- ◊ **Education Services Australia**
- ◊ **European Schoolnet**
- ◊ **III (Institute for Information Industry, Taiwan)**
- ◊ **ISKME (the Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education)**
- ◊ **KERIS (Korea Education & Research Information Service)**
- ◊ **LACLO (The Latin American Community of Learning Objects)**
- ◊ **LORNET**
- ◊ **METAL- Inter-University Center for e-Learning (IUCEL)**
- ◊ **MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online teaching, USA)**
- ◊ **OER Africa**
- ◊ **The Open University of Japan, Center of ICT and Distance Education (OUJ-CODE)**

AK involvement in GLOBE

- Active participation in the ***GLOBE Alliance Education Group***
- Other participants of the group:
 - ISKME/OER Commons (USA)
 - South African Institute for Distance Education (SAIDE) / OER Africa
 - Inter University Computation Center for e-Learning (Israel)
 - Wawasan Open University (Malaysia)
 - Open University of Quebec (Canada)
 - Open University of Japan

Ongoing work in the WG (1/2)

- **Definition of some draft concepts to work on:**
 - Harmonization of the different educational metadata standards;
 - Enhancing interoperability among the educational repositories;
 - Creation of a registry of educational repositories;
 - Collection and analysis of metadata management workflows in the case of educational repositories;
 - Development of a "cookbook" for implementing best practices in educational repositories (ranging from metadata good practices to implementing OAI-PMH and adopting open standards)

Ongoing work in the WG (2/2)

- **Definition of some draft concepts to work on:**
 - UI Development, to underpin education and outreach work at GLOBE;
 - Open Education Laboratory, to help people find global and regional support and partnerships, research, common curriculum/guidelines, and tools to support their work

Narrowing the focus

- Focusing on a selection of topics:
 - Harmonization of different educational metadata standards;
 - Creation of a registry of educational repositories;
 - Open Education Laboratory;
 - Development of a repository ‘cookbook’;

Next steps

- Elaborate on the specified topics;
- Engage more GLOBE members in the development of these ideas;
- Materialize ideas = work towards their implementation
- Share outcomes with stakeholders



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