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New OpenupEd partner

We would like to welcome our new OpenupEd partner Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC). The UOC is an online university that offers bachelor degrees, master's degrees, postgraduate courses and language courses. The UOC has grown to over 54000 students and has 89 bachelor, master and doctoral programmes available. Next to these, they now published their eighth Spanish MOOC about Gamification: "Introduction to gamification through case studies," now available at OpenupEd. The MOOC just started, but you can still enrol!

UOC Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

MOOC strand OOFHEC2017

On 25-27 October, the Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference 2017 takes place in Milton Keynes and has a specific-continuous strand on MOOCs and Open Education. It shows that many institutions and regions in Europe are actively involved in MOOCs, driven by different aims and objectives. During the conference a plenary session will be dedicated to the launch of the European MOOC Consortium (EMC).

---NEW MOOC OFFERINGS---

Learn to Learn Online in no time! A MOOC for novice online learners by AthabascaU.

This course, running from 2 October to 5 November, is a public offering by Athabasca University, Canada's Open and Online University. Athabasca University is committed to offering affordable, high quality, inclusive education. Learning to Learn Online (LTLO) allows novice online learners to explore how online education differs from traditional classrooms while they develop personal strategies for online learning success. The course also reviews common misconceptions, frustrations, and fears about online learning and introduces techniques to help overcome such obstacles.

This will be the fourth offering of Learning to Learn Online. Preliminary data from previous offerings, and a more detailed description of the project, is available.

Training of teachers in digital competences
Being a teaching and researcher in the 21st century

requires, among other things, to be digitally competent. The acquisition and training of a set of skills, knowledge and attitudes should facilitate the functionality and operation of the teacher's actions. OpenupEd partner Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) now has three MOOCs available to train teachers in their digital competences, on basic, intermediate and advanced level.

- Storage and retrieval of information data and digital content.
- Evaluation of information data and digital content.
- Navigation, search and filtering of information, data and digital content.

Learning with MOOCs for Professional Development

BizMOOC is a Knowledge Alliance to enable a European-wide exploitation of the potential of MOOCs for the world of business. Earlier, BizMOOC published an online, interactive MOOC BOOK with guidelines, state of-the art papers, good practices and recommendations how to apply MOOCs. At the moment, three different MOOCs are developed tailored to different methods & didactical approaches. The first "Learning with MOOCs for professional development" will start 16 October 2017. This free course will help you understand how you can use MOOCs for learning, and how you can grow professionally studying a MOOC, whether or not you are already in employment.

Technology-Enabled Learning

Athabasca University together with Commonwealth of Learning launches the second edition of the MOOC on Technology-Enabled Learning (TEL), starting 6 November 2017. The course is designed for teachers who want to build on their knowledge and practice in teaching and learning with technology. It will run over five weeks and requires approximately three to five hours of time each week. Designed to accommodate teachers' busy schedules, the course offers flexibility with options for learning the content.