

Announcing 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference Supporting Learning and Training  
11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2007, Bangalore India

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From Classroom to Workplace - sharing experience and knowledge.

## Building the Future of e-Assessment through Techniques and Technologies to Measure Skills and Capabilities.

Only 30% of IT graduates meet the demands and expectations of India's IT industry.

Less than 20% of other graduates are suitable for BPO and ITES.

How will India bridge this Skills Gap?

How will India cope with the increasing numbers and the demands of industry, customers and the economy?

How will India recognize and develop the right talent?

How will India derive the maximum benefit from the new technologies of skills assessment and development?

Conference speakers and delegates will share knowledge, best practice and experience of how to leverage the tools and techniques of e-Assessment cost effectively and efficiently - to identify, evaluate and develop talent and potential.

This exciting conference (being held for the first time in India) will bring together key experts from India, the UK and the rest of the world in the use of technology for raising the quality of skills training and the development of systems for the assessment of skills competency, bridging the skills gap and addressing the issues of dealing with the numbers and gaining maximum benefit from the technology. The theme of the Assessment Tomorrow conferences is the use of IT to measure skills, knowledge and understanding, otherwise known as e-Assessment.

### Speakers include

- Bob Bullivant, Deputy Director General, Chartered Insurance Institute
- Arun Goyal, Head, eMacmillan Software Services
- Mark Kobayashi-Hilary, UK Nat. Outsourcing Association
- Madan Padaki, CEO, MeritTrac
- Prof. Mariamma Varghese, Senior Education Consultant, NAAC
- Mr Kaushik Mukherjee IAS, Principal Sec. Education Department, Government of Karnataka
- Manish Sabharwal, Chairman, Team Lease Professor Sadagopan, Director, IIIT-Bangalore
- Denis Saunders, CEO, Calibrand
- D. Sudhanva, CEO, EXCELSOFT
- Mr Sunirmal Sen, working for HCL Technologies
- Hariharan S Raman, General Manager ITES, Manpower
- Prof. Ashoke Ranjan Thakur, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal Univ.of Tech.
- Col. Vikram Tiwathia, Chief Information Officer, CII
- Mr A Venkatesan, Director, NIC (Bangalore)

Chair: Prof. Kalyan Chakravarti, Business Management School of IIT, Kharagpur

### Fees per delegate

**Rs 14,000** plus taxes per delegate for attendance at the conference.

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We are pleased to announce the sixth International Conference that examines the increasing use of e-Assessment, e-Learning and other applications of IT to training and education market place. Sharing knowledge and experience is our prime focus and use of the same with IT to measure skills and capabilities changes the whole paradigm. Rightly, Aristotle, the ancient Greek philosopher, had said: “**Teaching is the highest form of understanding.**”

At Assessment Tomorrow, we try exactly to focus on “the highest form of understanding”, knowledge and skills gap through our international conferences and exhibitions primarily aimed at the world of learning, teaching and training. This sixth international conference to be held for the first time in India at Bangalore, follows a series of highly successful Assessment Tomorrow conferences in Dublin (2005 and 2006), Kuala Lumpur (2005), Glasgow (2006), Hong Kong (2006) and the annual e-Assessment Question in London.

At Bangalore 2007, an exciting line up of speakers will await us to discuss the latest developments in the use of Information Technology and Information Communications Technology and how they can impact assessment from both the learners’ and deliverers’ perspective to IT Skills Certification, BPO Skill Assessment and KPO benchmarking. From the education point of view, e-Assessment promises teachers more time to teach by reducing the time spent on assessing and marking - whilst providing more precise feedback on students’ progress.

We are proud to be supported by UK Trade & Investment, and we hope our first international conference in India will go a long way to foster a highly productive relationship between the two countries in the field of education, learning, technology and culture.

## The objectives for the Conference are

- Raise the awareness of the importance of e-Assessment, in all its forms from electronic testing to e-portfolio management in measuring Competency, Skills, Knowledge and Understanding
- Provide a forum in which the benefits and implications of e-Assessment in the Indian context can be discussed and explored.
- Evaluate the IT required by Education and Industry to measure and develop skills and knowledge and what IT can provide that is fit for purpose and cost effective
- Bring the strategists, policy makers, practitioners and major players together at one event for an exchange of ideas and to review lessons learnt and opportunities taken,
- Provide a forum developing the debate on the selection and use of e-Assessment and
- Identify role of e-Assessment within a developing and evolving Assessment programme whether in the classroom, the workplace or in recruitment and selection.

## For Further Information please visit:

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# Assessment Tomorrow conference and exhibition

October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Taj Residency BANGALORE, India



## Conference Programme

### Thursday 11 Oct 2007

- 9:00 AM Registration, tea and coffee
- 9:30 AM Welcome by Chair, Professor Kalyan Chakravarti, Business Management School of IIT Kharagpur  
Opening Ceremony including Opening address from and Response by Dr. M S Thimmappa, ex-Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University  
Mike Connor, British Deputy High Commissioner for South India, Chennai
- 9:45 AM **First Plenary Session** examining the tools and requirements, tools and techniques for assessment of skills and knowledge  
e-Assessment and Assessment of Skills Mike Dawe, Senior Manager, New Ventures, City and Guilds  
The India context and employers and employee expectations Hariharan S Raman, General Manager, ITES Manpower  
**Coffee break** - Official opening of Art Exhibition
- 11:00 AM **Plenary Session** Using the technology  
e-Assessment in Indian Industry Mr. Mohan Kannegal, Head- Delivery, MeritTrac  
Use of Mobile Telephony for Language Testing Gavin Cooney, Learnosity, Dublin, Ireland  
Developing Testing Rajiv Unnikrishnan, SkillProfiler
- Lunch** Buffet lunch provided
- 1:15 PM **Stream One** - The workplace - meeting the problems head on  
Minds on Fire: Knowledge Learning Centers **Stream Two** - Education and learning - supporting learning  
Colonel (Retd) Vikram Tiwathia Confederation of Indian Industries (Delhi) Resources for learning and development  
Arun Goyal, Head, eMacmillan, Software Services and Vice President, Macmillan India  
Use of the technology in assessing risk in the workplace Need for e-assessment of students in the field of education  
Payal Shah, Organisational Psychologist, Inicio Dr Sudha Bhogle Head, Student Solutions at Eduquity  
Performance Assessment Infrastructure issues for Schools and Colleges  
Mr Sunirmal Sen, working for HCL Technologies Mr A Venkatesan, Director, NIC (Bangalore)
- 3:45 AM **Tea break then Plenary Session** - The Skills Gap  
Developing qualifications for the professions Neil Summers, Calibrand  
Technological options and opportunities – case study Dr. Abhishek Agrawal, GURG Software Services  
The Labour Market in India - meeting the Skills Gap Manish Sabharwal, Chairman, Team Lease  
Working across borders D. Sudhanva, CEO, EXCELSOFT
- 5:05 PM **Close of day**

### Friday 12 Oct 2007

- 9:30 AM Welcome by Chair, Professor Kalyan Chakravarti, Business Management School of IIT Kharagpur  
**Plenary Session** - Planning for the future
- 9:40 AM Strategy and Policy Mr Kaushik Mukherjee IAS, Principal Sec., Education Department, Government of Karnataka  
Meeting the Skills Gap Professor Sadagopan, IIIT-Bangalore  
Using assessments for enhancing talent pools Madan Padaki, MeritTrac
- Coffee break**
- 11:10 **Plenary Session** - Making it work  
e-Assessment for accreditation Prof. Mariamma Varghese, Senior Education Consultant, NAAC  
The use of e-Assessment in the Schoolroom as part of learning Vinay M.R., Manager- Quality & Customer Services, MetaLearn  
Finding & Developing Management Skills Sameer Dua, Joint Managing Director, TASMAC
- Lunch** Buffet lunch provided
- 1:30 PM **Plenary Session** including keynote closing address and tea break  
Online Examinations & Questionbank Management Mr A Venkatesan, Director, NIC (Bangalore) for Rama Nagpal, NIC (New Delhi)  
E-Assessment in Education & Training to Support Regional Development – a regional view Prof. Ashoke Ranjan Thakur, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University of Technology, West Bengal University of Technology  
Selection and Implementation – the lessons learnt Bob Bullivant, Deputy Director General, Chartered insurance Institute  
Tea break
- The future of e-Assessment speaker to be announced, Excelsoft  
Where we are going Martyn Ware, Business Manager for CAA, SQA  
Cultural viewpoint and issues Mark Kobayashi-Hilary, UK National Outsourcing Association
- 4:30 PM **Q&A and Closing remarks from Chair** **This programme may be subject to change**

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## Why should you attend?

- To understand the principals behind, and most recent developments in, e-Assessment developments
- To discuss how e-Assessment supports learning in the classroom and the workplace
- To examine how technology can raise standards and improve accessibility of learning
- To appreciate the importance of this exciting new technology to India's requirement to address the Skills Gap
- To review solutions available and see just how appropriate and important they are within the Indian context
- To share experience and best practice across India, the UK and the world marketplace
- To initiate future policy and planning

## Who Should Attend?

- Central/Regional Government Education Agencies & Local Authorities
- Senior Managers at Schools, Colleges and Training Providers
- Senior Managers from Training and Human Resources
- Education, Training and Qualification Policy Makers
- Awarding Bodies and Assessment Providers
- Trainers and e-Learning Publishers.

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