Early Career & Post-Doc Workshop at CSCL 2011

Call for Applications

Purpose:

The *Early-Career & Post-Doc Workshop* is intended to provide an opportunity for researchers early in their careers working in the learning sciences to discuss their own research, to discuss post-doc and early-career challenges with peers and senior mentors and to initiate international networks related to their research topics.

Format:

There will be online interaction (ca. 5 hours) to prepare the conference workshop where participants try to identify common interests with respect to research and common challenges with respect to the specific phase in the academic career. During the workshop (1.5 days) itself participants will present their research and get feedback on it in Firehose Sessions, talk to different mentors in small groups and discuss possible new international research networks with their peers. To support community building there is a Post-Doc/ Early Career Dinner scheduled for the evening of the first day. In addition, "meeting with the journal editors" session will be organized.

Content:

Research funding opportunities for post-Docs and early career researchers; how to develop a research agenda, and/or consider their own career development, publishing, where and how much, promotion; how to mentor and supervise graduate students; new research methods; possibilities for building international research networks; international mobility/going abroad: How, how long, where to? The Workshop will also have a specific focus on the specifics of the CSCL community and on the dilemmas with which this community is confronted (interdisciplinarity, gaps between different methodological approaches).

Participants:

The Early Career workshop is designed for post-doc and early career researchers (starting with those just finalizing their doctoral thesis to those having 5 years of experience after receiving the doctorate) with research interests in CSCL and the learning sciences. Workshop mentors are leading researchers in the field of CSCL.

Application procedure:

To participate at this workshop, submit an application, through the conference submission system not later than Feb. 15, 2011. The application must include two files:

(a) A file with:

- An abstract with a maximum of 300 words on your ongoing research, Preliminary ideas for future research plans, including a possible role of an international network that can be stimulated during the workshop (maximum 200 words),
- Topics you would like to see addressed at the workshop and

(b) Your CV with a maximum of one page.

Criteria for the selection of the participants are the scientific quality of the proposal and the fullfilment of the formal requirements described above (section „participants")

Funding: The social event is sponsored by the International Society of the Learning Sciences. The ISLS can provide travel stipends for a limited number of researchers and additional funding is pending.

Organizers/Chairs:

- Tak Wai Chan, National Central University, Chinese Taipei
- Cindy Hmelo-Silver, Rutgers University, USA
- Frank Fischer, University of Munich, Germany