



Digital Portfolio ... a voyage of knowledge



Onboard International Seminar Helsinki, Finland

May 22-24, 2008

Local Conference Organisers

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Coordination of Associação de Professores de Sintra, PT



www.digifolioseminar.org



Invitation

Dear colleagues,

The Socrates Comenius 2.1 Project "**Digital Portfolio as a strategy for teachers' professional development**" will organise a two days seminar focussed on the use of digital portfolios for educational purposes.

In two keynotes presented by the well known experts, Marje Kankaanranta, from Finland, Anne Wade and Philip C. Abrami, from Canada and in several communications, teachers from different European countries will be sharing their experience and disseminate good practices on the subject of digital portfolios usage fostering the discussion around the advantages of this tool in education.

General Information

This seminar will be held in Helsinki, Finland, from May, 22 to 24, 2008.

Participants will be accommodated on board of one of the Silja Line ships departing from the harbour of Helsinki. The planned conferences and paper presentations will take place during the voyage to Stockholm allowing seminar participants to enjoy a visit to the old town and, at the same time, to experience onboard activities.

Programme

Thursday, May 22, 2008

- 14:00 Registration of delegates
- 15:00 Opening Session and welcome address
- 15:15 Plenary Session: Marja Kankaanranta
- 16:00 Good Practices I: Sessions 1-4
- 17:00 Coffee break - Ship departure
- 17:30 Good Practices I: Sessions 1-4 (cont.)
- 20:30 Welcome drink
- 21:00 Welcome dinner

Friday, May 23, 2008

09:30 Arriving to Stockholm

Visit to the old town

13:30 Lunch onboard

15:00 Plenary Session: Anne Wade and Philip Abrami

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 Good Practices II: Sessions 4-6

20:00 Farewell Dinner

Saturday, May 24, 2008

Departure after breakfast

The working language will be English

About the Keynote Speakers

Philip C. Abrami is Professor, Director, and Research Chair at the Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance, Concordia University. He is also a founding member of CanKnow: The Canadian Network for Knowledge Utilization and both the Co-Chair of the Education Coordinating Group and Steering Committee member of the International Campbell Collaboration. Phil is interested in the use of evidence for policy and practice and the role of systematic reviews in improving education and other facets of the human sciences. He welcomes visitors to the CSLP website to learn more about his work in the area of e-portfolios. See: <http://doe.concordia.ca/cslp/ICT-ePortfolio.php>

Anne Wade is the person responsible person of the Electronic Portfolio Encouraging Active Reflective Learning (ePEARL), a project of the Center for the Study of Learning and Performance of the Concordia University. The CSLP-LEARN's ePEARL software is designed for use in French and English classrooms within Canadian elementary and secondary schools. The aim with this project is to combine research evidence on portfolio use with practical feedback from the field, in an attempt to develop easy to use, powerful software designed to support key processes related to self regulated learning.

Dr Marja Kankaanranta is a senior researcher at the Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Kankaanranta leads multidisciplinary laboratory for game design and research (Agora Game Lab) at Agora Center, JyU. She also acts as an adjunct professor in educational sciences at the University of Oulu and in computer sciences at the University of Jyväskylä. Currently, Marja's main research areas are authentic assessment (e.g. digital portfolios), innovative uses of information and communication technology (ICT) in education, international comparison of ICT use in education and game-based learning. Kankaanranta has published several articles and books focusing on portfolio assessment. The recent edited book e-Portfolio – Adding value to lifelong learning presents electronic portfolio projects in six countries.

Conference website and contact address

From September, 20th, 2007 full conference information is available on the conference website www.digifolioseminar.org

Registration procedures

Registration is made by submitting the Conference Registration Form electronically (on-line) on the conference website, or by fax, e-mail or regular post. The addresses are found on the registration form.

Registration is confirmed at full payment, and payment will be acknowledged. Due to the size of the conference venue, for this conference there will be a limitation in the number of participants, wherefore we recommend early registration and payment in connection with the registration to ensure your participation.

Conference Fee —————> 380€ per person

Conference Package includes:

A 41-hour cruise, trip in Stockholm, two nights onboard:

Welcome drink, breakfast buffet, a buffet dinner, a la carte dinner and coffee buffets

Accommodation in single cabin

Information about the trips available for the Digifolio seminar participants in Helsinki (May 24–25, 2008)

Finland is especially known for its peacefulness and beautiful nature: immense forests, a unique archipelago and thousands of lakes. But Finland is also a modern Nordic country with a high standard of living and a highly developed economy and technology. It is sometimes referred to as the 'land of the thousand lakes', but in fact they are about 187,888!

A veritable labyrinth of interior waterways, with a large amount of bays and islands, extends across the country but is especially dense across the eastern areas. The lakes are linked by rivers, straits and canals and offer opportunities for a variety of recreation.

This extraordinary country will welcome the delegates of the Seminar Digital Portfolio ... a voyage of knowledge, from 22 to 24 May 2008.

For those who wish to have a better knowledge of Finland, its people and nature it is possible to choose from a wide range of opportunities going from guided tours in Helsinki, to the traditional Finnish sauna or countryside excursions which may be organized on May 24 and 25.

1. Sightseeing tours in the city by bus

<http://www.helsinkiexpert.fi/sightseeing/>

Prices: 25 € adults *

The tourists are picked up from several hotels for the 11:00 tour. The participants may be provided with information about the sightseeing tour.

2. Helsinki by Sea Sightseeing tours



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One of the many companies is IHA-Lines: <http://www.ihalines.fi/english/index.html>
http://www.royalline.fi/english/dinner_cruise.html

3. Helsinki Lunch Cruise 25 € *

(includes the cruise 14 € + traditional Nordic lunch buffet 11 €). Duration: 1.5 hours. On Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30, 14:00 and 16:30

4. Helsinki À La Carte Cruise 43-48 € *

(includes the cruise 14 € + three course menu 29-34 €)
duration 2.5 hours (not available on Sundays)

Booking is recommended for all dinners and large groups. No booking is needed for sightseeing seats without meals.

5. Suomenlinna Sea Fortress



Suomenlinna

A memorable excursion to a 250-year-old fortress, preserved intact because of its military use. Today Suomenlinna is included in UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites and is one of the most popular sights in Finland. The fortress is also a part of Helsinki City and has around 900 inhabitants.

There's a city ferry from market square and a tourist boat in summer. The ride takes about 15 minutes and costs 5-6 euros/return ticket.

A variety of guided walking tours is available with different themes. There are ready-made and tailor-made packages for groups.

Available for groups by agreement all year round in 15 different languages.

Duration 1-1.5 hours

http://www.suomenlinnatours.com/guided_tours

6. Lunch at Restaurant Walhalla (Suomenlinna)

Three alternative menus, 29-33 € *

Please see the extraordinary surroundings and premises: <http://www.restaurantwalhalla.com/eng/>

7. Finnish Smoke Sauna and Countryside Dishes



The experience of sauna culture and the peace of the countryside in the heart of Helsinki!

Saunasaari is an island close to the Helsinki city centre. It takes only about 15 minutes to get there from the Helsinki market place by boat. It's a perfect place to refresh your mind!



There are four different smoke saunas available. There are also water-heated pools giving an extremely relaxing experience.

http://www.saunasaari.fi/index_e.html



The form of transportation depends on the size of the group. The taxi boat has seats for 18 persons and the waterbus is for 80 persons available. Prices and technical details:

<http://www.cardinalmarine.fi/encardinal.php>



Royal Line arranges a cruise-sauna combination for groups. It is a perfect opportunity to get to enjoy Helsinki and its islands. The guests may begin the cruise with a visit in the sauna or take a bath afterwards. More information:

<http://www.royalline.fi>

It's also possible to have delicious dinner at Saunasaari. The catering services offer for example Robber's roast, glow fried salmon, creamy salmon soup and steamed zander as alternative dishes.

* Fares according to the pricelist 2007

Seminar Registration
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Personal Data

Name: Country:
Institution: Post Code:
Address: City:
E-mail address:

I register for the Helsinki Seminar

Full conference package, including conference fee and accomodation in a single cabin € 380

The full conference package includes the conference fee, full board and accomodation onboard.

Please Transfer the full amount to:

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With reference Helsinki Seminar plus the name of the participant/s.

Date: Signature:

Payments will be acknowledged.