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Kaleidoscope participating in the EDEN 2006 Annual Conference on E-Competences for Life, Employment and Innovation

Vienna. Kaleidoscope researchers will be contributing to the European Distance Education Network (EDEN) 2006 Annual Conference, taking place from June, 14 – 17, 2006 at the Vienna University of Technology in Austria.

Kaleidoscope is the European network of leading researchers and research laboratories working in the field of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL). Kaleidoscope currently supports a community of more than 1095 researchers in 24 countries who have joined efforts to develop concepts and methods to explore the future of learning with digital technologies and to shape the scientific evolution of this field.

Claudio Dondi, Vice President of EDEN and President of SCIENTER, Research and Innovation for Learning Systems in Bologna, Italy, will give a keynote speech at the plenary on Thursday, June 15. In his talk he will scrutinize factors inhibiting the implementation of innovation strategies in European Lifelong Learning.

Roberto Carneiro, Dean of Institute for Distance Learning of the Catholic University, Portugal and former Portuguese Minister of Education, will share his expertise in a keynote on Friday, June 16 entitled "Towards Lifelong Learning for All: The Role of Distance and eLearning"

A **researchers' workshop** takes place on Saturday, June 17. Led by Kaleidoscope members from Belgium, Germany, Italy, and the UK, the workshop will feature three case studies that demonstrate the scope, depth, and practical application of research in technology-enhanced learning, and how the field as a whole has benefited from collaboration among researchers and research teams across Europe brought to together through Kaleidoscope membership and funding. Claudio Dondi and Roberto Carneiro will open the session with short presentations. The workshop offers also a good opportunity to learn more about Kaleidoscope, as well as to get in touch with its members. Participants will be invited to join in discussions as to how specific research challenges can be and are being met by the European research community.

About Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is the European research network shaping the scientific evolution of technology enhanced learning. It integrates the leading research teams in the field, who work collaboratively across educational, computer and social sciences to transform the quality and reach of the learning experience. Kaleidoscope fosters innovation and creativity through the development of new technologies, methodologies and concepts, defining the challenges and solutions for interdisciplinary research.

Kaleidoscope's goal is to inform knowledge transfer between education, industry, and the wider society. Through its scientific programme, Kaleidoscope is helping to build a dynamic knowledge-based economy for Europe, engaging with social, economic and political stakeholders at all levels.

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