Welcome Message from ALICE-2013 Workshop Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Third International Workshop on Adaptive Learning via Interactive, Collaborative and Emotional approaches (ALICE-2013), which will be held in conjunction with the CISIS 2013: The Seventh International Conference on Complex, Intelligent, and Software Intensive Systems in Taichung, Taiwan in July 3-5, 2013.

The Third edition of the Workshop ALICE aims at providing a forum for innovative adaptive e-learning combining personalization, collaboration and simulation aspects within an affective/emotional based approach able to contribute to the overcoming of the quoted limitations of current e-learning systems and content. Special emphasis is given to environments that are interactive, challenging and context aware while enabling learners’ demand of empowerment, social identity, and authentic learning experience.

Over the last decade, despite a great potential and some initial successes, e-learning systems do not yet have the impact that many believe is possible. Moreover, the gap seems to be increasing because of the greater expectations of the current generation (Digital Natives) who have grown up with modern technology. There are also more general problems. In particular, an over-emphasis on cost effectiveness has meant that content is often not as strong as it needs to be and this deficiency has contributed to a lack of user engagement and some high attrition rates.

Nine high quality submissions were accepted in this workshop that addressed the above issues and have consistently highlighted the important relationship between engagement and learning, with students who are highly motivated being more likely to engage in the learning process.

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We hope you will enjoy the workshop and have a great time in Taichung, Taiwan.

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