A new SIG for EUROCALL

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LMOOC SIG

• **Language MOOCs**: “(D)edicated Web-based online courses for second languages with unrestricted access and potentially unlimited participation” (Bárcena & Martín-Monje, 2014: p.1).

• **Growing interest** in this field:
  – 2 monographic volumes
  – Panels devoted to LMOOCs at international conferences

• Practice ahead of research → **Need for LMOOC SIG**
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Forum for discussion

Sharing of best practices

Research / Collective reflection on specificities & areas of development
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- Suggested areas:
  - Internationalization and L2 learning through MOOCs
  - Technical and pedagogical issues
  - MALL (Mobile Assisted Language Learning) & MOOCs
  - Cultural studies and MFL (Modern Foreign Language)
  - Integration of LMOOCs in Formal Education
  - LMOOCs for social integration and employability
  - Task design in LMOOCs
  - Teacher and student roles
  - Social interaction in LMOOCs
  - Learning Analytics and LMOOCs
Objectives of this SIG:

- To gather information on ongoing research and projects developed by members of the SIG, and disseminate it via a dedicated website.
- To share information on courses, seminars, conferences, publications, etc.
- To promote academic discussion related to LMOOCs.
- To organise workshops and symposia for exchanging experiences and ideas.
- To encourage Open Practices, collaboration and possible visits to each other’s institutions with the aim of setting up joint projects.
• Proposed founding chair:
Elena Martín-Monje, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain.
- Lecturer at Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED, Spain)
- English for Specific Purposes & CALL
- ATLAS research group (http://atlas.uned.es)
- Over 10 years of experience. Prize for Doctoral Excellence; University Excellence in Teaching Award
- Involved in Language MOOCs since 2012, co-created one of the first LMOOCs in Spain (Inglés Profesional/Professional English).
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- Proposed founding secretary:
  Inge de Waard, (The Open University, UK and EIT InnoEnergy).
  - Extensive research background in Innovative Educational Technologies (The Open University, UK, EIT InnoEnergy, EU; Institute of Tropical Medicine – Belgium; Athabasca University - Canada).
  - Set-up, coordination & development of online & mobile learning projects in Northern (Canada, United States, Italy, Belgium, Ireland, Germany, Spain, UK) & Southern regions (South-Africa, India, Peru, Sri Lanka, Morocco).
  - Creator of 1st MOOC on mobile learning, MobiMOOC (2011).
  - International speaker, with multiple publications.
  - Latest MOOC-related research investigating combination of CLIL & MOOCs.
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- Any other volunteers?

Perhaps a vice-chair??
EuroCALL blog entry about this new SIG
Thank you for coming!!