

## **EDUSOURCE DISPATCH NO. 9 SEPTEMBER 4, 2003**

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### **Welcome Back!**

It is September again and most of us are returning back to the workplace from well rested summer holidays. September is always a busy month and this year is no exception. Several e-learning, distance education, and repository initiative events and forums are on the horizon. This issue of the *eduSource dispatch* is devoting to informing you about the exciting work that is coming ahead.

### **Canadian <Metadata> Forum**

Library and Archives Canada will host a two-day Canadian Metadata Forum on September 19 and 20, 2003, in Ottawa. Principals from the eduSourceCanada project will be presenting at this forum.

The purpose of the forum is to bring together participants from Canadian metadata communities, both government and non-government, such as libraries, archives, museums, industry, educational institutions and academia to cover a wide spectrum of metadata applications. To learn more visit [www.nlc-bnc.ca/metaforum/index-e.html](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/metaforum/index-e.html).

### **CANARIE IWAY Awards**

The CANARIE IWAY (Information Highway) Awards will take place on September 22, 2003, in Toronto, Ontario. The Awards honor individuals or groups/organizations that have made outstanding contributions to Canada's information community. The IWAY Awards are an important vehicle that recognizes advancements in Internet technology, which provide cultural, social and economic benefits to all Canadians. Learn more by visiting [www.canarie.ca/iway/info.html](http://www.canarie.ca/iway/info.html).

### **International Seminar On Learning Objects And Object Repositories**

With the growing global interest in learning objects and the repositories used to house them it is timely to look at international collaborations. Representatives from IMS Global Learning Consortium (the people responsible for the specifications for interoperable learning technology), the Common Wealth of Learning, BC Campus, and eduSourceCanada will host two identical information teleconference/web conference seminars. The seminars will include both pragmatic, but visionary approaches, to explain learning objects and repositories, and show how one can move forward in this technology to benefit institutions and large numbers of learners.

The dates are:

- Session 1: September 22, 2003 11:00 AM MST
- Session 2: September 29, 2003 10:00 PM MST

Details on how to connect to the seminars will follow.

### **Participate In Canadian Adult Learners' Week**

The Canadian Association for Distance Education (CADE), is inviting Canadians to participate in a nation wide discussion during International Adult Learners' Week September 7 -13, 2003. Through the use of a message board, CADE is soliciting and exploring ideas and issues around adult learning. The website hosting the discussion is [www.cade-aced.ca](http://www.cade-aced.ca) (1) click on the hot link International Adult Learners' Week, (2) read the postings, and (3) then share your thoughts by scrolling down the page to create a new topic or respond to a posted opinion by hitting post. The information gathered through these grassroots discussions will help CADE and other adult education stakeholders learn from actual adult learners.