1st European Learning Analytics Summer Camp

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Prague, CZ

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Learning analytics and educational data mining have become a mainstream research topic. Accordingly rich are the achievements, results, and developments. However, unfortunately, at the same time there is a strong fragmentation of the community. Thus, the main goal of this summer camp is to bring all the European players in the fields of learning analytics and educational data mining – particularly those of the European funded projects – together and to find synergies and common goals. As opposed to conventional conferences or workshops, this summer camp aims to establish concrete collaborations and common projects.

The summer camp is based on an in-depth presentation of the projects and research directions and the search for a common ground and alignment of common strengths. This event is not so much a mere exchange of knowledge and solutions, but much more a joint effort to bring all that we have in the pockets to a concrete and broad application in the European educational landscape. Essentially, the major aim of the summer camp is to find joint solutions to the ‘impact’ we are expected to make. We believe that streamlining our expertise and already existing solutions can bring us a big leap forward. This is not trivial however, since it requires a team that is big enough to comprise major knowledge and a team that is small enough to be able to really accomplish our ambitious, but so important goal. Together we can form a team that is strong enough to accomplish this.

In addition to sharing what we are doing, the dedicated goal of the summer camp is to compile a white paper, far beyond regular proceedings, of a road map towards making learning analytics and data mining outcomes an everyday part of education, no matter at which age group or in which mode. Not least, we want to develop very concrete new project ideas and form new, specialized interest groups.

In a nutshell, the key goal of the LEA’s BOX project is to fill a “cardboard box” full of the most needful things to make a difference. This summer camp is a call to join this vision!

**Mode of the summer camp:** A group of key experts from all perspectives to learning analytics and data mining and representatives of the TEL European projects in a single room for one and a half days.

**Location:** Prague, Czech Republic, right in the middle of Europe (more details will follow)

**Date:** 31 July – 1 August 2015

**Application:** Drop us an email or use this [Google form](#)! The application deadline is **July 12, 2015** (so that we have an idea about the size of the group).

**Publication option:** The joint white paper, a somewhat different form of proceedings, will be published after the summer camp with a quality publisher (details to follow). The difference of this publication is that it should be more like a logically structured, edited book then a loose coupling of disconnecting papers. You don’t have to submit the paper in advance but bring it with you to the camp as basis for discussion and collaborative work.

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