

> Context

The use of E-Assessment is becoming increasingly common in the education and training sectors.

The reasons for this are varied and include:

- Utilising flexible and user friendly E-Assessment software
- Improved access to modern IT systems and networks
- Managing increasing student numbers of wide diversity
- Supporting the model of student centred learning
- Enhancing the quality of learning and teaching
- Exploiting the global education market

> Purpose of the Conference

The 10th International CAA Conference addresses a wide range of issues surrounding E-Assessment including:

- International approaches
- National initiatives
- Results and reporting
- Integration
- Software
- Test and question design
- Innovation in E-Assessment
- Interoperability and Standards
- Automated Assessment of Free Text
- Accessibility Issues

> Who should attend?

The conference will be of interest to anyone actively practising, developing or considering uptake of E-Assessment in the education or training sectors. Whether you are an experienced E-Assessment enthusiast, an instructor interested in adopting E-Assessment, or a manager interested in improving teaching and assessment at your organisation, this conference has something to offer.

> The Venue

Our Conference Centre has undergone a major expansion and refurbishment offering much improved facilities. Burleigh Court is a purpose-built development set in landscaped gardens on campus. State-of-the-art conference and training facilities are provided and high quality en-suite residential accommodation is available. High standards of catering and conference management are provided to a wide range of corporate and international clients. The Burleigh Springs leisure club is open to all guests and comprises of a 15 metre swimming pool, whirlpool spa, sauna, solarium and fully equipped fitness room.

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> Location

Loughborough University is easy to reach:

- By road:** From M1 Junction 23 or the A6, follow signs to the University.
- By rail:** 90 minutes from London St. Pancras, 10 minutes by taxi from the station.
- By air:** 8 miles from Nottingham East Midlands Airport, approx. 45 minutes drive from Birmingham Airport and approx. 1½ hours from Luton Airport.



Tenth International Computer Assisted Assessment (CAA) Conference

4th - 5th July 2006

Research into E-Assessment

**A Two-Day Conference for Developers
and Practitioners of E-Assessment**

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<http://www.caaconference.com/>
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► **Programme (Subject to Change)**

Themes are intended as an indication of content only

► **Day 1: 4th July 2006**

09.00	Registration and Coffee – CONVENTION ROOM
10.00	Introduction and Welcome
AVON	<i>Morag Bell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching) and Myles Danson, Conference Director</i>
10.30	Parallel Papers
	<i>Either</i>
DERWENT	A: Short Paper Session: Item banking and standards
	a1: Item banking infrastructure: A proposal for a decoupled architecture
	<i>Mhairi McAlpine and Linn van der Zanden</i>
	a2: Generalise not specialise: design implications for a national assessment bank
	<i>Rod Johnson and Sandra Johnson</i>
	a3: R2Q2: Rendering and Reponses processing for QTlv2 question types
	<i>Gary Wills, Hugh Davis, Swapna Chennupati, Lester Gilbert, Yvonne Howard, Steve Jeyes, David Millard, Robert Sherratt and Gavin Willingham</i>
	a4: QuestionBuddy – A collaborative question search and play portal
	<i>Will M. Davies and Hugh C. Davis</i>

Or

AVON	B: Short Paper Session: Assessing mathematics
	b1: Issues with setting online objective mathematics questions and testing their efficacy
	<i>Nabamallika Baruah, Mundeep Gill and Martin Greenhow</i>
	b2: Formative assessment using CAA: an early exploration of the SLIM Pilot Project
	<i>Helen Martin</i>
	b3: Exportable technologies: Mathml and SVG objects for CAA and web content
	<i>Edward Ellis, Martin Greenhow and Justin Hatt</i>
	b4: Mathematical Question Spaces
	<i>Christopher J Sangwin</i>

Or

SWIFT	C: Short Paper Session: Experiences from the Commercial Sector
	c1: Innovations in e-Assessment
	<i>Eric Shepherd (QuestionMark Computing)</i>
	c2: Acceptance and Usage of e-Assessment for UK Awarding Bodies – a Research Study
	<i>Geoff Chapman (Thomson Prometric)</i>
	c3: Maple T.A. A springboard for Web-based Testing and Assessment
	<i>Samir Khan (Adept Scientific)</i>
	c4: Implementing large scale assessment programmes
	<i>Liam Wynne and Suzana Lopes (Pearson Vue)</i>

12.30 **Lunch**
13.30 **Parallel Papers**

Either

DERWENT	D: Short Paper Session: Staff attitudes and development
	d1: Measuring staff attitude to an automated feedback system based on a Computer Adaptive Test
	<i>Trevor Barker and Mariana Lilley</i>
	d2: An evaluation of the formative functions of a large-scale on-screen assessment
	<i>Andrew Boyle</i>
	d3: Empowering the assessors – staff development for e-assessment
	<i>Margaret Wallace</i>

Or

AVON	E: Short Paper Session: Cross-sector studies
	e1: Identifying innovative and effective practice in e-assessment: Findings from seventeen U.K. case studies
	<i>Denise Whitelock, Don Mackenzie, Christine Whitehouse, Cornelia Ruedel and Simon Rae</i>
	e2: QuickTrl and Intelligent Shell System (ISS) from Innovation 4 learning. Building on Practical Experience
	<i>Don Mackenzie and Matthew Stanwell</i>
	e3: Developments in on-screen assessment design for examinations
	<i>Che Osborne and John Winkley</i>

Or

SWIFT	F: Long Paper Session: Constructed answers
	f1: A diagram drawing tool for semi-automatic assessment of conceptual database diagrams
	<i>F. Batmaz and C.J. Hinde</i>
	f2: Light-weight clustering techniques for short text answers in Human Computer Collaborative (HCC) CAA
	<i>Mary McGee Wood, Craig Jones, John Sargeant and Phil Reed</i>

15.00 **Coffee** – CONVENTION ROOM
15.30 **Parallel Papers**

Either

DERWENT	G: Short Paper Session: Text and speech
	g1: Development of web browsing techniques to capture responses in the context of English Language Skills Assessment
	<i>Jenifer Moody and Jeremy Swift</i>
	g2: Symbolic assessment of free-text answers in a second language tutoring system
	<i>Matthieu Hermet and Stan Szpakowicz</i>
	g3: Using role and reference grammar to support computer-assisted assessment of free text answers
	<i>Elizabeth Guest and Sally Brown</i>

Or

AVON	H: Short Paper Session: Delivery technologies
	h1: A call to arms for handheld devices
	<i>J.J. Trinder, J. Magill and S. Roy</i>
	h2: Exams, essays and tablet computers – trying to make the pill more palatable
	<i>Nora Mogey and Greg Sarab</i>
	h3: The mobile wireless classroom: Pocket PC's in Higher Education
	<i>Chris Dechter</i>

Or

SWIFT	I: Long Paper Session: Group and peer assessment
	i1: Summative peer assessment using 'Turnitin' and a large cohort of students: a case study
	<i>Silvester Draaijer and Patris van Boxel</i>
	i2: Development of a web-based groupwork assessment tool
	<i>Hannah Whaley and David Walker</i>

17.00 **Close**

► **Day 2: 5th July 2006**

DERWENT	J: Short Paper Session: Applications of selection questions
	j1: Development of a student-searchable database of veterinary MCQs with educational feedback, for independent learning
	<i>S Head and C Ogden</i>
	j2: Has online self-assessment improved medical students's engagement with clinicopathological conferences (CPCs)?
	<i>Sally Wilks, Karen Mattick and Rob Marshall</i>
	j3: An investigation of the response time for maths items in a computer adaptive test
	<i>Chris Wheadon and Qingping He</i>

Or

AVON	K: Long Paper Session: Assessment instruments
	k1: Generic model of computation for intelligent computer aided progress assessment (iCAP)
	<i>Esyin Chew and Norah Jones</i>
	k2: A comparison of an innovative web-based assessment tool utilizing confidence measurement to the traditional multiple choice, short answer and problem solving questions
	<i>Graham Farrell</i>

Or

SWIFT	L: Short Paper Session: Software engineering issues
	l1: Moodle: enhancing the assessment capabilities of the leading open source virtual learning environment
	<i>Niall Sclater, Phil Butcher, Pete Thomas and Sally Jordan</i>
	l2: Use cases as a means of capturing e-assessment practices and identifying appropriate web services
	<i>Gráinne Conole, Isobel Falconer, Ann Jeffrey and Allison Littlejohn</i>
	l3: E-Testing based on service oriented architecture
	<i>Goce S. Armenski and Marjan Gusev</i>

10.30 **Coffee** – CONVENTION ROOM

11.00 **Parallel Papers**

Either

DERWENT	M: Long Paper Session: Pedagogy and practice
	m1: Bridging the gap between assessment, learning and teaching
	<i>Helen Ashton and Ruth Thomas</i>
	m2: Assessment for learner self regulation: Enhancing the first year experience using learning technologies
	<i>David Nicol</i>

Or

AVON	N: Long Paper Session: Support tools
	n1: System dynamics based learning environments: a technology for decision support and assessment
	<i>Hassan Qudrat-Ullah</i>
	n2: Constructing Assessments using Tools and Services (CATS)
	<i>Iain Tulloch</i>

Or

SWIFT	O: Long Paper Session: Student experience
	o1: Online assessment of laboratory coursework in microbiology: a case study
	<i>Malcolm Andrew</i>
	o2: Evaluating the user experience in CAA Environments: What affects user satisfaction?
	<i>Gavin Sim, Janet C Read and Phil Holifield</i>

12.30 **Lunch**
13.30 **P: JISC Session**

p1: Overview of JISC assessment activities

Lou McGill

14.15 **Parallel Papers**

Either

DERWENT	Q: Short Paper Session: Students' use of technology
	q1: In-depth case studies of students' use of technology to support assessment
	<i>Gráinne Conole, Maarten de Laat, Jonathan Darby and Teresa Dillon</i>

Or

AVON	R: Short Paper Session: Linking traditional and e-assessment
	r1: Intelligent Paper, Pens and Ink
	<i>Gillian Whitehouse and Dale Hinch</i>

Or

SWIFT	S: Short Paper Session: Accessibility
	s1: A Computer-assisted test for accessible computer-assisted assessment
	<i>Gill Harrison and John Gray</i>
14.45	Coffee – CONVENTION ROOM
15.15	Parallel Papers
	<i>Either</i>
DERWENT	T: Short Paper Session: Evaluating the student experience
	t1: The SPRInTA Project: Engaging students in formative assessment: strategies and outcomes
	<i>Nicola Billam, Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown and Martin Sellens</i>
	t2: Learning from assessment: Evaluating the benefits of DALI (Diagnostic Assessment Learning Interface)
	<i>Hershbinder Mann and Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown</i>
	t3: Identifying E-assessment development priorities through user evaluation
	<i>Susie Hill and Martyn Ware</i>

Or

AVON	U: Short Paper Session: Continuous assessment
	u1: Assessing student activity in online forums
	<i>Liam Rourke, Greg Sadesky and Heather Kanuka</i>
	u2: Assessment to Improve Self Regulated Learning
	<i>Poppy Pickard</i>
	u3: Online coursework submission. From pilot to University-wide implementation: rationale, challenges and further development
	<i>Andrew Downton, Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown and Robert Mossop</i>

Or

SWIFT	V: Long Paper Session: Which way now?
	v1: Quick win or slow burn? Modelling UK HE CAA uptake
	<i>Bill Warburton</i>
	v2: Developing a roadmap for e-assessment: Which way now?
	<i>Denise Whitelock and Andrew Brasher</i>

16.45 **Closing Note / Champagne Draw**

AVON

► **Fee**

Two day Full Residential delegate

£475

Includes all refreshments and lunch on 4th and 5th July 2006, dinner on 4th July, evening social event on 4th July and accommodation on the evening of the 4th

Two day Non-Residential delegate

£360

Includes all refreshments, lunch on 4th and 5th July 2006

One day delegate

£190

Includes all refreshments and lunch on either day

► **How to Register**

Registration this year is on-line only

Open the Conference web site: ***http://www.caaconference.com/*** then click the ***Registration Button***

Complete and submit a form for **each** person wishing to register as a delegate. You will receive an e-mail receipt of your application. We will then send an Invoice to the address provided.

Cancellations received in writing before 2nd June 2006 will result in a 25% refund of fees paid. No refunds after this date.

Registration Deadline 23th June 2006

Early registration is strongly recommended as the Conference is usually over subscribed.

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