



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International LINC Symposium Agenda**

### **“Creating Communities of Learners”**

**Day 1 : Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

**REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME REMARKS 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Robert A. Brown**

MIT, Provost

**Richard C. Larson**

MIT, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering & Founder/Director, LINC

**PANEL 1 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**“Review of LINC Programmatic Initiatives”**

**MODERATOR : Robert Rubin**

MIT-Harvard Health Sciences and Technology (HST), Gordon & Marjorie Osborne Professor

**Solomon Assefa**

MIT Africa Internet Technology Initiative (AITI)

**Richard C. Larson**

MIT, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering & Founder/Director, LINC

**Honorio Silva and Robert Rubin**

Pfizer Corporation

Refreshment Break - 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**PANEL 2 - 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**“Communities of Learners: What’s Known”**

**MODERATOR : Dov Dori**

Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Professor

**Susan D’Antoni**

UNESCO, Programme Director

**Lisa Neal**  
eLearn Magazine, Editor

**Etienne Wenger**  
Consultant

**LUNCH - 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Anne Margulies**  
MIT OpenCourseWare, Executive Director

**PANEL 3 - 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**  
**“Update on Virtual Universities”**

**MODERATOR: Kamal Youcef-Toumi**  
MIT, Mechanical Engineering, Professor

**Reuven Aviv**  
Open University of Israel, Professor

**Feiyu Kang**  
Tsinghua University, Professor

**Abdeldjebbar Lemnouar**  
Universite Formation Continue, Professor

**Naveed A. Malik**  
Pakistan Virtual University, Rector

Refreshment Break - 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**PANEL 4 - 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**“Additional MIT Educational Initiatives in Emerging Countries”**

**MODERATOR: Richard Larson**  
**Nazli Choucri**  
MIT, Global System for Sustainable Development (GSSD), Director

**Sean Gilbert**  
MIT, MISTI, Program Coordinator

**Scott Kennedy**  
MIT, MUST Program, Researcher

**Nathaniel Osgood**  
MIT, MUST Program, Researcher

**Alex “Sandy” Pentland**  
MIT, Media Laboratory, Professor

**Sally Susnowitz**

MIT, Public Service Center, Director

**DINNER - 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Patricio Lopez del Puerto**

Universidad Virtual, ITESM's Virtual University, Monterrey, Mexico, Director

**Day 2 : Wednesday, March 24, 2004**

**MORNING DISCUSSION 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**“Inter-country Distance Learning”**

**MODERATOR: Richard C. Larson**

MIT, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering & Founder/Director, LINC

**“Cross-cultural Bridging: Jordan, Israel and the MERC Program Proposal”**

**Abdel-Elah Al-Ayyoub**

Arab Open University, Professor

**Dov Dori, DISCUSSANT**

Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Professor

**PANEL 5 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**“New Technologies in Distance Learning”**

**MODERATOR: Frank Mayadas**

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Program Director

**Jesus del Alamo**

MIT, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Professor

**Cliff Missen**

WiderNet @ University of Iowa, Director

**Jim Moriarty**

OneTouch, Senior Vice President Marketing

Refreshment Break - 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**PANEL 6 - 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**“Achieving Communities of Learners in Different Settings”**

**MODERATOR: Amy McCreath**

MIT, Lutheran Episcopal Ministry, Reverend

**Tajul Arus**

Malaysia University of Science and Technology, Provost

**Fouad El-Harazin**

Gaza International Foundation for Peace on Earth, President

**Milad Fares Sebaaly**

Syrian Virtual University, Provost

**LUNCH - 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Peter Bateman**

African Virtual University, Manager of Instructional Technology and Design

**SESSION 7 - 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**“ Outreach Across Oceans”**

**MODERATOR: Jack Oldham**

MIT Foundation Relations and Academic Development Support, Director

**Judith Babbitts**

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, Assistant Director

**Ahmed Bawa**

Ford Foundation, Program Officer

**Maria Beebe**

Washington State University, [NetTel@Africa](mailto:NetTel@Africa), Director of Global Networks

**Winthrop Carty**

Global Innovators' Network, JFK School of Government Harvard University, Associate Director

**Lisbeth Levey**

Partnership in Higher Education in Africa, Program Facilitator

Refreshment Break - 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM - 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**“Next Steps for LINC”**

Open microphone, asking for interactive discussion leading to a multi-year plan for LINC.

**FACILITATOR: Meg Chute**

MIT, Organization and Employee Development, Facilitator

**DINNER - 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Informal Group Dinners**