2\textsuperscript{nd} 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

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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

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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

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**LUNCH - 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
Peter Bateman  
African Virtual University, Manager of Instructional Technology and Design

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**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, 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.

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**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

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**DINNER - 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**  
Informal Group Dinners

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