

## Foreword

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the twelfth International CAA Conference at Loughborough University.

Bringing together leading experts and practitioners from the UK and beyond, the CAA Conference provides an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing experiences in the application of assessment technology throughout the learning process - from secondary and tertiary education through to professional development and lifelong learning - and the contents of the Proceedings reflects this.

I'd like to extend my thanks to those who submitted papers and to the reviewers for their contributions and efforts in ensuring such a diverse and high quality programme. This year, as well as technological advances in the field of e-Assessment, the programme content also places an emphasis on the pedagogical factors underpinning the technology used to deliver assessments, as well as developments of open content authoring and delivery tools.

All our papers go through a double-blind review process and this rigorous process is rewarded when papers of our conference are recognised for their quality and selected to appear in journals. I'm pleased to announce that this year there will be a special issue of the Taylor and Francis journal 'Assessment in Higher Education (AEHE)' featuring a selection of past papers of the CAA Conference.

Today, many products and services based on high technology are still rapidly developing. We are therefore still far from realising the full potential that progress in such technologies and their applications can offer to our learners, so I'd like to encourage you to visit our sponsors to get a glimpse of some of the products and services available.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Myles Danson, former CAA Conference Director. Myles left Loughborough University prior to last year's conference to take up a position with the JISC although he played an important advisory role to last year's conference. In order for the conference to continue, I took over the role of CAA Conference Director, but delivering in this role would not have been possible had it not been for the foundations that Myles had laid during his 10 years as Conference Director. Myles established the reputation of this conference through sheer hard work, passion and determination which has now put the CAA Conference in the forefront of e-Assessment events.

Enjoy the conference

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