



Technology Enhanced Learning in Research-led Institutions

Project Update

Dr Jay Dempster

Project Manager

The TLTP-funded project, “Technology Enhanced Learning in Research-led Institutions” commences at the beginning of October with the arrival of two educational technology officers, Mick Roach and Steve Warburton. During the last few months, as Project Manager, I carried out an extensive consultation process in order to select departments at Warwick and Oxford universities for participation in the TELRI project. Departments who had expressed interest in participating in the project discussed the departmental objectives in the context of the TELRI project, and produced a short pro-forma of the proposed areas for development. Appropriate links between departments at Warwick and Oxford were then drawn.

The **departments at Warwick** which were chosen are *Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Languages* (represented as a “consortium”: the Language Centre, Italian, French, German and possibly CELTE), *Law, Mathematics, and History* (including Comparative American Studies).

The **departments at Oxford** which were chosen and which represent, where possible, an equivalency to the Warwick disciplines are *Zoology* (with some collaboration with Biochemistry anticipated), *Law, Modern Languages, Mathematics, and Continuing Education’s Local History Department*.

All departmental objectives are geared up to enhancing the research-orientated approach to student learning using technology-assisted methods and materials. The outcomes of the work should provide valuable evidence to the benefits of studying in a research-led institution. A number of common elements between the Warwick and Oxford counterparts have already been identified, including a new Web-based course for Bioinformatics, approaches to computer-based assessment in mathematics, and the integration of computer-assisted language learning materials.

I am very much looking forward to working with departments participating in the TELRI project. In addition, I am keen to involve other departments alongside the project where the TELRI objectives coincide with departmental interests in developing curricula with a research-orientated approach to learning and using technology methods and materials.

I am confident that TELRI will be a challenging venture with valuable collaborations and exciting outcomes.

Contact details

Project Director: Mr Paul Blackmore, Academic Staff Development Officer

Project Manager: Dr Jay Dempster

TELRI web site: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/ETS/TELRI/>