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ELEARNING AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT EMINENT 2009 CONFERENCE

On 26 November in Vilnius, Lithuania, the ten winners of the 2009 eLearning Awards were announced. The top prizes were won by Maria Teikari from Finland, who won the Platinum ACER award in the category: "*The e-Mature School - innovative teaching and mentoring*"; Michel Neroucheff from Belgium, who won the Promethean Gold award for category "*MST - best learning resource or object*" and Maria Blasini from Italy who won the SMART Gold award for the category "*Enabling students to use learning environments*".

The prize giving ceremony took place in the framework of the prestigious EMINENT Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. The ten winning schools were awarded for a total of €40,000 in cash prizes and equipment. Silver awards were offered by Intel, eInstruction, Elluminate and Young Digital Planet, while Cisco and Microsoft supported the bronze awards.

"The winning projects stand out for implementing innovative based on ICT in their teaching and learning activities. I want to congratulate all participants and finalists as well as our partners and jury members who have made this campaign so successful," said Marc Durando, executive director of European Schoolnet.

Organised annually and supported by key industry partners, the eLearning Awards competition is a regular part of the European Schoolnet conference, EMINENT. This year, EMINENT took place in the Lithuanian Parliament in Vilnius. The competition invites schools and teacher training institutions worldwide to present projects using technology in education. In its ninth year, the prize features ten categories, including a new one specially conceived for highlighting international cooperation, and opened to participants beyond Europe.

The ten best projects were evaluated by a Grand Jury of experts on 9 November 2009, out of nearly 700 entries. The jury commented that all the projects can be regarded as winners, as they won hearts and minds of students, which is most important in education.

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The winners in each category are:

- **ACER platinum award for “The e-Mature School - innovative teaching and mentoring”**, [Asiantuntijaverkosto](#), Maria Teikari, The Classical High School of Tampere, Finland
- **Promethean gold award for “MST - best learning resource or object”** [Leçons et Exercices interactifs au Fondamental](#), Michel Neroucheff, Ecole Fondamentale mixte Vanhelmont, Belgium
- **SMART gold award for “Enabling students to use learning environments”** [E- Learning for a sustainable planet](#), Maria Blasini, Istituto Comprensivo Guglielmo Marconi, Italy
- **eInstruction silver award for “Best school learning platform / virtual workspace”**, [For knowledge virtually](#), Artur Zajączkowski, Gimnazjum imienia księdza Jana Twardowskiego, Poland
- **Intel silver award for “MST - Best online or blended course”**, [Teaching Science in Art High School of Ampelokipoi](#), Vangelis Koltsakis, Art High School of Ampelokipoi, Greece
- **Elluminate silver award for “Collaborative learning using web 2.0”**, [My Class - Super Class!](#), Stasele Riskiene, Kursenai Pavenciai secondary school, Lithuania
- **Young Digital Planet silver award for “Foreign language learning through ICT”** [My English Project](#), Antonio Juan Delgado García, I. E. S. "Cristo Del Rosario", Spain
- **Cisco bronze award for “Cross border cooperation in Europe”** [Schoolovision 2009!](#), Michael Purves, Yester Primary School, UK
- **Microsoft bronze award for “Promoting digital literacy”** [Digital Storytelling - Stop Motion Animation](#), Salvör Gissurardóttir, Háskóli Íslands Menntavísindasvið, Iceland

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- **European Schoolnet award for “Beyond Europe - global collaboration”**
[Globaldreamers - Peace Project](#), Marsha Goren, Ein Ganim School, Israel

The ten finalists, as well as all submitted entries, are brilliant examples of new trends emerging in education, fostering ICT cooperation, networking and partnerships across Europe and beyond. This year, all participating projects were included into the [Learning Resource Exchange](#), to gain additional visibility and encourage other teachers to follow their example.

Further information:

About the eLearning Awards

Since 2001, European Schoolnet has been running the eLearning Awards to acknowledge and highlight teachers and schools' best practices in the pedagogical use of ICT. Winners of the competition receive cash prizes and state of the art equipment for their school. The Awards ceremony takes place during the EMINENT conference a major European event in education, which brings together ICT policy makers from Agencies and Ministries of Education, experts, researchers and leading eLearning suppliers from the commercial sector. The eLearning Awards 2009 are sponsored by: [ACER](#), [Promethean](#), [SMART Technologies](#), [eInstruction](#), [Elluminate](#), [Intel](#), [Young Digital Planet](#), [CISCO](#), and [Microsoft](#).

About European Schoolnet

European Schoolnet (EUN) is a unique not-for-profit consortium of 31 ministries of education in Europe created in 1997. EUN provides major European education portals for teaching, learning and collaboration and leads the way in bringing about change in schooling through the use of new technology (see www.eun.org).

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