

Virtual Worlds Best Practices in Education

Conference Program Overview

April 9-12, 2014



Mission Statement

The Virtual Worlds Best Practice in Education (VWBPE) is a community-based conference that provides opportunities for participants in all virtual worlds to share current teaching, learning, and research practices in 3D virtual environments. Conference presentations focus on teaching/learning, scholarly work, projects, events, activities and new and innovative tools for virtual education. Presenters will focus on the identification of best practices in education designed for 3D virtual world technology.

Second Life: Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Time	Event
11:00 a.m.	Poster Display Area Opens
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Opening Meet and Greet
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Opening Keynote
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Social Networking
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Featured Machinima
4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	Sim Demonstrations (concurrent sessions)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Social Event

OSGrid: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Time	Event
5:00 a.m. – 6:50 a.m.	Sim Demonstration
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Keynote
8:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Featured Panel
10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Keynote
11:10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Sim Demonstrations (concurrent sessions)

Second Life: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Time	Event
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Social Networking
2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Featured Panel
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Social Event

Second Life: Friday, April 11, 2014

Time	Event
6:00 a.m. – 6:50 a.m.	Social Event
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Keynote
8:05 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Featured Panel
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Keynote
2:05 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.	Social Networking
3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Panel Discussions (concurrent sessions)
5:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Workshops (concurrent sessions)
7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Social Event

Second Life: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time	Event
6:00 a.m. – 6:50 a.m.	Social Networking
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Keynote
8:05 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Lecture Presentations (concurrent sessions)
9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Featured Panel
11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Sim Demonstrations (concurrent sessions)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Keynote
2:05 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Panel Discussion
4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	Featured Panel
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Closing Party

Accessing the Conference

The Virtual Worlds Best Practices in Education Conference is a peer-reviewed, free conference open to attendees around the world. In order to access the conference you require to create a free Second Life and/or OSGrid account and Avatar, and download a viewer.

To create a Second Life account and download the software, go to <http://secondlife.com/> and click on the “Play for Free” button. Follow the screen prompts for both account set-up and software download.

To create an OSGrid account, go to <http://www.osgrid.org/> and click on the “Join Now” menu
To download the viewer, click on the “Downloads” button and scroll down to “viewer software”

OSGrid (OpenSim) and Second Life both support a variety of third party viewers. Firestorm works well in both environments. Kokua is also a popular choice.

Once you are in-world you can do a map search (Ctrl-M) for VWBPE Gateway. This is the main entrance to the conference in both OSGrid and Second Life.

VWBPE Gateway is hypergrid enabled for those OpenSim community members who can access the hypergrid.

More information will be available after April 2 on our website at <http://vwbpe.org>