



# nmc highlights 2004-05

## Major Events

- NMC Summer Conference hosted by the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, held in June 2005
- Annual NMC Directors' Luncheon and Dialog with the NMC Board of Directors, held in June 2005 in Honolulu
- NMC Online Conference on Visual Literacy, held April 5-6, 2005
- Director's Meeting "Maximizing Campus Impact: Lessons from the Trenches", March 3-4, 2005 in Austin, Texas
- The Online Conference on Social Computing held in November 16-19, 2004
- Retrospective of the entire *NMC Online Conference Series* for NMC Plus Members, to be held over August and September 2005
- 2005 NMC New England Regional Conference hosted by Yale University to be held October 5-7, 2005
- 2005 Fall Online Conference to be held in November, 2005.
- The 2006 NMC Summer Conference to be held June 7-10 hosted by Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio

## Major Projects and Activities

- The Pachyderm 2.0 Project continued in 2005, and is nearing completion. The beta version was released for testing exclusively to NMC members in July 2005. This multi-million dollar, 3-year effort, supported by the IMLS, is developing an open-source authoring environment for media-rich, discovery-based online learning experiences.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Project launched in Spring 2005 with a summit of thought leaders from around the world held in San Jose, a major new section on the NMC website devoted to the project, an online conference held in April 2005, and a major monograph detailing strategic priorities and recommendations, all under the umbrella of this initiative.
- The NMC/McGraw Hill Classroom Experience Study launched in the spring of 2005.
- The Horizon Project continued with the release of the 2005 Horizon Report in collaboration with the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative.
- The NMC's ongoing projects and activities in the Emerging Technologies, Dynamic Knowledge, and New Collaborations Initiatives continued, efforts that involved dozens of NMC member institutions.

## Collaborations and Partnerships

- The NMC and the ELI are continuing their joint effort around the NMC's Horizon Project, with a series of related activities taking place within both organizations. The partnership plans to jointly release the 2006 Horizon Report at the ELI conference in San Diego in January 2005.

- NMC Directors collaborated on the development of an NMC White Paper, *"Maximizing Campus Impact: Lessons from the Trenches"* during a special segment of the annual Directors Meeting and continued with additional discussions at the Summer Conference.

### **Grants & Funded Projects**

- A three-year \$499,500 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grants program continues to support the work of the Pachyderm Project. The resources provided by this grant supports the creation of a new, open source authoring environment for creators of learning objects and other forms of multimedia and online learning experiences
- A \$50,000 grant from McGraw Hill Higher Education Online Learning is supporting a special course practice study with NMC institutions that explore current methods of teaching and learning.
- Special grants from Adobe and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supported the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Visual Literacy Summit that was held in April 2005.
- Special grants from ELI and McGraw Hill supported the *2005 Horizon Report*.
- A variety of smaller grants funded surveys, focus groups, and other activities.
- \$117,749 went to NMC member institutions in 2004-05 in direct cash grant and project funding.

### **Monographs and Reports**

- The *2005 Horizon Report*, sponsored by ELI and McGraw Hill, was published in January 2005. The 2005 Report has been downloaded almost 3,500 times and some 1,600 hard copies have been distributed to members.
- *A Global Imperative: The Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Summit* will be released in August 2005, funded by Adobe and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.
- A white paper, *Maximizing Campus Impact: Lessons from the Trenches*, is planned for release in fall 2005.

### **Website Expansions and Enhancements**

- Major expansions and additions to the NMC website continue. The site is home to an extensive and growing collection of content, including conference keynotes & presentations, resources related to each of the NMC's major initiatives, and the dynamic Online Gallery of Member Projects, which presents a new subset of projects each time a visitor views the page.
- A new section of the site was launched in support of the new 21st Century Literacy Initiative.
- The Pachyderm project pages were greatly expanded to add discussion forums and other tools in support of the beta tests.