

Intrallect to supply key national resource for Scottish teachers

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Leading digital repository provider, Intrallect, has been selected by Learning and Teaching Scotland and the Scottish Qualifications Authority to supply Scotland's National Assessment Resource. Keith Brown, Minister for Schools and Skills, has described the National Assessment Resource as "a vital contribution to the biggest reform of Scotland's education system in a generation".

The National Assessment Resource is a system to support teachers by providing a store of assessment resources and a suite of tools for the development of new resources. Intrallect will work closely with MyKnowledgeMap, a company with extensive experience in assessments and resource creation tools. Intrallect and MyKnowledgeMap have worked together on several major projects including similar national resources for the NHS.

Charles Duncan, CEO of Intrallect, said:

"We are excited to be able to apply our vast experience in providing education communities with tools to support teachers in creating, reviewing, enhancing and, most of all, sharing digital resources. We recognise the importance of this system as part of a coherent infrastructure for assessment within the Curriculum for Excellence and look forward to having a positive impact on the education of our young people.

In technology terms, the National Assessment Resource will be using the most modern web-based approaches that build flexibility for the future and, through our use of internationally recognised standards, an ability to work with many other technologies as they evolve."

Bob Dryburgh, chairman of Leading Software, Intrallect's parent company, said:

"We are delighted that a Scottish company has been selected to provide this nationally important system. Our aim is to produce world-class products that will draw the admiration of the international community."

Rob Arntsen, CEO of MyKnowledgeMap, said:

"This will be an exciting joint development between Intrallect and MyKnowledgeMap that builds on our respective strengths. The outcome will be world leading solution that will have wide relevance in a global market".

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Notes to editors

Formed in 2000 as a spin-out from the University of Edinburgh Intrallect is a leading provider of digital object repository software specifically designed for use in the education and training sector. The company specializes in helping organizations such as schools, universities, colleges, professional bodies and corporates to better manage their digital resources at a strategic level. IntraLibrary, the company's digital repository software has been selected by several leading institutions including JORUM, a national repository of learning objects for Higher and Further Education in the UK, and the NHS. Intrallect takes an independent approach to developing intraLibrary through providing interoperability with other key learning technologies.

About IntraLibrary

intraLibrary is a strategic, web based digital resource library which is specifically designed to make digital resources easier to manage, share, improve and reuse across an organisation – all from a simple web browser. It can be used to store almost any type of digital content including learning resources, digital research papers, image libraries and digital collections, as well as providing the capability to manage the content submission process through highly customizable workflows. Powerful metadata and search capabilities make it easier for users to find highly relevant content, in addition to being able to configure personal RSS news feeds alerts. intraLibrary can be deployed as a standalone solution but is also fully SCORM compliant and designed to be interoperable with other technologies including content authoring tools, blogs, wikis, learning platforms and news readers via the intraLibrary Connect web services suite.