

# LDI at 7

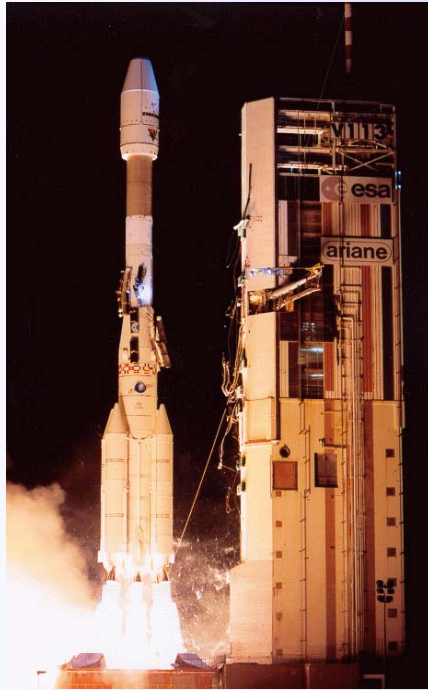
## President's Report to the 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

Eyragues, France

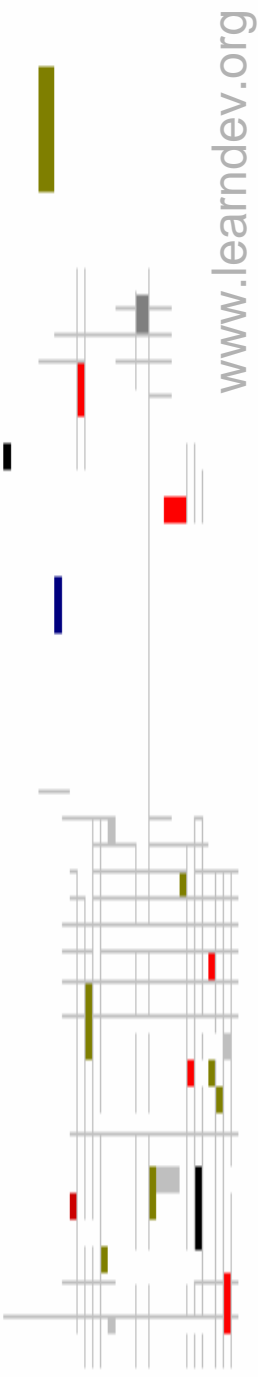
June 1, 2006

# Uncertainty about LDI's beginnings

- LDI developed gradually as UNESCO's Learning Without Frontiers (LWF) initiative was phasing out. During 1998 and 1999 it ran in parallel with LWF.

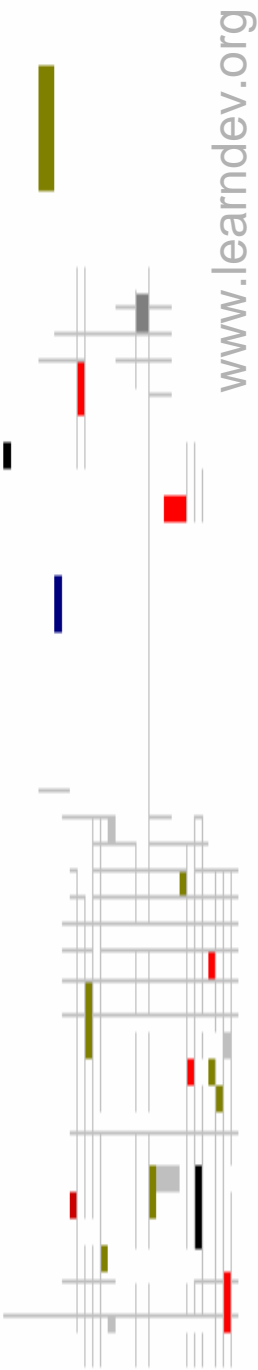


- On Oct 28, 1998, AfriStar was launched at Kourou, French Guyana. On the same occasion discussions were initiated about the legal establishment of LDI with Tedson Meyers of Coudert Brothers.
- Web site operational on May 19, 1999.
- Multiple activities throughout 1999, many still intertwined with LWF, including:
  - **02/99:** Presentation on *Learning without frontiers: Building integrated responses to diverse learning needs* at **AECT, Houston, TX.**
  - **04/99:** Symposium on *Overcoming the Underdevelopment of Learning* at **AERA, Montreal.**
  - **05/99:** Two presentations at *Tercer Simposio Internacional de Educación a Distancia*, **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Centro Universidad Abierta, in Santa Fe de Bogotá, Colombia.**
  - **06/99:** Participation in Symposium on *Lifelong Learning and New Technologies* at **19th World Conference on Open Learning and Distance Education in Vienna, Austria.**
  - **06/99:** Participation in *Program for Capacity Building in Science* Conference at the **National Academy of Science in Budapest, Hungary.**
  - **12/99:** Keynote at **VIII Encuentro Internacional de Educación a Distancia, Guadalajara, Mexico.**
- Certificate of Incorporation (Delaware): March 1, 2000.



May 19, 1999

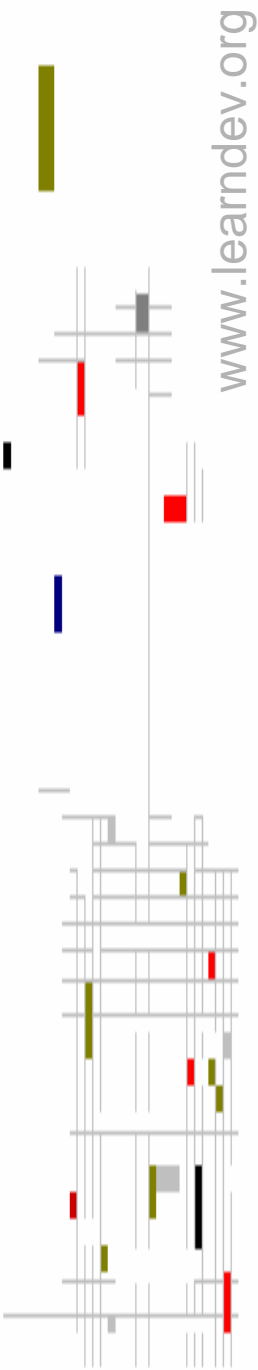
is probably good date to consider as the beginning of LDI, considering the networked nature of the institution.



# Highlights of the year in review (1)

## □ Building the Scientific Mind:

- Successful colloquium in The Hague (May 2005).
- Participant satisfaction.
- Follow-up activity India.
- Link-up with UNESCO.
- Involvement in Science+Society debate at EU level (expert group membership).
- Collaboration with UWC and IMSA on *For the Love of Science*.
- Collaboration with Universe Awareness (UNAWA).
- Forthcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> colloquium (BtSM2007) in Vancouver.
- Requested UNESCO patronage.
- Partnership with Institute of Social Studies (BtSM2005) and Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design (BtSM2007).

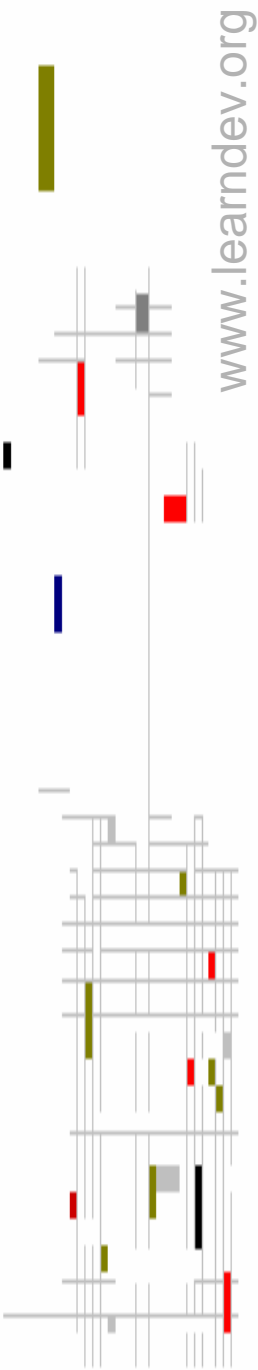


## Highlights of the year in review (2)

### □ New focus area:

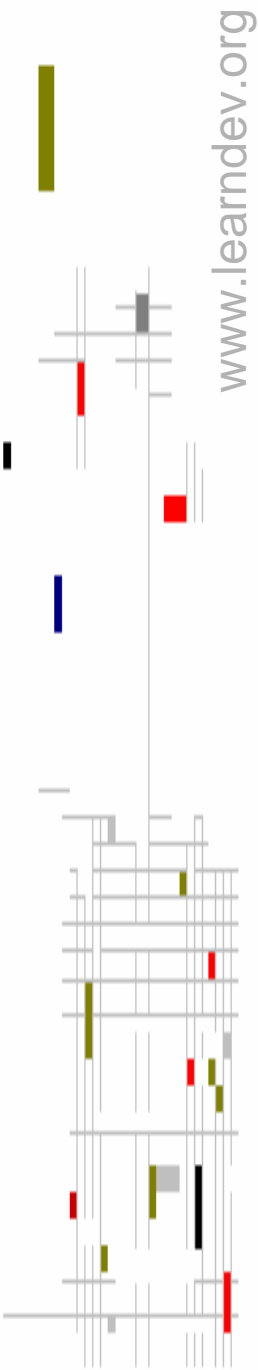
### Learning to Live in Harmony (LLH)

(following BtSM2005; John Avery [Pugwash scientist] coordinates; under development)



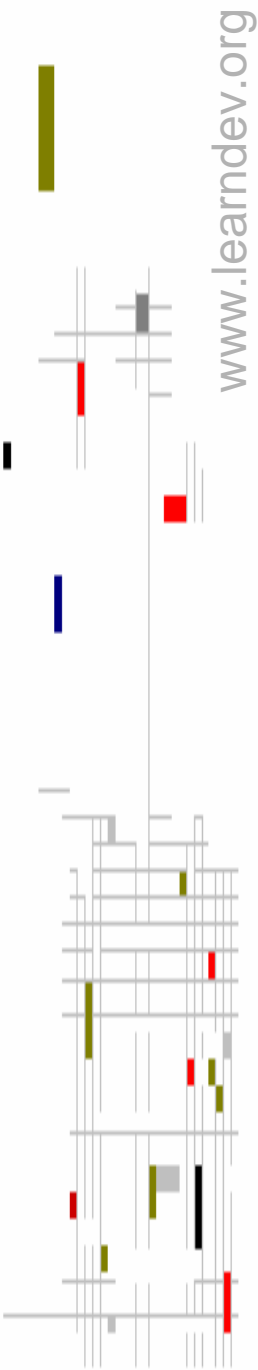
## Highlights of the year in review (3)

- Working visit to Shikshantar (in conjunction with attending/keynoting at BtSM symposium in New Delhi (August/September 2005).
  - Included participation in filmmaking workshop (+ screening of The Dream → Hindi version)



## Highlights of the year in review (4)

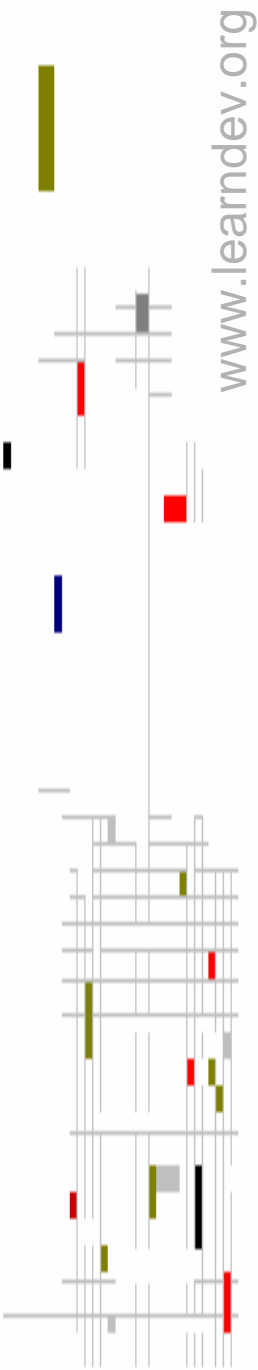
- ❑ *Learners in a Changing Learning Landscape: New Roles and Expectations - A dialogue motivated by an ibstpi research project* (Presidential Session and Workshop, AECT 2005, Orlando)
- ❑ Linked to book project, involving 13 authors (foreseen to be published with Springer Verlag – Lifelong Learning Series).



## Highlights of the year in review (5)

- Symposium on *Rediscovering Childhood* and conference on *Early Childhood Development*, organized by the Sindh Education Foundation (Karachi, Pakistan, April 3-6, 2006) – Two invited keynotes.

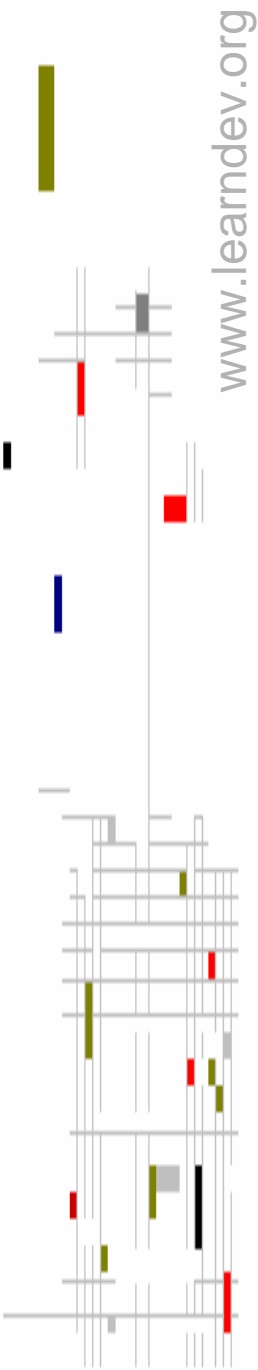




## Highlights of the year in review (6)

- *To school, or not to school: is that the question?* An online discussion hosted by the Higher Education Learning Professionals (HELP) network on Collaboration Across Borders (cabweb.net) from 14 to 27 April 2006.
- Participation in online dialogues originated by others on issues of
  - Online learning
  - Research on learning and instruction
  - Learning in culturally diverse contextsas well as ongoing contribution to LISTSERVs:
  - learningsocietiesconference list (Shikshantar)
  - diversityinlearning list (Arab Education Forum).

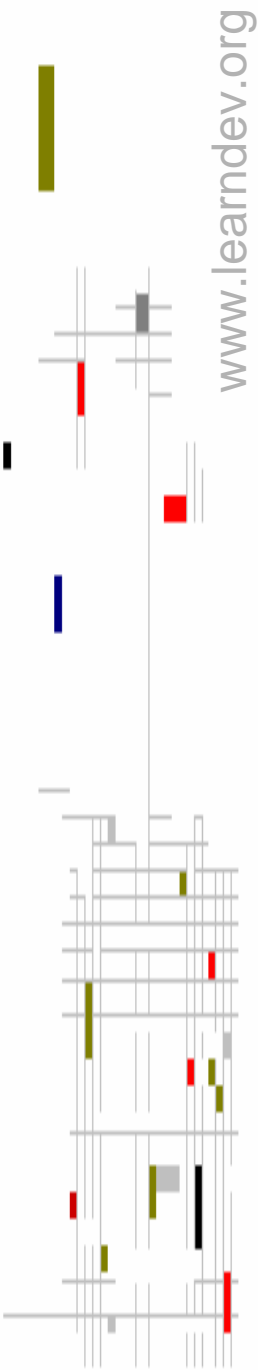
(possible spin-off [still under discussion] in terms of special issue of UNESCO's International Social Science Journal).



## Highlights of the year in review (7)

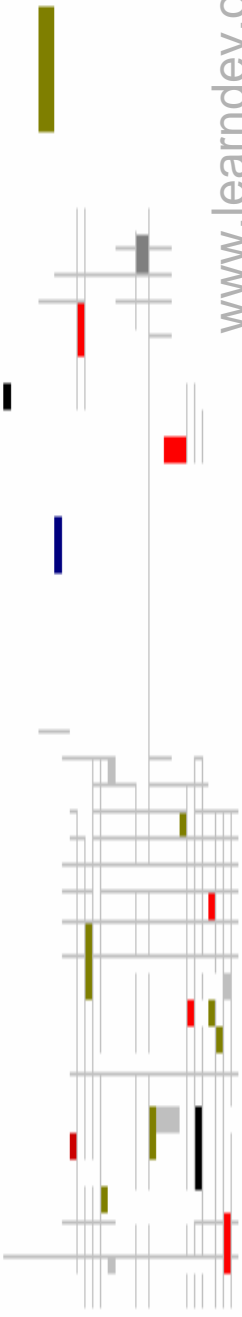
### ☐ Publications

- One book
- Several book chapters
- Books and articles by fellows.



## New LDI Fellows

- Roy McWeeny – Pisa (FtLoS)
- John Avery – Copenhagen (LLH; FtLoS)
- Michael Spector – Tallahassee (MOL)



*Thank you*