



Happy February, Aperero Community! It's a busy month for our community and you'll learn all about what's happening in this newsletter -- release news, project reports, and exciting events ahead. We welcome feedback on the new format, as well as contributions large as small, from think pieces to snippets. Send them along to newsletter@apereero.org!

The deadline for the March 2018 Newsletter is March 9, with publication around March 15.

From the Executive Director

Aperero Foundation Strategic Planning A Draft for Community Consultation

Aperero, founded in 2013 to help educational institutions “collaborate to foster, develop and sustain open technologies and innovation to support learning, teaching, and research,” is five years old. After a period of consolidation and the growth in numbers and adoptions of Aperero software communities, it is appropriate that the Aperero community takes stock and orients itself to face the coming period.

The Aperero Board is therefore issuing this short document on the strategic orientation of the Foundation for community consultation. The document is offered as a draft. The document provides some general context and continues to sketch six principle themes for the coming period. Alongside an initial period of consultation, which ends on Friday February 16th, the Board will continue to develop a series of concrete deliverables for the coming year, which will be published at a later stage in the planning process.

Please provide feedback via the Aperero open list open@apereero.org. Details of how to join this list can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ydd8q98a>

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Wanted: Your Institution's Story

Consider submitting a vignette for apereo.org!

If you've not looked at www.apereo.org recently, go take a look. On the landing page we're promoting Apereo sponsored software in a series of what we're calling "vignettes". These are short stories and messages about what problems adopters are using Apereo software to help solve. Check out the solutions we've highlighted so far!

Have a message about Apereo software you'd like to communicate to others? Why not take five minutes to write a vignette and forward to ed@apereo.org

News

12th Annual LAMP Pedagogy and Technology Conference Announced
Conference Registration is Now Open

We Are Sakai



The [LAMP Consortium](#) is pleased to announce that its 12th annual [Pedagogy and Technology Conference](#) will be held July 24-26 in Berea, KY. The primary focus of the Conference is on teaching and learning, enabled by Sakai and other technologies. There are multiple tracks, including one for instructors who are new to Sakai. The agenda is full of advanced topics for more experienced Sakai users, for instructional designers, and for administrators.

“Our conference has always been about pedagogy first,” said Martin Ramsay, Managing Director of the LAMP Consortium. “We don’t believe that the technological tail should wag the pedagogical dog. It’s not primarily about technology. We focus on helping instructors develop courses that will really engage students. And we like to show new techniques and technologies for more experienced users.”

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Apereo Teaching and Learning Awards (ATLAS) 2018: Submissions & Call for Reviewers

Submissions:

The Apereo Teaching and Learning community is seeking submissions for the annual Apereo Teaching and Learning Awards competition. The award recognizes innovation and excellence in the use of digital technologies to enhance teaching, academic collaboration, and student engagement and learning.

This year, the award applicant selection process opens on January 16, 2018 and closes on February 26, 2018. During this time period, applications will be accepted at the [ATLAS page](#) in Apereo.org. Additional information on the award (mission statement, a definition of innovation, criteria, rubrics, and previous winners) will be also available on the site.

Please read the ATLAS FAQs to find out more details about the award.

Call for Reviewers:

I am reaching out to invite you to be a member of the 2018 "Apereo Teaching and Learning Awards" peer review committee. Your expertise in your discipline, educational technology and online/hybrid learning will be a great asset to the evaluation of applications and winner selection. This year we particularly look for peer reviewers who speak French and/or Spanish because we've made a special call for application to the French and Spanish communities.

By serving on the award committee, you will have the opportunity to meet with other faculty, enjoy an in-depth look at how others innovate in teaching and learning, and gain service recognition in support of your career development and at the Apereo annual conference. Just like many current peer reviewers on the team, you may become an ambassador of Apereo and innovative teaching and learning in your local institution.

We expect to receive applications by March 5 and then spend 1-2 weeks to review them and select winners. We estimate a total of 5 hours commitment. All work is conducted online via web conferencing, email and Google docs. Your attendance at a mutually convenient time is required for the final winner selection meeting during the week of March 26.

Upcoming Events



2018 SakaiCamp Report

What:

SakaiCamp Report

When:

Thursday, February 22, 1 pm EST

Where:

<https://apereo.blindsidenetworks.net/apereo/>

Room 1

pw apereo

Details:

SakaiCamp was a 2.5 day working session held in-person in Orlando, FL.

We had strategy discussions, tech discussions, FARM (tool enhancement) discussions, and more.

Attend this session to get a high level overview of the outcomes of the discussions and to participate in the emerging "Sakai Manifesto".

Session will be recorded.

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Open Positions

We are hiring 2 Senior Instructional Designers to join our growing Technology team! Please apply if you are interested in designing and developing online

<https://uscareers-nyu.icims.com/jobs/4170/senior-instructional-designer/job>

Project News

Karuta Open Source Portfolio 2.3 Released!

The Karuta project, under the umbrella of the Apereo Foundation, is pleased to announce the release of version 2.3 of the Karuta Open Source Portfolio. Adopted by an increasing number of institutions, Karuta offers a simple and flexible way for portfolio designers to customize portfolio workflows for learning, assessment, reporting, and showcasing. This sixth release of Karuta has undergone extensive testing and incorporates many new features to enrich the portfolio experience.

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Preview Artifact: Sakai Manifesto

The annual SakaiCamp held in Orlando in January produced an unusual artifact this year. The 20+ participants drafted a "Sakai Manifesto" - aka principles and practices which developers follow when improving Sakai. This Manifesto is now before the Sakai developer community to comment on, revise, etc. This year's revision will then be the subject of an Open Apereo session in Montreal.

The intent is to review/revise it annually. The Sakai Manifesto can be read/commented on here: <https://goo.gl/gPMpdU>. The Sakai Project is also interested in learning from other Apereo projects whether or not they have formulated such a document. We can always learn from each other.

Perhaps we can share them on the open@apereo.org list? Be looking for the

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-- Laura Gekeler, Notre Dame

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