



There's a lot going on in the Apereo Community this month! Keep reading for the latest on release news, project reports, and exciting events ahead. We welcome feedback on the format, as well as contributions large and small, from think pieces to snippets. Send them along to [newsletter@apereo.org](mailto:newsletter@apereo.org)!

***The deadline for the June 2018 Newsletter is June 10, with publication around June 15.***

## From the Executive Director

### Apereo Strategy Review

Apereo was formed five years ago, as a result of lengthy discussion and consultation between two already well-connected communities, Jasig and Sakai. During that five years Apereo has grown from a handful of software communities to almost twenty. Collectively, the overwhelming sense I get from our communities is that the merger has worked – but that doesn't mean that there have not been setbacks, and it doesn't mean that there is no room to improve. The fact that we hold conversations about our progress – warts and all – in public, in a careful, considered, and considerate manner is not a weakness, but a strength.

The mission of Apereo, "... to assist and facilitate educational organizations which collaborate to foster, develop, and sustain open technologies and innovation to support learning, teaching, and research," has guided our strategy closely to this point, and should continue to do so. The context we operate within continues to evolve and change, however, and it's entirely appropriate, five years in, that we have an open community conversation that considers those developments and their impact on what we do. That's why the Apereo Foundation Board has developed the strategic planning draft at -

<https://bit.ly/2HLlpK8>

elements. The first of these is to bring a greater degree of transparency to planning – both in articulation and realization. We're a community that relies on organizational and individual volunteers to a very considerable degree. Collectively articulating what needs to be done is the basis for volunteer participation. Given the experience of merger and growth, the Board are moving this to a more coherent plane.

. . . [Read More](#) from Ian Dolphin

## Upcoming Events

### Open Apereo 2018

"The Open Source Conference for Education"

June 3-7, 2018 | Montréal, Quebec

[Register Now!](#)

**Opening Keynote: Laurent Charlin, Assistant Professor, Department of Decision Sciences, HEC Montréal, "Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning"**

**Closing Keynote: Deborah Bryant, Senior Director Open Source and Standards, Red Hat**

This year's conference is in beautiful Montréal, Quebec. With great food, sights, culture, and people, this is a vibrant place for our diverse Apereo community to come together. We've arranged several [social activities](#) and the conference is happening the week before the city's famous Grand Prix.

Quick Links:

- [Conference Program](#)
- [Hotel Registration](#)
- [Conference Registration](#)
- [Speaker Complete Bio](#)

Sincerely,

Ian Dolphin, Executive Director, Apereo Foundation

Alan Regan, Open Apereo 2018 Conference Committee Chair

Jennifer Cummings, Open Apereo 2018 Conference Coordinator

# We Are Sakai: LAMP Consortium's Annual Pedagogy and Technology Conference

## July 24-26 Berea, Kentucky

The 2018 LAMP Consortium's Pedagogy and Technology Conference is shaping up to one of the best ever. If you're not yet sure if you'll attend or not this year, consider this:

**David Bauer** of the University of Dayton will be talking about taking attendance in Sakai and planned upgrades to the UD Attendance tool.

**Matthew Jones** of Longsight, one of the chief architects of Sakai 12, will be talking about the many changes in the new release and what it means for teaching and learning.

**Terry Golightly** of Johnson University, will be addressing issues around designing courses for accessibility.

**Wilma Hodges** of Longsight will be talking about badging and certification, as well as several other topics. Wilma will also be our keynote speaker, talking about how "We Are Sakai."

**Andrew Synowiez** and the team from Warpwire will be focusing on incorporating video into your courses.

**Terry Ann Smith** of New Brunswick Theological Seminary will show ways to build quality assignments in Sakai.

**Eric Greene** of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College will show us how to build an online tutoring center using Sakai.

**Josh Wilson** of Longsight will be on hand to talk about the Sakai intersection between technology and libraries.

**John Padgett** from Brevard College will emphasize the pedagogical ways to use plagiarism detection in your classes.

In addition, we have a whole **track devoted to those who are new to Sakai**. Using a "trail" metaphor, we will help Sakai newcomers learn how to "pack for the trip," how to "make camp" and what to do "on the trail." The New To Sakai track will cover all of the basic tools in Sakai, including Forums, Assignments, Tests & Quizzes, Gradebook and Lessons.

This year will also have a new event called a MINGLE, a Massively Interactive Networking Group Learning Experience, focused on **using video for teaching and learning**. The MINGLE will include panel discussions about video, feedback booth for you to practice being on camera, and a bazaar devoted to such video topics as selecting

You can find out more at the Conference web site: <http://lampschools.org/Conference/>. [Registration](#) is only \$350 and includes all meals. Be sure to register today before space fills up!



## Sakai 12 Lunch and Learn Training Sessions

One session remains in Longsight's Sakai 12 Lunch and Learn training. There is no cost to register.

This three-part series is designed to provide an overview of current features and functionality in Sakai 12, with an emphasis on new items or recent changes. Instructional designers or faculty familiar with Sakai are the target audience, but new users are also welcome to attend. We will focus on a selection of tools for each session. There will be time for questions.

### **Wed. May 23rd at 12pm ET - Gradebook, Tests & Quizzes**

*Previous sessions:*

*Wed. April 25th at 12pm ET - New Skin, Assignments, Commons*

*Tues. May 8th at 12pm ET - Lessons, IMS Content Item, Chat tool*

Registration link:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ke22a2oAR8atEQW5ut9wCA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ke22a2oAR8atEQW5ut9wCA)

## News

### **#TBT | ESUP-Days #25 / Apereo Paris 2018**

Three months ago, the fourth annual **ESUP-Days/Apereo Paris** conference took place, a joint event organized by the ESUP-Portail Consortium and the Apereo Foundation. And as we hoped, it turned out to be a great success! More than a hundred people attended the event and dozens of others followed the live stream throughout the day.

projects like **uPortal** (portal of services), **Karuta** (e-portfolios), **OAE** (next-gen collaboration platform)...

The keynote presentation – given by Ian Dolphin (Aperio) and Michael Webb (Jisc) – focused on **Learning Analytics**, a globally trending topic in the Higher Ed community, providing some valuable information especially in regards to the upcoming application of the GDPR. Other sessions centered on solutions developed in France like **ESUP-Pay** (online payment), **Pod** (video management software), **ESUP-Publisher/ESUP-lecture/Flash-Infos** (editorial content manager solutions for portals), and finally a preconfigured **Grouper** package to help institutions deploy this solution.

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## Aperio Africa 2018

The Aperio Africa 2018 conference took place in Potchefstroom, South Africa on the 8th and 9th of May. The event was co-hosted by the North-West University (NWU) and [OPENCOLLAB](#) and was followed by an entertaining Tsugi workshop with Dr Chuck on the 10th.

speakers representing different Apereo products alongside speakers from African Universities, a South African TVET college, and other private educational institutions.

The presentations during the conference were well balanced between vision and strategy and the practical use of technology in post-secondary education. Both Apereo and the local African institutions focused on the evolution of education along the lines of the NGDLE in support of the next generation student and their need to be taught in an engaging way.

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## Project News



### Sakai 12.1 Released

I'm pleased to announce on behalf of the worldwide community that Sakai 12.1 is released and available for downloading!

Sakai 12.1 has 97 improvements in place including

- 20 fixes in Gradebook (aka GradebookNG)
- 9 fixes in Tests & Quizzes (Samigo)
- 7 fixes in Assignments
- 6 fixes in Resources
- 5 fixes in Lessons

As well as improvements in 15 other areas.

[Read More](#) from Wilma Hodges

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## The Site Builder Project: Now Under Construction

**The UVACollab Applications Group, which manages the instance of Sakai that**

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design firm with extensive experience in education, non-profits, and other industries, the UVACollab team has prepared a preliminary prototype featuring new layouts and options—including a “build assistant” that leads the user through the site creation process in a simple, question-and-answer format—and has conducted focus groups with faculty, staff, and students to gather more information about their needs as the project moves forward.

In the next stages of the project, Journey Group will prepare new designs for the various aspects of the workflows while the UVACollab team prepares new content, such as significantly enhanced tool descriptions that will provide more illustrations of the power and possibilities included in every tool available in Sakai.

Team members Trisha Gordon and Matthew Burgess will give a detailed overview of the project, along with updates on its progress, as part of an interactive presentation at Open Apero 2018. Visit the Conference Program to learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/y8tdu838>.

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## Sakai 12.0 at the University of Dayton

We are pleased to announce that the University of Dayton has upgraded their instance of Sakai to version 12.0 as of May 9th! For the last two months, the Office of eLearning at UD has tirelessly worked to migrate all of their customizations from Sakai 11.4 to Sakai 12.0. Completing this critical task on such a short timeline would not have been possible without the fantastic work done by so many members of the Sakai community. Thank you all!

With the upgrade behind us, UD looks forward to the summer where they can pivot their efforts to sharing their Sakai 12.0 work with the Sakai community, continuing to create tailor-made experiences for their faculty and students, and re-focusing on Tsugi and learning app development.

-- David P. Bauer, Team Lead, eLearning Systems & Support Services

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## uPortal Ecosystem Intake Process: The Easy Onramp to Collaboration!

**When is the best time to start thinking about making your project open source?  
Immediately! Waiting until your code is complete and well documented often means**

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**Ecosystem Intake Process:** <https://uportal-contrib.github.io/intake-process.html>. Our intention is to make it really easy for anyone in the uPortal Community to bring their projects forward for others to collaborate on.

From the document:

*This is an intake process for sub-projects that are intended to be part of the greater uPortal Ecosystem. By virtue of being a sub-project, certain stipulations are accepted that allow this process to be easier and more expedient yet still conform with the greater Apereo Incubation Process: <https://www.apereo.org/content/apereo-incubation-process>. This makes it easier for organizations and individuals to collaborate on more new projects in the context of Apereo and the greater uPortal Community. Potential adopters and contributors should be able to easily see what projects are ready for adoption, what projects are in development and being actively collaborated on, and what projects are no longer active.*

[Read More](#) from Jim Helwig

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## Survey for Opencast Developer Workshop

The Opencast Community is planning developer workshops to on-board new programmers. To get a better idea of what the demand from interested new developers is, they are running a little survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EBE17NYdfoJfQcph2>

-- Rudiger Rolf

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## Karuta OSP update - the French connection

With its new 2.3 release, Karuta OSP is now a fully operational portfolio solution, currently used by many French Universities to support the competency-based transformation of their curriculum. Polytech Annecy, Université de Compiègne, Cnam, Université de La Rochelle, IEA Grenoble, Grenoble INP, Faculté de médecine générale - Université de Poitiers and many others, are appreciating Karuta's flexibility to set up their own portfolio workflows.

One such effort by IUT2 Grenoble and Eric Giraudin has been selected as a winner of the 2018 ATLAS award. Their project (to be presented at the Apereo conference in Montréal),

their first steps in the job market. For further information on Karuta, make sure to attend the Karuta all-day-Sunday workshop and regular conference presentations at Open Apereo 2018 in Montréal.

--**Jacques Raynauld**

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## Wanted: Your Institution's Story

Consider submitting a vignette for [apereo.org](http://apereo.org)!

If you've not looked at [www.apereo.org](http://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](mailto:ed@apereo.org)



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