Greetings!

Since March, in K-12, higher education, and training and development, learning facilitators have been striving to quickly develop effective online learning formats. Suddenly, the world needs self-directed learners more urgently than ever! And promoting SDL is the best way to energize and enhance online learning. Because of the current concerns and future predictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ISSDL Board has decided to host **a Virtual SDL Summit** to address the immediate need for information on this vital topic. It will be held on the previously scheduled symposium dates: February 3-5, 2021. The 35th ISDLS annual session will resume in February 2022 in its original format.

Self-Directed Learning for a Changing World will be the theme of the 2021 SDL Summit, with a special focus on ways to use self-directed learning to enhance online learning. It will be entirely virtual, with three hours of events daily. Featured events will be:
-- Invited presentations by well-known speakers;
--Panels of experts offering proven suggestions on promoting SDL; and
--Virtual poster sessions on various aspects of the topic. You will be able to choose the sessions of most interest to you. All formats will offer opportunities to dialogue with presenters and participants.

Just for this year, you will only be able to propose poster sessions for inclusion. See sdlglobal.com for details.

The planning committee is diligently working to select inspiring presenters and to design engaging activities. This new format provides a wonderful opportunity to engage colleagues, students, employees, and those with an affinity for self-directed learning in rich and interesting dialogue.

Because of the importance of this learning opportunity, we are keeping the registration cost as low as possible to encourage wide participation. We anticipate a registration fee of approximately $50.00.

Please plan to participate and spread the word! We will send more details as soon as we have them.

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