The Association for Learning Technology (ALT www.alt.ac.uk) announces two competitions for those in the education and training sector.

Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition 2009
The Annual Learning & Teaching competition (previously known as the Learning Object Competition) is again to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALT-C conference in Manchester, 8-10 September. ALT organises a yearly high profile conference – ALT-C, the title for ALT-C 2009 is "In dreams begins responsibility" - choice, evidence, and change. The conference takes place from 8-10 September 2009, Manchester, UK.

The panel of judges will be looking for exciting, innovative learning and teaching resources that have been created under a Creative Commons Licence to showcase at the conference. Overall winners will be presented with their prizes at the 2009 ALT Conference Dinner on Wednesday 9 September. The competition is hosted by Jorum and sponsored by Intrallect. The closing date for entries is 3 July 2009.

The ALT-Epigeum Award for the most effective use of video in an educational or training context
The winner will receive a £500 cash prize together with an expenses-paid trip for two people to central London to spend half a day meeting and learning from the Epigeum team. The winning and any highly commended entries will be showcased at the September ALT Conference in Manchester, with the prize awarded at the 2009 ALT Conference Dinner on Wednesday 9 September. The closing date for entries is 19 June 2009.

For more information go to http://www.alt.ac.uk/awards.html.
For more information on the conference visit http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009/.

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Notes to editors:
About ALT
ALT (the Association for Learning Technology) is a professional and scholarly association which brings together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology. There are over 200 organisational members from higher and further education institutions, private and public sector organisations and over 500 individual members. Sponsoring members include Becta, HEFCE, Microsoft, the Scottish Funding Council, Adobe, and the Learning and Skills Council.

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The keynote speakers are:
- Martin Bean, Vice-Chancellor Designate of the Open University, formerly General Manager responsible for product management, marketing and business development for the Worldwide Education Products Group at Microsoft.
- Michael Wesch, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Kansas State University, USA and active in research in new media, particularly digital media.
- Terry Anderson, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Distance Education at Athabasca University, Canada. He teaches and advises students in the world’s largest Masters of Distance Education program at Athabasca University and is active in research in the field of distance education, and elearning.

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