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OVERVIEW OF JISC ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

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Overview of JISC Assessment Activities

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The Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) are delighted to be one of this year's sponsors of the 10th International Computer Assisted Assessment Conference.

The immense possibilities offered by e-assessment are recognised in all sectors of education and supported by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) as fundamental to the future success of learners. JISC recognised the importance of e-assessment for the UK education and research as long ago as the late 1990s as a part of our groundbreaking work on Managed Learning Environments. JISC realise that they have an important role to play in representing the needs of the education and research communities in this fast moving and dynamic area. As more and more software suppliers and developers become involved in producing e-assessment products so JISC are bringing the issues associated with this increasingly complex area to the attention of the communities that we serve. As more and more institutions as well as individual teachers and lecturers are beginning to use e assessment as a part of their daily teaching and learning activities so the need to provide key support such as the e-assessment glossary and roadmap becomes increasingly important. As well as providing support we have an ongoing commitment as a part of our e-learning programme to explore and research future developments and trends in this fast growing area. Last year we brought to you a proposed programme of work and this year we are pleased to bring you the fruits of this so far including:

- The launch of an online interactive e-assessment glossary
- An e-assessment roadmap
- Case studies of e-assessment
- An update on the Framework Reference Model for Assessment (FREMA) Project
- Information about our forthcoming Toolkits
- News on the important work of the JISC services CETIS and NETSKILLS
- An update on future JISC activities in this area
- A chance to meet the people involved in this work at JISC and CETIS and NETSKILLS

JISC recognise the need to work closely with our partners and associates due to our UK wide remit and are uniquely placed to provide advice guidance and research that is relevant and timely and impartial.