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NEW BOOK ONLINE LEARNING INNOVATIONS WORLDWIDE

(INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.) – Today, the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) released a new book, “Online and Blended Learning: Case Studies of K-12 Schools Around the World,” at the Virtual School Symposium, iNACOL’s annual conference taking place November 9-11 in Indianapolis.

“Our hope for this book is that it will inform readers of the great potential that online and blended learning programs will have on future generations across the globe,” said iNACOL President and CEO Susan Patrick. “These programs not only provide the opportunity to transform education, but they offer the potential to level the playing field for all societies, ensuring that each student has access to a world-class education. The World Future Society predicts that virtual learning is one of the top ten breakthroughs that will transform life globally over the next 20 to 30 years.”

Highlighting key issues, trends and progress of online learning on an international scale, the book delves deeper into the technologically advanced societies of Asia, Europe, and North America, as well as the less developed world still struggling to educate largely illiterate populations.

With case studies from Australia, China, Finland, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Singapore, Turkey and the United Kingdom, the book reports that China may be the first country to succeed in educating most of its population through the Internet, while the United States and a number of other industrialized countries need to do much more to understand how to bring high-quality online learning to scale for all students.

For more information on the book, visit iNACOL’s web site at www.inacol.org.

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About iNACOL

iNACOL is the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, a non-profit 501(c)(3) membership association based in the Washington, DC area with more than 3,800 members. iNACOL is unique in that its members represent a diverse cross-section of K-12 education from school districts, charter schools, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities and research institutions, corporate entities and other content and

technology providers (www.inacol.org). INACOL is host to the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS). VSS 2011 is being held Nov. 9 - 11, 2011 in Indianapolis, IN (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org).