Informatics Europe proudly announces its 2013 Best Practices in Education Award devoted to curriculum initiatives for promoting the informatics education in primary and secondary schools.

The Informatics Europe Best Practices in Education Award recognizes outstanding European educational initiatives that improve the quality of informatics teaching and the attractiveness of the discipline, and can be applied and extended beyond their institutions of origin.

The Award will reward a successful teaching effort in Europe that:

- has made a measurable difference in informatics education in schools
- is widely applicable and useful for the teaching community
- has made a measurable impact in its original institution and beyond it

The 2013 Award is devoted to curriculum initiatives for promoting informatics in schools as a mandatory subject for all students. The Award will honor original contributions who emphasize successful initiatives for teaching of informatics fundamentals in schools. Experiences and reports showing how to use software or hardware tools in order to improve learning in other disciplines than informatics will not be considered.


Joint Informatics Europe-ACM Europe Report on Informatics Education in Schools

A joint working group by Informatics Europe and ACM Europe produced in Aprile 2013 a landmark report on Informatics Education in Europe: "Europe cannot afford to miss the boat". As Michael Gove, the UK Education Secretary, declared on 11 January 2012: "

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Imagine the dramatic change which could be possible in just a few years... Instead of children bored out of their minds being taught how to use Word and Excel by bored teachers, we could have 11-year-olds able to write simple 2D computer animations... By 16, they could have an understanding of formal logic previously covered only in university courses and be writing their own apps for smartphones.

This report identifies problems and suggest operational recommendations for policy and decision makers to make this dream a reality.

You can download the report by clicking on the link below or visiting the page of the Informatics Europe Reports (http://informatics-europe.org/services/reports.html):