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Moodle Founder and Open Learning Expert, Martin Dougiamas to Deliver Keynote Address at Moodle Moot US- West Coast 2012

Organized by the California State University System and enterprise Moodle service provider, Moodlerooms, open source community gathering will highlight the future of Moodle 2.0 and feature six session tracks

Baltimore, MD — **The California State University System, California State University, Northridge, and Moodlerooms, Inc.**, provider of enterprise e-Learning solutions, are pleased to announce their co-sponsorship of the Moodle Moot, US-West Coast 2012 (conference) in Woodland Hills (Los Angeles County), CA. The event, taking place July 31- August 3, will feature a keynote address by Martin Dougiamas, founder and lead developer of Moodle, the most widely adopted learning management system worldwide. Moodle provides open source teaching and learning tools to more than 55 million educators and learners.

Since Moodle's inception, Moodle Moots, official Moodle User Conferences, have provided an opportunity for developers, users and educators throughout the world to meet and discuss Moodle developments and its role in today's classrooms. Delivering a keynote address on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, Dougiamas will provide background on the current state of Moodle and insight into the future of new features, functionality and pedagogical direction.

"Moodle is an important foundation for engaging 21st Century learners in the California State University (CSU) system. Ten campuses have selected Moodle as their LMS, serving 142,000 students. The CSU is honored to contribute to this Moodle Moot, as well as learn from the experiences of others for the best Moodle implementations possible," says Kathy Fernandes, Director of System-wide Learning Management Systems and Services, CSU Office of the Chancellor and CSU Chico.

"2012 is shaping up to be a very interesting year for Moodle and I'm looking forward to sharing some of the things we've been working on with you all and hearing the experiences and ideas of our many remarkable community members at the West Coast Moot this year," says Dougiamas.

Keynote addresses will also be delivered on Wednesday, August 1st, by Dr. Richard Clark, Professor of Educational Psychology and Technology and Co-Director for the Center for Cognitive Technology at the University of Southern California; and Cable Green, Director of Global Learning at Creative Commons.

Moodle Moot US- West Coast 2012 will provide a forum to explore and discuss Moodle within six distinct session tracks that appeal to a wide range of Moodle interests and include Teaching with Moodle, Collaborating with Moodle, Helping with Moodle, Coding with Moodle, Analyzing and Assessing using Moodle, and Managing Moodle. For more information on Moodle Moot US- West Coast 2012, visit www.moot-us.com.

About the California State University System (www.calstate.edu)

The California State University System is a leader in high-quality, accessible, student-focused higher education. With 23 campuses, almost 433,000 students, and 44,000 faculty and staff, we are the largest, the most diverse, and one of the most affordable university systems in the country. We offer unlimited opportunities to help students achieve their goals. We prepare graduates who go on to make a difference in the workforce. We engage in research and creative activities leading to scientific, technical, artistic and social advances. And we play a vital role in the growth and development of California's communities and economy.

About Moodlerooms (www.moodlerooms.com):

Moodlerooms is an e-Learning company committed to supporting the goals of education across the globe. With turnkey, Software-as-a-Service solutions, Moodlerooms makes it easy and affordable for educational, corporate, and governmental institutions to manage and deliver their courses and content online. Founded in 2005, Moodlerooms is headquartered in Baltimore, MD, with associates based throughout North America and Europe.

About Moodle (www.moodle.org)

Moodle is an open-source learning management system (LMS) that is free for anyone to download. With a robust set of teaching and learning tools for creating online dynamic web sites, it has become very popular among educators and learners. With more than 30 million users globally, Moodle has become the most widely-used LMS in the world.

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