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JulieF joined the room.

BJ: Hi, Julie. Welcome

DebraSp: Hi, Julie.

BJ: are you here for Publishing your work, Julie?

MyLeD joined the room.

JulieF: hello, yes I'm here for publishing

DebraSp: Great! You are in the right place.

MyLeD: Hi. I'm here for the discussion on publishing, too.

DebraSp: Terrific. Welcome.

DebraSp: I am Debbie Sprague. I teach at George Mason University in Virginia,

DebraSp: Would you like to introduce yourselves?

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

MyLeD: I am My Le Ducharme. I am a Master in Ed. candidate in the Technology in educ. program at Harvard. I am one of Chris Dede's advisees.

MyLeD: Nice to meet everyone!

DebraSp: Chris told me some of his students might join me.

DebraSp smiles

BJ: cool, MyLe

MyLeD: Yes, he sent a message out to his class. I hope there will be some others coming, too.

DebraSp: Julie, would you like to introduce yourself?

BJ wonders if Julie is shy or multitasking

DebraSp: I guess we can get started. Julie is probably multitasking.

BJ nods to Debra

DebraSp: I usually use this time to address issues raised by the participants as opposed to a planned lecture.

MyLeD: Or maybe there is something wrong with the connection? That has happened to me before.

DebraSp: Participants usually have questions they want discussed. Do either of you have specific issues you would like me to address?

MyLeD: Thanks, Debra. I was hoping this would be informal. I have been wondering how to get papers published. Any advice for neophytes?

DebraSp: Lots! Have you published anything yet?

MyLeD: Well...yes, several years ago. I co-authored a paper in an entirely different field and had very little to do with the process. Now, I'm considering a paper to publish but am curious about how to submit, who to contact, the review process, time frame for publishing, etc. So much!

DebraSp: I suggest getting to know the journals you are most interested in submitting articles. By reading the journals you get a sense of what types of articles they publish.

DebraSp: Each journal has different guidelines for publishing. It is important to read these and become familiar with them. If you do not follow them the article will not be accepted.

LeeGP joined the room.

BJ: Hi, Lee. Welcome

DebraSp: Hello, Lee.

BJ: are you here for Publishing your work, Lee?

LeeGP: Hello

LeeGP: No, I just wanted to see what the process was

DebraSp: Would you like to introduce yourself?

LeeGP: I am just a high school student who has an online class

DebraSp: Welcome.

LeeGP: I just was going to see what was being said

LeeGP: thank you

JulieF: sorry, I saved dinner from burning

BJ: whew! Glad you were in time, Julie

MyLeD: I have looked at guidelines for journals that I might be interested in submitting to such as Education, Communication and Information, Education and Information Technologies, Information Technologies and International Development, and was wondering if there was more I should be doing. I have a paper on technology planning in developing countries that I'd like to consider publishing. Hi, Lee and Julie.

MyLeD: Sorry. I am so slow to respond.

JulieF: I don't have anything specific right now I want to publish, but I've had lots of visitors in my classroom and have begun presenting and want to begin thinking about publishing some of the integrations I use in the classroom

MyLeD: Is there a general journal that is more widely read than the ones I've mentioned that might be better for submitting my paper, I wonder?

DebraSp: It is important to match the topic with the journal. For example, the journal I edit is interested in articles dealing with technology and teacher education. We do not publish K-12 articles unless they deal with the teacher.

DebraSp: MyLe, a little more information about the topic will allow me to give you some recommendations.

DebraSp: Some good options might be Educational Technology if it is a more generic article. If it is focusing on K-12 or similar to what Julie was mentioning then Leading and Learning with Technology would be a good journal.

DebraSp: L&L focuses on K-12 integration ideas.

MyLeD: Oh, I've written up a framework for technology planning in developing countries taking into account some of the unique challenges they face with implementation and incorporating that into a planning strategy. My paper looks at leadership responsibilities at national and state levels, guidelines for planning, and provides two case study examples of countries that have successfully implemented technology into their national education reform initiatives. It deals only with K-12. I didn't find much happening in tech. in edu. in higher ed. other than as stand-alone subjects.

BJ: btw, if you're new to the Tapped In interface, click on the ACTIONS menu and then highlight DETACH

DebraSp: That would probably be of interest to Educational Technology.

DebraSp: Educational technology is not peer-reviewed, but it is a leading journal in the field.

DebraSp: Do you know what peer-review means?

MyLeD: Thanks, Debra. I will look into that journal. Yes, I am sort of familiar with peer-reviewed journals. Is it the same thing as refereed? I've seen that as well.

DebraSp: Yes, peer-reviewed and refereed means the same thing.

DebraSp: It means that the manuscript is sent out to multiple reviewers who provide feedback and give recommendations to the editor.

MyLeD: Thank you. And is there a page limit on article lengths or does that vary from journal to journal? I haven't seen any specific guidelines on page length, but maybe I didn't look carefully enough.

DebraSp: If the journal is not refereed then the editor is making the decision alone. A journal that is peer-reviewed or refereed often carries a higher status than one that is not.

DebraSp: The guidelines will give a length limit (each journal is different). Usually it is posted in terms of number of words as opposed to page length.

DebraSp: Once an article is reviewed you will get feedback and the final decision. Usually the options are Accept, revise, or reject.

DebraSp: If the article is rejected, don't take it personally. It could be the journal was not the right fit and sending it elsewhere would be better. It also could be that the journal has too many submissions so they have to be very selective.

MyLeD: Thanks for the advice on that. I will definitely remember that. I was also wondering if you knew anything about online journals. Are they seen as reputable? Are they growing in popularity? I have wondered about submission for online journals as well.

DebraSp: Online journals may or may not be peer-reviewed, just like print journals. I would stay with those that are peer-reviewed.

DebraSp: As for rather or not they are reputable, it really depends on the field. Some fields, such as IT, will accept on-line publications more readily than other fields.

MyLeD: Also, can you submit to more than one journal at a time? For example, can I submit to 4 different journals and hope that one will accept my paper. Are there guidelines on that?

DebraSp: No! Do not submit to more than one journal at a time. It is seen as unethical.

DebraSp: It also raises questions about what you would do if more than one journal accepts it?

DebraSp: You need to wait until the journal has rejected it before you submit it to another journal.

MyLeD: Phew! Thanks for telling me that. I assumed that it was like applying to college

If you get accepted to more than one, then you choose where to go.

DebraSp: No. The journal holds the copyright on the article once they accept it. They would not want it appearing elsewhere. I am glad you asked that question.

DebraSp: Let's see what else I can suggest.

DebraSp: Each journal has its own process for submitting. Some want a hardcopy plus electronic. Others only want electronic.

MyLeD: I was also wondering what the time frame for publication is like. How long does it take, on average, to publish from initial submission to revisions to publication?

DebraSp: The submission should always be prepared for a blind review. This means you remove all identifying information, no names or affiliations should be included. This helps to reduce reviewers' bias (pro and con).

DebraSp: Time frame varies depending on the journal and the number of submissions received.

DebraSp: For popular journals the process could take up to a year or longer before you see it in print.

DebraSp: Less popular journals will take less time.

DebraSp: I have had some articles published within a couple of months and others a year later. It really depends on the journal and their back-log.

MyLeD: Yes, it seems to be a busy night. Is there a way to find out what the 'less popular' vs. 'popular' journals are? It's hard to know from the stacks.

DebraSp: One way to tell is to see what their acceptance rate is. A journal that is accepting 50% of its submissions is either not being very selective or they do not have many articles submitted. A journal with a 20% acceptance rate is being very selective. The guidelines should provide this information or you can contact the editor for the info.

MyLeD: Great. Thanks very much.

DebraSp: Do not be afraid to contact the editor if you have questions. Most editors, although very busy, will answer authors' questions.

DebraSp: One good source for multiple journals is AACE.

DebraSp: Their website is <http://www.aace.org>

DebraSp: Click on Publications for a list of journals they publish. You will find they have several different areas covered, all dealing with technology.

DebraSp: Another source is ISTE which publishes multiple journals <http://www.iste.org>

MyLeD: Excellent. I will check out these resources. I hope that I get a copy of this transcript??? So, I can refer to it later.

DebraSp: Also, all transcripts are archived in the ASO room and are easy to retrieve.

DebraSp: Are there any other questions I can answer? We have about 8 minutes left.

BJ . o O (transcript archives are at www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

JulieF: thanks you've given me the information I need to get started

MyLeD: I think I'm all set. This has been really helpful. Thank you for doing this.

BJ: let's see if I get this right this month, Debbie....no more Publishing until September?

DebraSp: You are both welcome. I am glad you found it useful. I will be taking a break for the summer, but do tell toehrs to join me again in September

DebraSp: Correct, BJ!

BJ . o O (but you'll all want to log in for the July 21 Tapped In Festival)

DebraSp winks

BJ . o O (whew!)

MyLeD: I will spread the word. And what is TI Festival?

BJ: the theme of the festival is Celebrate Online Education!

BJ: it's an all day event in Tapped In where there are discussions on a variety of topics for 12 hours

DebraSp: I am teaching a class that day. Maybe I will make it distance ed and have students participate in TI instead of attending a f2f class.

BJ: goes from 8am to 8pm PDT

BJ: already have ENC and LOC scheduled

BJ: and a benkyoukai

BJ: and Nuts About Nature

MyLeD: I will check it out, too, in July. Thanks everyone. I've gotta run now.

DebraSp: I can't do a session that day because of my teaching schedule and my nephew is arriving that day for a three week visit.

DebraSp: MyLe say hi to Chris for me.

BJ: and a speaker from the National At Risk Education Network

BJ: we need participants too, Debbie!

DebraSp: That I can help with, BJ

MyLeD: I definitely will. I will see him next Thursday for lunch. He suggested that I contact you when I move back to DC.

BJ . o O (and Certificates of Participation are awarded if you attend 3 events)

DebraSp: So you are the one! He told me he had a student moving to DC that might contact me. Great! Please do!

MyLeD: That's funny I will be in touch. He'll be pleased to hear that we have 'met' over distance.

BJ: Thanks, Debbie for leading the discussion. And thank you, Julie and MyLe for joining the discussion

BJ waves goodnight

MyLeD: Thanks to you, BJ. Good night everyone.

DebraSp: Last month I had one of my students attend and I did not know it as he had yet to take a course from me. Never know who you will meet in TI.

BJ smiles...usually very nice people!

DebraSp: Thank you for attending. See you again sometime.

MyLeD left the room (signed off).

BJ hums See you in September as she heads out the door

DebraSp: By, BJ

BJ left the room (signed off).