WIPTTE 2014 starts March 12

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The **Workshop on the Impact of Pen and Touch Technology in Education** (WIPTTE), coordinated by the **Sketch Recognition Lab** and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at Texas A&M University, will be hosted on the Texas A&M Campus March 12-15, 2014.

The Workshop is open to anyone with an interest in instructional technology.

Conference registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at the **Benjamin Knox Gallery** in College Station and continue at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday in the First Floor Hallway of the **Wehner Building** on west campus.

"This is the first conference I have seen that brings together participants from multiple contexts and levels. It includes higher education researchers, industry researchers, product managers, and developers who bring technologies to the classroom, as well as curriculum developers who decide what technologies to implement, teachers who use the technologies, and students who experience the technologies," said Dr. Tracy Hammond, CSE associate professor and WIPTTE general co-chair.

WIPTTE has been going strong for seven years now, with this being the eighth annual instantiation of the conference. Each year approximately 150 participants from industry, academia (both developers and users), K-12 teachers, and junior/high school students come to share their tools, experiences, ideas, and innovative uses with this new hands-on technology. WIPPTE will include a diverse set of enriching experiences including academic and practicum talks and tutorials, campus research tours, grant and networking breakout sessions, and social events

"This conference is a wonderful opportunity for Texas A&M in a time when it is growing significantly â€" particularly with the **25 by 25 initiative** and the increasing importance of innovative approaches to learning such as MOOCs and flipped classrooms. WIPTTE brings great opportunities for university instructors to revolutionize their classroom technologies," Dr. Hammond said.

Texas A&M sponsors of WIPTTE are the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Dwight Look College of Engineering, and Dean of Faculties.

A student, teacher, faculty member, or researcher can participate by submitting short or long papers (archival), posters, "Let Me Try It" workshop sessions, or by serving as a volunteer. Each WIPTTE paper and presentation includes an assessment component as an important part of the presentation. The WIPTTE program also includes keynote talks, poster presentations, vendor booths, panels, and special sessions.

For more information, visit **www.wiptte.org**.