The XII International GUIDE Conference “Online Learning in the 21st Century: Practice, Problems, and Prospects”, was held in Orlando, Florida on February, 15 -17, 2017 hosted by the University of Phoenix.

The three-day Conference, structured in plenary and five thematic sessions:

- Rethinking Pedagogy for a Digital Generation
- Emerging Technologies
- Data Mining Strategies for E-Learning Organizations
- Engaging and Supporting Faculty
- Creating communities in Distance Learning

The Conference was attended by representatives of Higher Education Institutions and Companies. A total of 49 presentations highlighted the state of art and the future of distance learning, enhancing a shared commitment to employ transversal methodologies with a great pedagogical efficacy, from the gamification approach to the use of simulations, animations and narrative – based learning.

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