



# Wikipedia at schools

The Catalan experience

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[tinyurl.com/viquibalears](http://tinyurl.com/viquibalears)

# Previous experience: Marató Viquipèdia (Catalonia)

- Collaboration with the Catalonia Education Department
- Celebrating the Internet Day
- Aim: Reaching 100k articles in the catalan Wikipedia

# Background of the promoters.

Teachers:

- [User:Barcelona](#)
- [User:Antoni Salvà](#)
- [User:Paucabot](#)

With the support of [Amical Viquipèdia](#)

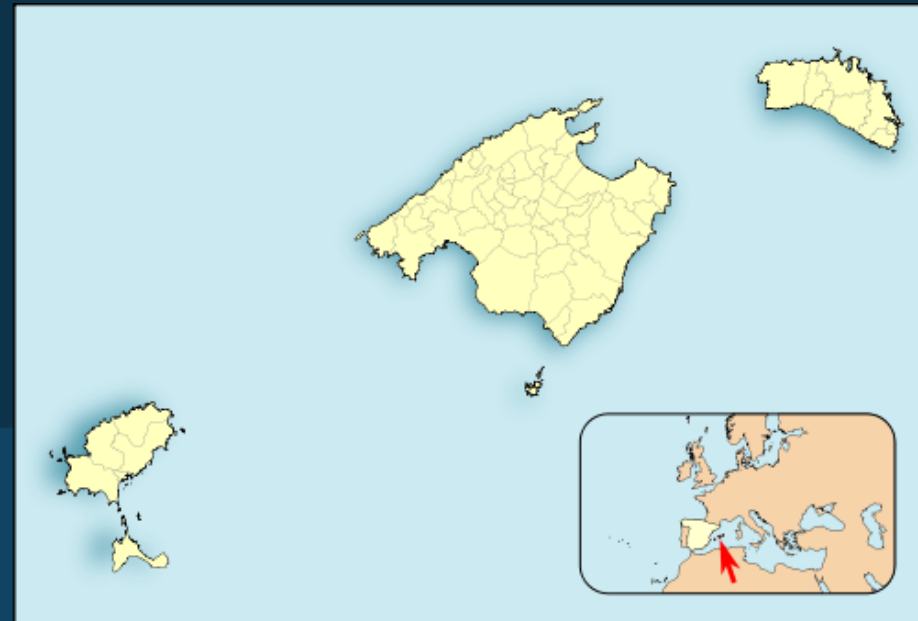
# Viquibalelear: the project

- Target: secondary school pupils from the Balearic Islands.
- Agreement with Balearic Government, specifically with the education department.
- Viquibalelear.CAT as a sandbox
- Moodle course for teachers (and credits)
- Contest for students



# Viquibalear: In figures

- 13 teachers from 12 high schools from all four islands
- 160 pupils
- 601 new articles
- 472 reviewed articles moved to catalan wikipedia
- 3 teachers during the Moodle course
- 5 administrators on the sandbox web (the three teachers and two volunteers)
- 30 ipods, 3 netbooks and 6 sets of books given as awards



# Agreement with Balearic government

- Agreement with the education department of the autonomous government of the Balearic Islands.
- Direct contact with the General Manager of [educational innovation and teacher training](#).
- Problems with the lack of an organization. Amical Viquipèdia

# Moodle course for teachers

Heu entrat com Pau Cabot Bonnin (Sortida)

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Canvia rol a... Activa edició

## Viquibalea.cat

Viquipèdia en català

### Esquema per temes

# Aplicacions didàctiques de la Viquipèdia

# Viquibalea.cat

Notícies

## 1 Introducció

Benvingut al curs. Per comunicar-vos amb el vostre tutor heu de fer servir l'eina de Correu intern que trobareu al principi de la columna de la dreta. Clica sobre "Bústia d'entrada" per començar. A la pàgina 16 del [Manual de l'alumnat de Moodle](#) trobareu les instruccions per fer servir aquesta eina.

### Activitats de presentació:

**Activitat de presentació 1.** Amb l'eina de correu intern, envia un missatge al tutor o a la tutora per **presentar-vos** i indicau-li que començau el curs. Podeu incloure tanta informació com vulgueu sobre vosaltres, les vostres expectatives en relació amb el curs, etc...

**Activitat de presentació 2.** Publicau un missatge de presentació per als altres companys i companyes del curs al fòrum següent:

[Presentació](#)

A la pàgina 20 del [Manual de l'alumnat de Moodle](#) trobareu les instruccions per fer servir aquesta eina de fòrum.

Opcionalment, si encara no ho heu fet en un altre curs, editau el vostre perfil personal per penjar la vostra foto (al [Manual de l'alumnat de Moodle](#), a l'apartat **6.1.2 Enllaç "Edita perfil"**, teniu

### Correu intern

No hi ha missatges nous

Bústia d'entrada ✉

Redacta ✎

### Calendari

juliol 2010

dl	dt	dc	dj	dv	ds	dg
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Esdeveniments globals

Esdeveniments del curs

Esdeveniments de grup

Esdeveniments de l'usuari

### Activitat recent

Activitat des de divendres, 2 juliol 2010, 20:10

[Informe complet d'activitat recent...](#)

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#### Persones

Participants

#### Activitats

Fòrums

Recursos

Tasques

#### Administració

Activa edició

Paràmetres

Assignació de rols

Grups

Còpia de seguretat

Restaura

Importa

Reinicia

Informes

Preguntes

Escales

Fitxers

Qualificacions

Perfil

# Viquibalea.cat: a sandbox

[Viquibalea.cat](#) - [Google Translate](#)

- Articles of any kind of theme
- Same syntax as in Wikipedia: Mediawiki

Why a parallel wiki?

- Controlled environment, out of the Wikipedia wilderness.
- Easier to evaluate pupils work.
- This sandbox serves as a filter to avoid more work to Wikipedia users.

- One article counts for the contest only if it has been reviewed and approved by one of the three teachers-wiki administrators.



# Contest for students

Award categories:

## Group awards:

- Group with articles moved to Wikipedia.
- Best article.
- Best article improvement.

## Individual awards:

- Best teacher.
- Pupil with more articles moved to Wikipedia
- Pupil with more Balearic-related articles moved to Wikipedia.



# Results

Winners

Best article

# Evaluation. Future improvements

- Pedagogical aspects
- Technical aspects

# Pedagogical aspects

- Create chat sessions to help teachers and students
- Minor improvements in organization; timing, awards, number of participants ...

# Technical aspects

- [Direct access](#) to Commons multimedia files
- [Enable latex](#) math formulas
- Install [cite extension](#)
- Create a tool to count articles and automatically generate the classification.

# Awards ceremony and collateral benefits



Media covering



# Planned calendar: From Viquibalear to Viquiescoles

Course 2010-2011

Next years: Project in different countries and languages



# Schools from more countries



# Articles in more languages

- French
- Italian
- Occitan
- Spanish

# On the long term

- Possible Comenius project
- Participation of schools not only from more countries but also with students without catalan as a common mother tongue.
- Sustainability of the system as Wikipedia grows.

# Possible Comenius project

- Minimum 3 organizations from 3 eligible countries ideally more.
- Wikimedia XX + 2 schools from each country.
- Period 2 years 2012 and 2013
- Expected opening for the call: October 2010
- 2012: - Collect best practices (like Viquibalear)
  - Create methodology
  - Develop learning materials for teachers
- 2013: - Test courses and methodology.
  - Disseminate results
- Budget : 360.000€
- UE expected financing : 270.000€

# Students without catalan as a common language

To be adressed at Comenius  
project.

Possible solutions:

- Use english as lingua franca.
- Hold several subprojects and keep the coordination among them trough teachers.

# Sustainability as wikipedia grows

Less topics free to create new contents.

Less opportunities to improve articles.

- More emphasis in searching understanding and comenting information
- More activities in the sandbox wiki
- Wikibooks
- Always will be opportunities to improve

# Conclusions

- Wikipedia is a phenomena that impacts at schools and has to be taken into account by professors.
- Learning to use Wikipedia as readers in a pasive way is a must for students.
- Participating in building Wikipedia has huge advantages in active pedagogy.
- The environtment and methodology are important to suceed in proffiting from those advantages.
- We expect that multilingualism will be a plus to the whole process.
- Solutions to be explored in order to keep this advantages as Wikipedia grows.

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and open discussion...