The Future of Reflective Practice

Perspectives of reflective practice in the new professional environment
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Many Things Have Happened After 1994

- The Web World Wide was invented and spread throughout the world.

- A new communicational platform was implanted, new collaborative software was developed and new businesses processes emerged.

- Cell phone got spread worldwide and VOIP (Skype and so on) is getting spread still faster.

- China and India entered into the global market with highly dynamic economies.
New Ways for Collaboration in Professional Work are Emerging

- **Wiki**, or the gradual construction of a knowledge base from many people
- **Search Engines**, reaching on the whole pool of knowledge worldwide.
- **Iowa Electronic Market**, combining private knowledge from many for improving decisions and forecast
- **Collective Intelligence**, combining intelligence of many people around shared interests.
- **Communities of Practice**, stable spaces for exploring and learning together
Innovation is Getting Distributed

- **Democratizing Innovation**, customers develop new ideas of product for companies and institutions
- **Social Innovation**, many disperse people get gathered by their innovative initiatives
- **Research Network**, articulate capacities worldwide around a common question or inquiring.
The Art of Conceptual Innovation is the Driver

- Innovation now is achieved in new concepts of products and services.
- The capacity of integrating technologies is key for creating new solutions and tap on the pool of knowledge of humanity.
- When millions of people are innovating the only way of reaching an edge is through the creation of new concepts.
- Artistry will be more important then before in the exercise of professions.
New Requirements of Collaborative Work

- Globalizations is mixing local and global issues.
- New issues are emerging demanding creativity and more collaboration among professionals.
- Similarity between local problems enables partnership in spite of distance.
- To find mechanisms for connecting processes of knowledge creation among groups of professionals.
Practice of Professions Will Evolve Continually

• The diversity of situations and pace of change will require the capacity of
  – Updating
  – Extending,
  – Adapting
  – Reinventing the practice of professions, and
  – Reinvention of the professions or the creation of new ones.

• How fit the ideas of Reflective Practice in this emerging professional environment?
Many new authors are taking elements of Reflective Practice for tackling the new challenges of professional practice.