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Happy New Year from InCommon
InCommon is coming off a year of growth and new services; this success is highly dependent on our community members. Thank you for your support in the past year. We look forward to your help in 2011 as we consider additional services, provide more training and education opportunities, and continue to refine and expand federated identity management services.

Discovery Service in Production
The new InCommon Discovery Service has moved into production. Unlike the old WAYF (which will be taken out of service February 2, 2011), the DS supports SAML 2.0. You'll find the details at https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/3QA6AQ

IAM Online January 12 – Persistent Identifiers
IAM Online in January will focus on a panel discussion of persistent identifiers for education, with panelists from higher ed and the U.S. Department of Education. The session will take place Wednesday, January 12 at 3 p.m. (EST). IAM Online is a monthly online education series on federated identity management presented by InCommon in cooperation with EDUCAUSE and Internet2. Session details are at https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/tgUjAQ

InCommon Finishes Year with 264 Participants
InCommon started 2010 with 199 participants and finished the year with 264, a 33 percent increase. Thank you for your support and participation. In addition, the cert service, which ramped up during the summer, now has 79 subscribers (www.incommon.org/cert).

New Participants in December

- Blackboard (www.blackboard.com)
- Oak Tree Systems (www.oaktree-systems.com)

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