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Project activities preparing recordings of video pools

Languages:

Basque Danish Dutch English Gaelic German Lithuanian Romanian Spanish



EUROCALL 2006 4-7 September, Granada, Spain Integrating CALL into Study Programmes

Pools to be presented at a show and tell workshop at EUROCALL 2006.

O ur proposal for a "Show and Tell" presentation has been accepted by the EUROCALL selection committee.

The project presenters are Marijo Irastorza (the Basque team), Luis Lizama (the Spanish team), Klaus Leonhardt (the German team), and Kent Andersen (the Danish team). We hope to have even more teams present during the conference so it's an excellent opportunity to meet us and discuss the project.

The EUROCALL 2006 presentation will demonstrate some of the products from pools e.g. the Copyleft Web Page Text Blender which converts text into web pages where all words are automatically linked to online dictionaries (in April 2006 in ten languages, more to come).

A t the moment videos are being prepared by the Spanish and Basque teams in the cities of Santander and San Sebastian - Donostia. These videos were originally planned to be produced in the autumn, but the two teams have decided to start well ahead of schedule:-)



Students in Pitesti, Romania preparing two birthday cakes for a video. One of the cakes is a polenta in disguise used to teach another student a lesson.

I n February two of the pools teams met in Pitesti, Romania to start production of the videos to be used for developing materials in Romanian language. After an introductory course on camera and editing techniques the teams produced three videos.

One video shows a class of catering students preparing a birthday cake for another student who has a reputation for cracking jokes on his friends. To teach him a lesson a polenta is made so it looks exactly like a real birthday cake.



The second video was recorded in a student hostel where a group of students debated what to have for dinner and after some delicious ideas ended up with what could be found in the fridge.





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Latest News: Visit the digital pools area: www.languages.dk/digital to find the videos that are now ready for your use





The German team attending further qualification meas-ures relevant to POOLS project: three days intenfurther qualification sive theatre workshop in March 2006 run by theatre director Walter Menzlaw of Chawwerusch-Theatre Herxheim



Dissemination event where the Lithuanian team from Kaunas Technical College exhibit pools brochures



Scottish healthcare theme screen dump from video

he Scottish (English and Gaelic) team members are preparing their pools videos based on themes. First set of videos will have a "Care" theme and revolve around a Day Centre for people with special learning needs. It should include short documentary-style clips showing the centre and some of the activities, with scripted voice-over commentaries in plain English and plain Gaelic. In addition there will be separate "in their own words" interviews with a staff member and a client, again in both English and Gaelic.



Gaelic / English /videos being prepared

he Scottish team members are also making progress in terms of national/local dissemination/clustering. The team has secured approval to work on a joint project with Cothrom in South Uist www.cothrom.net - bringing together learners of Gaelic and ESOL literacies, and been invited to attend the "ICT and Literacies Conference" of the Scottish Executive's Communities Scotland Learning Connections initiative.

lso the Dutch team members have decided to base the bulk of their videos on themes.

The first eight videos prepared deal with work placements. these videos will be online after the project meeting in Romania in Mid-may



From a Danish video with hairdressers

he Danish team has now produced 15 videos that can be downloaded from the website. One of these videos shows a class of health care assistants telling about life long learning in Denmark and also shows some of the problems occurring when an adult wants to take new education.

nerginet.dk a power F. plant association in Denmark has permitted pools to make use of their videos. These are copyrighted, but may be used for online teaching



From an Energinet.dk video with speak in English, German, and Danish