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## The Pools teams and friends invite you to a joint language teaching projects conference

**H**orizon College in Alkmaar, Holland, is proud to invite you to a two days' workshop conference on 27 and 28 September 2007.

The theme of the conference is: "Best Practices in Foreign Language Teaching, By Teachers For Teachers".

We aim to offer you a wide range of inspiring workshops to give you new ideas for discussion at your school and for application in your own classroom.

The workshops focus on three main items:

How do I use the new media effectively?

How do I find my way in competence-based language teaching?

Where do I find best practice teaching material?

**L**eonardo language projects may wish to use the workshop conference as a dissemination platform.

The low conference fee of 190 • includes lunches, evening meals and drinks on both days and entertainment on Thursday evening 27th. The AMRATH hotel in Alkmaar has kindly offered its luxurious accommodation and breakfast for only 85 • per person per night for single rooms or 55• per night for shared rooms. Nearly 100 rooms can be booked up until 1 June for this special price on a first come, first serve basis.

Would you like to be inspired? Please register for the conference and fax the registration form to us before 1st June 2007.

Would you like to share your Best Practice experiences as well? Then before 1st June

tell us what kind of workshop you would like to offer. After receipt of your registration, we will contact you within 2 weeks to confirm your participation and to ask further details about your workshop contribution, if applicable.

We look forward to your registration and hope to welcome you on 27th September 2007.

The registration document, which can be downloaded from the POOLS website [www.languages.dk](http://www.languages.dk), must be sent to Frans van Schaik by e-mail:

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The conference venue in Alkmaar

**B**y mid April we have received registrations from Spain, Luxembourg, Turkey, England, Scotland, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Romania, Lithuania, and Denmark. Please join us!

**S**cottish Update

The full set of 20 Gaelic and 20 English videos was completed with a mini-series on the songwriting partnership "Bi Beò", based in North Uist. This includes documentaries and interviews as usual, as well as a music video of a first cut recording of their song "Na seann daoine". All 40 videos have been collected and catalogued under the title of "Scottish Island Voices" and can be viewed from the project website

The response from schools, colleges, and



## Latest News: The project Course Book is ready for download. The DIY Video on DVD now has subtitles in eight languages

universities involved in teaching Gaelic has been positive, with messages of support and requests for more such materials coming from across Scotland, from Gairloch on the northwest coast to Edinburgh, the capital city. Bòrd na Gàidhlig, [www.bord-na-gaidhlig.org.uk](http://www.bord-na-gaidhlig.org.uk), the national body charged with Gaelic development, has promised financial support for the production of 1,000 copies of the collection on DVD.

The English materials have also attracted the attention of SATEFL, [www.satefl.org.uk](http://www.satefl.org.uk), and other bodies involved in ESOL, as there is a nationwide need for English-teaching materials with Scottish voices. The Scottish Pools team has been working with a group of Polish and Latvian workers at Kallin Shellfish, [www.kallinshellfish.co.uk](http://www.kallinshellfish.co.uk), on the Isle of Grimsay, to help them produce their own video of their life and work in the Hebrides. This will be presented at a workshop on "Multi-media Learning in a Multi-lingual Community" at the national ICT and Literacies Innovations conference "Adult Literacies in 21st Century: the Impact of Emerging Technologies", held in Stirling in early June.



**I**n the International trade department of the Horizon College in Holland they are busy using their (the teachers) newly acquired video skills to empower the students into making their own sales telephone conversations and sales presentations in English by



Clips from the Bi Beò videos.

using a video in small groups to illustrate that they can competently do" cold calling" to;

- make a sales appointment
- present a product, in a foreign language (in this case English).

We have noticed a few sweating, anxious looking students walking around, whereas previously it was only the teachers here who looked anxious.

We have high hopes that they will be competent film directors as well as international sales people. Watch this space...



**E**UROCALL 2007 Mastering Multimedia: Teaching Languages Through Technology

'POOLS CopyLeft online resources for teachers and learners' has been assessed by the EUROCALL 2007 Programme Committee and accepted for EUROCALL 2007 as a Show & Tell demonstration, which will be part



of the Poster and Show & Tell Exhibition (5th September at 17:30).



From a dissemination event in Lithuania

**O**n 30 March two members from our Lithuanian Leonardo da Vinci project POOLS team participated in an interesting seminar Language Projects and Their Role in Promoting Linguistic Diversity and Language Studies in European Countries. It was organized by recently established (12 December 2006) Lithuanian Association of Language Teachers and aimed to language specialists working in vocational sector - colleges and vocational institutions.

The presentation about our project, its philosophy, objectives and outcomes was met with great interest.

**P**ools was presented in Istanbul at a Computer Assisted Language Learning conference with a plenary speech. Kent Andersen handed out 175 sets of CDs and DVDs together with the POOLS Newsletter.

The Travel costs etc. were sponsored by Pearce and Longman