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Project activities during the EfVET 2006

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The Pools teams invite you to participate in a joint language teaching projects conference

If you are a project coordinator (or have some interesting language teaching ideas to present) then please consider presenting at a language teaching projects results conference in September 2007.

Many projects have planned a final conference, some even call for a press meeting, and find that the number of participants from outside the project teams is rather limited (to say the least). The solution to this is to cluster with other projects and have a joint conference.

Canal and bridge in Alkmaar

Imagine that five projects have a joint conference; the project teams would get together approximately 100 participants and the combined dissemination efforts are likely to attract another 100 participants, i.e. a prospect of 200 participants keen on learning about your results!

POOLS now offers you such an opportunity in September 2007 in Alkmaar, a beautiful city in the Netherlands. The dates for the conference are set to September 27th and 28th . Learn about Alkmaar here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alkmaar or from the homepage of Alkmaar: http://www.alkmaar.nl/

The Horizon College in Alkmaar

offers its facilities to the conference with possible meeting rooms the day before and after the conference (Wednesday and Saturday); this makes it possible for you to move a project meeting to Alkmaar and thus cover the travel costs. If you are having an EU-supported project then please remember to ask your national agency or the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/index.htm) for eligibility of the costs.

All language teaching projects are welcome to participate and are also welcome to assist us in planning and disseminating the event. If you are interested then please e-mail ka@ots.dk before February 1st, after this date we might have to say no to some projects because we "only" have conference space for approximately 200 participants.

We also welcome presentations from individual teachers. We are planning a format for proposals and a panel to decide which presentations to accept, more about this in the coming months.

The cheese market in Alkmaar

We did not originally plan for a final conference, but for us it seems a very good way to learn about other projects as well. So if you are interested then please e-mail ka@ots.dk

Leonardo da Vinci

Latest News: +157 videos are now ready for your use in the digital area www.languages.dk/digital

Scottish Cultural and Educational Tourism

Over the summer the Scottish team was engaged in filming at events and venues that throw light on cultural and educational activities in the Hebrides. English and Gaelic documentaries were shot at the Ceòlas music summer school in South Uist (www.ceolas.co.uk) and at the Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Art Centre in North Uist (www.taigh-chearsabhagh.org).

Piping students get some extra practice at the Borrodale Hotel

Together with short interviews with students and staff these films will also be of relevance to the Tourism vocational theme.

Opening night for Art and Design students' year-end exhibition

Both Ceòlas and Taigh Chearsabhagh are strongly rooted in their local communities, but also have strong national and international profiles. They attract visitors from throughout the UK and from overseas, and so provide interesting case studies for students of tourism and hospitality.

BA Fine Art student Donald Ferguson prepares his work for exhibition at Taigh

One of the POOLS project outcomes is a DIY (Do It Yourself) DVD with a step by step introduction to how to use Hot Potatoes and the Web Page Text Blender

The video is now ready in the first edition. Next editions are planned to contain subtitles in the nine project languages. The DVD was disseminated during the EfVET 2006 conference and 50 DVDs were handed out to participants

The first version of the videos can be downloaded from the materials area http://www.languages.dk/materials.html in .wmv versions and also as iPod versions (.MP4 videos)

Evaluation of the pools project and results have started. We depend on your inputs and feed-back to us. We have from the very beginning tried to be totally open to our web visitors, e.g. all official documents like the project original proposal etc. can be downloaded from the archive

In order to receive more evaluations we invite you to spend 10 minutes on the online evaluation form and show us your interest in the project by helping us know how you feel about the results. Go to the evaluation page at: www.languages.dk/evaluation.html

During the project workshop in Madrid we decided on a set module format for the two course manuals:

Each course module in the manuals is planned to have tables with the following headings:

- Short description
- Before starting the trainee must have the following competencies:
- During the course you help the trainee acquire the following competencies:
- Estimated learning time:
- To deliver this course you require
- You can deliver the course
- References

Have a look at the ongoing work with the course modules at www.languages.dk/materials.html

The Romanian team has finished a report on the use of ICT in vocational colleges in Romania.
The report is ready for download from http://www.languages.dk/materials.html