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The Pools teams are now finalizing the project outcomes as well as running pilot courses

The POOLS project is approaching the last part of the project period. This of course does not mean that the project will stop; a core of the project team members will continue on a grass root basis AND you too are welcome to send us contributions.

We have almost finished producing the project videos and have now by mid June 325 videos online. Again you are welcome to send us videos in whichever language you have:-)

At the moment our main activity is piloting the course modules. The Lithuania and Romania teams are piloting the full courses with all modules. The Danish team is piloting the online versions starting from mid-June and also two blended courses in Danish that start on June 28th

The online courses will be run in cooperation between Lone Olsen (DK), Gordon Wells (UK), and Kent Andersen (DK).

The online modules offered cover the two types of courses planned in POOLS, i.e. Methodology and Content development.

The methodology modules are based on exchange of ideas, lesson plans etc. followed by debate between the participants and feed-back from the course trainer. A final evaluation of how the methods were put into practice in real classrooms will take place in August - September to give the participants time for a meta-cognition period.

The Materials Development modules will make use of an introductory period with information, DIY videos, online tutorials and work

tasks for the participants. The resulting materials will be uploaded / e-mailed to the course trainer for commenting and online delivery. The course participants are asked to peer-review materials developed by the other participants. The course trainer will comment on the outcomes and suggest possible improvements etc.

The full course modules descriptions are available from www.languages.dk/materials.html



Anny and Hans present their deliveries during the workshop in Kaunas

Most of the POOLS team members met in Kaunas in May for the fourth POOLS workshop. All the teams were of course present:-)

Main items on the agenda were:

- Completed course manuals
- Schedule and list of pilot course modules
- Lesson plans/guides for course modules
- Fine tuning modules
- Evaluation papers for courses
- Workshops for Alkmaar (who does what)
- Quality control

Read the full minutes from the workshop here:

http://www.languages.dk/archive/meetings/Meeting_Minutes_Workshop4.pdf



Latest News: The Alkmaar Conference in September is now expected to have +250 participants covering most of Europe

Scottish Focus on Learners

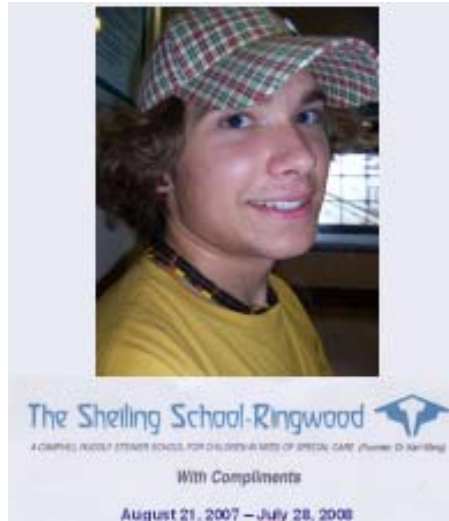
Some of the results of the POOLS project in Scotland were presented at the annual "Innovations in ICT and Literacies" conference at the Management Centre in Stirling University on June 7th. The focus was on the learner, and an example was shown of how the copyleft Craigard documentary video was adapted and developed so that client Donald Mackinnon could deliver his own voiceover commentary. A second video was also shown which had been shot, edited and scripted entirely by Polish and Latvian workers at Kallin Shellfish (www.kallinshellfish.co.uk) in Grimsay, after they had received training and advice from the POOLS team. The national Innovations project report (with a full description of the "Multimedia Learning in a Multilingual Community" project with which the Scottish POOLS work linked) can be accessed at www.adultliteraciesonline.com



Radoslaw Biereta shows off his favourite lobster

The Scottish team also learned that their "Island Voices" video package has been shortlisted for a European Award for Languages by the National Centre for Languages (www.cilt.org.uk). The competition is tough, with 120 entrants, and the results will be announced in September. In the meantime, Gordon Wells,

local co-ordinator, is to take over responsibility for overall co-ordination of the POOLS project for its final four months.



André Nemeth one of the many users of the POOLS products was inspired by Gordon's video clips and decided to be a co-worker at an English school for mentally handicapped students

I happened to look at the POOLS website www.languages.dk which displays a video where Donald Mackinnon speaks proudly about his job and his daily routines at a centre for people with special needs. Consequently I searched the Internet for addresses of organisations that support young people if they want to do some kind of social service abroad instead of going to the "Bundeswehr" (Armed Forces) here in Germany. Amongst others I found the address of the Rudolf-Steiner-Foundation. On their homepage I found an application form which I filled in and sent it off. My application was accepted. I chose the UK as I felt that there are very good services to handicapped people provided by highly qualified personnel. Furthermore, I had been to the UK before on an exchange and of course because I know very well that English is of utmost

importance for any job I might take up in the future.

Part of letter sent by André to POOLS

Alkmaar Conference Update

At the moment we have almost 250 registered participants, this exceeds our first estimates. We have been very lucky that so many colleagues around Europe have decided to come to the conference, and it is a pleasure that several other projects have decided to share their work with us during the conference workshops.

The preliminary conference program now has 17 workshops covering a wide range of countries; The Basque country, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania, Scotland, Spain, Luxemburg and Turkey

The range of workshop titles seems very interesting; among other titles being prepared we now cover: Motivating teachers and students through the "fifth skill", Languages for e-commerce, Introduction to weblogs, Scottish Island Voices: Multimedia Learning in a Multilingual Community, Using video and Hot Potatoes for learning how to greet one another in Lithuanian, How to express emotions in Basque using video + Hot Potatoes, CLIL - Content and Language integrated learning, Gemaild 11-06, Grammar Explorer; working with explorative grammar online, The Web Page Text Blender, DeMos - the Mobile Language Lab, Virtex, European, Portfolio for LSP, and several more:-)