



Language Learning with Machinima
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July 2014 CAMELOT Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the summer break for all in the northern hemisphere, and hope that you do not get too much snow as winter arrives in the south!

As we are building a group of Network partners we thought it would be a good idea to start a monthly newsletter where we could easily keep you, and anyone interested in the CAMELOT Project up to date with what is happening in the project.

Firstly, the website is now quite well developed, <http://camelotproject.eu/>, there are further changes to come soon but have a look at the interviews in the Spot On section <http://camelotproject.eu/spot-on-2/>, teachers talking about their use of machinima in language learning and teaching, and experts sharing hints and tips. See also the CAMELOT Training section that may have useful items for anyone wishing to learn how to use Second Life, or a similar virtual world or to make machinima.

It is the end of term for many of us and the project partners are busy sharing information about the CAMELOT Project at conferences around the globe.

Christel Schneider, seen here with project partner Ton Koenraad, recently did a workshop which introduced the CAMELOT project and dealt with integrating videos in

language teaching at Vilnius in Lithuania at the conference entitled

8th International Conference Innovating Language Teaching and Learning in Europe: Diversity, Quality, Mobility, Employability



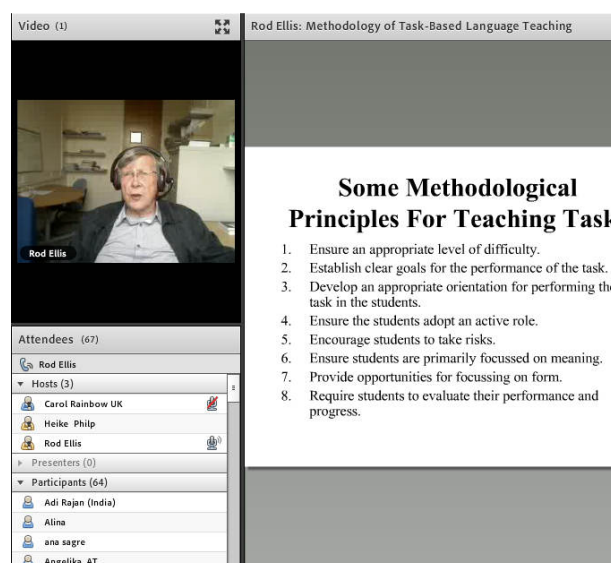
On June 27 Dr Michael Thomas from UCLan invited Professor Rod Ellis to give a webinar entitled:

Methodology in Task-Based Language Teaching



See the webinar and more information on the Spot On News page

<http://camelotproject.eu/rod-ellis/>



The screenshot shows a webinar interface. On the left, there is a video feed of Rod Ellis, a man with glasses and a dark jacket, speaking. Below the video is a list of attendees, including Rod Ellis, Carol Rainbow UK, Heike Philp, and Rod Ellis. On the right, there is a slide titled "Some Methodological Principles For Teaching Task" with a list of eight numbered points.

Some Methodological Principles For Teaching Task

1. Ensure an appropriate level of difficulty.
2. Establish clear goals for the performance of the task.
3. Develop an appropriate orientation for performing the task in the students.
4. Ensure the students adopt an active role.
5. Encourage students to take risks.
6. Ensure students are primarily focussed on meaning.
7. Provide opportunities for focussing on form.
8. Require students to evaluate their performance and progress.

An interview with him recorded in Second Life is available, see the blue box on the right for the link.

July, August and September sees us in full swing with machinima making ready for the field trials later this year.

Please feel free to pass the newsletter on to any interested party. There are contact details on the website and we welcome new Network Partners.

Anyone with an interest in using machinima for language teaching or leaning is welcome to join as a network partner.

Benefits for CAMELOT Network Partners

As a CAMELOT Network partner you

- have access to the Training Kit including support from the Project Team
- receive regular updates on the

CAMELOT Project progress

- receive regular news about upcoming events via our newsletter and dedicated website
- can be part of and become involved in special interest groups
- can share ideas and collaborate with other network partners
- get free access to guidelines and papers developed for the CAMELOT project
- can contribute to our regular newsletter
- can share and promote your events on our website

Project partners will be presenting CAMELOT at the following conferences:

- [EUROCALL 2014 @ University of Groningen](#) Aug 20 @ 1:55 pm – Aug 23 @ 2:55 pm
- [ALT Conference 2014 @ University of Warwick, UK Sep 1](#) @ 1:40 pm – Sep 3 @ 2:40 pm
- [Internationa Conference ICT for ...@ Grand Hotel Mediterraneo](#) Nov 13 – Nov 14 all day

For lots more information see <http://camelotproject.eu/calendar/>

For an interview about technology and machinima in Task Based Language Teaching see <http://camelotproject.eu/rod-ellis-interview/>

