



September 2014 CAMELOT Newsletter

Hello and welcome

September is one of the busiest months of the academic year but we are hoping you will squeeze in a few seconds to catch up with the latest CAMELOT news.

Project partners have been busy sharing information about CAMELOT and building up a group of people interested in using machinima for education as CAMELOT network partners.

**Michael Thomas, Project Coordinator,
presented CAMELOT at ALT-C 2014**

Michael Thomas, Project Coordinator, presented CAMELOT at the 21st annual conference of the Association for Learning Technology (ALT-C) 2014 at the University of Warwick, UK, September 1-3. The ALT annual conference is the UK's main conference for learning technologists and one of the largest conferences of its kind. It is held over three days every September, providing a valuable and practical forum for practitioners, researchers, managers and policy-makers from education and industry to solve problems, explore, reflect, influence and learn (see <https://www.alt.ac.uk/>). That session brought a new project partner to CAMELOT, Jim Harris from Northampton University, who wrote: *"Within the first 4 minutes of the speech that Michael Thomas gave at ALT-C 2014 in Warwick University, I saw someone with such passion and direction which I had never seen before ... I see the opportunity to converge my efforts which have to date been very silo-ed, with the guidance and community that the CAMELOT Project Network can offer me."*

[Machinima Training Course](#)

September Spot On Interviews

There are a whole range of new interviews from September, many live interviews from Groningen with teachers who use machinima in the classroom and from the live machinima workshop.

Also the September featured conversation is with Chantal Harvey, well-known machinima makers <http://camelotproject.eu/conversation-with-chantal-harvey/>

This year's EUROCALL Conference took place in Groningen, NL. It was well attended and very well-organised.

**Christel Schneider presented
CAMELOT at EuroCALL 2014**

Apart from some technical glitches at the first workshop, Virtual World SIG-Machinima Videos for Teaching and Learning, attendees learnt a lot about machinima, wrote their first storyboard and started to get some training in filming.

There was no time to finalize the productions, but delegates enjoyed getting their first impressions about virtual worlds. Christel Schneider presented the CAMELOT project towards the end of the workshop and demonstrated how machinima can be used in the virtual language classroom. Participants were asked to complete a small [questionnaire](#) which anyone involved in making machinima could fill in to help the project team to find out more about the use of machinima in the classroom.



Helmut Schmidt University / the University of the Bundeswehr in Hamburg

On 3rd of September 2014 Capt. Navy (ret.) Piotr Gawliczek, Assoc. Prof. presented the first results of the CAMELOT Project at the Distance Learning Congress Project at Helmut Schmidt University / the University of the Bundeswehr, Hamburg. During his presentation entitled, *National Defence University Warsaw (NDU) e-learning solutions for the education and training: Sharing the experience. Showing the way*, he presented innovative solutions for linguistic education, which may be another way to diversify educational processes.



Presenting machinima during Defence Education Enhancement Programmes (DEEP) Afghanistan

On the 2nd of September Małgorzata Gawlik-Kobylińska conducted a workshop on the CAMELOT Project and presented on the main assumptions of teaching and learning languages with machinima (Title: *Machinima for Linguistic Education at the NDU*). The target group included a group of twelve Afghan army officers from the Marshal Fahim National Defense University which is located in the Qargha (or Qargheh) district of Kabul. The workshop was an element of their study visit

organized at the National Defence University in Warsaw between 1st and 5th of September.



“Machinima Investigating the Cultural Values Project.”

Our network partner, Dr Tracy Harwood from De Montfort University in the UK is taking part in a project entitled, “Machinima investigating the cultural values.”

For information about the project and the current situation visit the [website](#) where there are a set of posts giving regular updates on the activities and findings of the project. Members of the CAMELOT team were part of a focus group discussion which took part in Second Life®. A series of 4 short machinima have been produced with excerpts from the recorded focus group:

Video 1: [Machinima and Me](#)

Video 2: [Future of Machinima](#)

Video 3: [Barriers to Machinima](#)

Video 4: [Machinima and Community Creators](#)

[You Tube Channel](#)

[Website](#)