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Students ready themselves for the 3rd annual EXTREME VR EXPO finals

Students from area high schools will make their 3D presentations in the Virtual Reality Laboratory

Sudbury, ON, April 15, 2009—Sudbury will host the 3rd annual EXTREME VR EXPO finals next week. Students will have the chance to present the projects they have been working on throughout the school year.

“At the finals, participating students will present their 3D models in the Virtual Reality Lab to an audience of judges representing industry, academia and the community,” said Wijdan Malik, MIRARCO’s Education Outreach Coordinator. “We’re looking forward to another year of fascinating models and presentations.”

The participants are from Lockerby Composite School’s Specialist High Skills Major - Mining Program and École Secondaire Macdonald Cartier’s 4^e-Dimension Program. These programs are designed to challenge high school students—EXTREME VR EXPO complements these programs with a project that develops new skills and knowledge.

As well as an opportunity to learn more about mining and 3D visualization software, winning students will have an opportunity to travel to Toronto and Vancouver to present their projects to a wider audience. Last year’s winners were sent to Calgary to present at the Canadian E-Learning Conference.

Media are invited to attend the presentations which will run from 3:45 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Willet Green Miller Centre on the Laurentian University campus. For more information please contact Wijdan Malik (see below).

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Youth Science and Technology Outreach Program (YSTOP) — EXTREME VR is supported by the Ministry of Research and Innovation’s YSTOP program. The program is designed to inspire young people—particularly high school age youth—to choose careers in science and technology. The program accomplishes this by providing youth with face-to-face interactions with Ontario’s leading-edge researchers and technologists in meaningful hands-on science and technology experiences beyond the classroom and curriculum.

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