

Press Release

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Students ready for the 3rd annual EXTREME VR Science Fair

Sudbury, ON, October 28, 2008 –Sudbury and area high school students gathered at the Willet Green Miller Centre today to take part in the 3rd annual EXTREME VR Science Fair Student Launch. There were workshops, demos and presentations all aimed at inspiring students to participate in this unique 3D science and tech competition.

“Today the students are being introduced to what EXTREME VR is all about,” said Programme Coordinator Wijdan Malik. “This is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves and take part in a great learning experience.”

Over 100 students from high schools in Chelmsford, Lively, Espanola and Sudbury took part in the day’s activities. Students were divided into groups and went from station to station in an EXTREME VR learning circuit. The stations featured demos in the Virtual Reality Lab, hands-on visualization software workshops and an informative presentation.

One of the presenters talking to the students about her experience was last year’s winner, Julie Mongeau. Julie told the students about her project and what was involved in putting together a winning presentation. As a first place prize, Julie was sent on a paid trip to the 6th annual Canadian E-Learning Conference in Calgary where she presented to a distinguished audience.

Students who decide to participate this year are paired with an expert mentor in their area of research. Throughout the school year they will research their topic and construct a 3D model to be used for their final presentation in April of next year where they will be judged by a panel of industry experts, academics and community members.

MIRARCO — Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation, founded in 1998, is a not-for-profit applied research and technical service company of Laurentian University formed through collaboration between the private and public sectors. MIRARCO is located in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. MIRARCO promotes mining innovation and provides a bridge between researchers and industry.

Youth Science and Technology Outreach Program (YSTOP) — EXTREME VR is supported by the Government of Ontario’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 will accomplish 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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