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Upgraded model of training simulator launched

Shaderware Limited has introduced a new radiography simulator, ProjectionVR v4.0. The launch took place at the Association of Educators in Radiologic Science annual conference in Las Vegas.

ProjectionVR is already established as a key learning resource in over 50 colleges in five countries. It allows students to work in an environment that safely simulates the conditions of an x-ray unit.

Students benefit by increasing the 'time on task' possible in radiography education. More time in live x-ray rooms is difficult to achieve due to limited resources and supervising staff availability. With ProjectionVR, students have their own x-ray room within a laptop or lab-based computer to practise at their own convenience or during supervised sessions.

The upgrades released in Las Vegas can now be applied to all receptors.

All images are saved as Dicom objects to enable full integration with a PACS system or simple Dicom viewers. An extensive examination



and projection database has been developed.

The x-ray machine operator's control panel/console is faithfully modelled with exposure factor manipulation and audible simulation of exposure. Scattered radiation grids have been added for cross-table projections. Several other enhancements round off more than 12 months development work.

Shaderware clinical director Philip Cosson described the release as "providing a very significant increase in the learning outcomes facilitated by radiographic simulation." He added: "Version 4.0 is the result of many feedback opportunities from teachers and students."

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Philip Cosson demonstrates ProjectionVR v4.0 at its launch in Las Vegas.



A screen grab of the new version 4.0 of ProjectionVR by Shaderware Limited.

Michael is first to gain new SCoR status



The Society of Radiographers has launched a new professional development scheme – and a Milton Keynes radiographer has scooped the first accreditation.

Michael Fel, an advanced practitioner in trauma reporting at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, had to meet nationally agreed standards, compile a portfolio of evidence and get his submission backed by other radiographers.

On his accreditation, Michael said: "The scheme basically involves compiling and entering evidence that supports your levels of practice. One of the major benefits is that it encourages you

to reflect upon your personal learning and development. You are able to see whether there are any areas that need extra work and then put that into practice."

Trust director Bob Heavisides said: "We take the training and development of our staff very seriously, so we are delighted that a member of our team has been the first in the country to be given accredited status."

Sean Kelly, professional officer at SoR, said: "The College of Radiographers is delighted to award Michael advanced practitioner accreditation and adds its warmest congratulations."

Partnership to improve spine care treatment

Royal Philips Electronics and SpineMark Corporation, a leader in developing specialised centres for spine care, have entered into a long-term partnership to build centres for spine care. The first centres will be in the Netherlands, Spain and Turkey.

"A major part of spine care is non-surgical," said Philips chief medical officer

Dr Eric Silfen. "SpineMark's care delivery model and our partnership will help simplify spine care and create a patient-friendly environment." Explained SpineMark Corporation ceo Marcy Rogers: "The partnership offers us access to the tools needed to not only implement the spine centre model globally but also manage each centre."

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