

AgentSheets Inc. Receives Funding From The National Institutes of Health to Develop Revolutionary, Game-Based Technology

Boulder, Colorado, March 7, 2007 - AgentSheets Inc. announced today that it has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to build simulations that teach high school and middle school students about human physiology. The two-year project, called Mr. Vetro, will be based on revolutionary collective simulations in which students use networked handheld computers to simulate interacting organs.

"Growing science apathy at the K-12 education level is an alarming development with potentially devastating consequences at individual, societal and economic levels," said Dr. Alexander Repenning, CTO and co-founder of AgentSheets Inc. The company is creating a new kind of infrastructure, called Collective Simulations, to help overcome this problem. This infrastructure creates immersive learning experiences based on wirelessly connected handhelds. As part of the Mr. Vetro project, students learn about physiology through technology-enhanced role-play. Each group controls physiological variables of a single organ on their handheld computer. A central simulation gathers all the data and projects them. Collective Simulations let students learn about the intricacies of interdependent complex systems by engaging in discourse with other students and teachers. An early pilot study suggests that this new learning approach is more motivating to students, helps them to develop in-depth understanding, and produces test results equal or better to traditional learning approaches. Furthermore, the new technology has a psychological influence that extends well beyond test scores. "Students are much more engaged with this kind of learning," notes Dr. Andri Ioannidou, Senior Researcher at AgentSheets Inc. For instance, the effects of simulating smoking was so shocking to one student that he promptly announced "I will stop smoking."

Additional project information is on the company's web site (www.agentsheets.com/research/). The Mr. Vetro project also includes researchers from the University of Colorado Science Discovery Center, the University of Colorado School of Education, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and the Drexel University College of Medicine.

About AgentSheets Inc.

AgentSheets Inc. is a pioneer in game authoring technology and a leader in building educational simulation tools. The company is the maker of the award winning AgentSheets game and simulation authoring tool used world-wide to introduce students to programming by designing and building video games. The company has received numerous awards including the Gold Medal from the mayor of Paris for "most innovative application in education of the World Wide Web" and "best of the best innovators" by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). Dr. Repenning is an advisor to the National Academy of Sciences, the European Commission, the National Science Foundation, The Japanese Ministry of Education and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Contact:

Dr. Robert Owen, VP

Email: bobowen@agentsheets.com

Phone: (303) 530-1773

###