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### **French approaches**

France has its own pavilion for the first time. The exhibitors are Auralog whose well-designed series of adult learning packages has been extended to include children's versions; **Infostance; a virtual learning environment**, Maxicours , which offers content on the whole of the French national curriculum; and the software and internet development companies Itop and KNE. The exhibitors have a strong clientele in French schools, which may help tackle the occasionally difficult question of setting up partnerships with them, and together they will provide an insight into the current French approach to ICT that will be of interest to ICT specialists as well as language teachers.

The Pupil Activity Packages for Heinemann's secondary Expo (French) and Echo (German) (site licence, £425-£625 per level) are a good idea. Designed to fit alongside lessons, they give lots of carefully structured extra practice with games, puzzles and activities, and well-paced audio. They could be very useful in an extended school setting, though they are certainly not underpriced. RM has some useful French grammar activities as part of its Discover Alive package (not separately priced). Some of the content is pretty standard, but there are amusing cartoons, including a ferocious woman asking what you would or wouldn't like for school lunch, and good technical features such as scoring drag-and-drop exercises against the clock.