New Commercial Products

Announcements of new commercial products are published by the Journal of Synchrotron Radiation *free of charge. The descriptions, up to 300 words or the equivalent if a figure is included, should give the price and the manufacturer's full address. Full or partial inclusion is subject to the approval of the Main Editors, to whom all correspondence should be sent.*

The International Union of Crystallography can assume no responsibility for the accuracy of the claims made.

J. Synchrotron Rad. (1995). **2**, 274

Multimedia presentations

Multimedia presentations are being used by the ESRF, Grenoble, and Daresbury Laboratory, UK, to explain how synchrotrons work and the types of experiments that are carried out. In the past 12 months a series of interactive multimedia displays have been commissioned in an attempt to promote a better understanding of synchrotrons across Europe. The presentations have been created by Technical Editing Services Limited, a Chester-based company that specializes in explaining complex processes to lay audiences through publications and computer graphics.

The Daresbury and Rutherford Laboratories are using multimedia to present their work to a wide range of audiences. The 'Synchrotron' multimedia presentation is aimed at the general public and is designed to outline the operation of a synchrotron radiation source. Users are able to interrogate various component elements of a synchrotron to discover how the machine works. A more general multimedia presentation has also been released to describe the organization and research facilities of the new British science organization CCL.

The ESRF presentation entitled 'Materials of the Future' uses a cartoon-based interface depicting a typical European street. Users can point-and-click to any section of the cartoon and this will take them to additional modules which use animation and video to explain how materials science research is affecting our everyday lives. This presentation has an additional module which depicts the history and development of materials science from the Stone Age to the present day.

The presentations are available in Macintosh or PC versions (IBM 386 and above) on CD-ROM.

Technical Editing Services Limited, Lane End Farm, Kelsall Road, Ashton, Chester CH3 8BH, UK. Phone: (+44) 1829 752497. E-mail: tesalpha@macline.co.uk.

J. Synchrotron Rad. (1995). **2**, 274

Image intensifiers

Photek has announced a new edition of the Gen II Image Intensifier Brochure. It describes a range of 12, 18, 25, 40 and 75 mm active-diameter image intensifiers. The metal ceramic body of the intensifiers is rugged and the proximity focus design gives a distortion free image in a very short overall length. A range of photocathodes and input window materials enables a wide choice of spectral responses to suit many applications. The fibre optic output ensures a defined output focal plane and allows efficient coupling to CCDs and linear image sensors. A variety of MCP configurations satisfies all gain requirements.

Photek Limited, 26 Castleham Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN38 9NS, UK. Phone: (+44) 1424 850555. E-mail: 100411.3324@compuserve.com.