
HIPON ready to jump!

“E-modules on HistoPathology: a valuable online tool for students, researchers and professionals - HIPON”, a project co-financed by the Lifelong Learning Program of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, The Commission of the European Union has entered its second year.

The project is led by Associate Professor Andreas C. Lazaris from Medical Faculty, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece with partners from University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Croatia, Radboud University Medical Centre, the Netherlands, Centre for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology, (CARDET), Cyprus, and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, FYROM. The main idea of the project is to transmit experience of expert pathologists to medical students, training pathologists and professionals using an online platform and taking advantage of all available modern technology (such as virtual slides, educative videos, online communication media).

In the first year, after needs analysis, Moodle was selected as the platform of HIPON implementation and the exact architecture has been designed. Partners from Greece, Croatia and the Netherlands, with help from some pathologists from FYROM, started developing content for General Pathology and Systemic Pathology Units. The content is based on short introductions, case studies and image-based questions for each unit. In parallel, a virtual portfolio, containing images, resources and links, is being developed and a glossary as well.

HIPON project was presented during the 25th European Congress of Pathology, in Lisbon at the beginning of September 2013, at a lecture entitled “HIPON - a new interactive learning platform for students, researchers and professionals”, and a poster entitled “E-modules on histopathology: A valuable online tool for students, researchers and professionals: The HIPON project”. Prior to this Congress, the second consortium meeting was held, where all partners presented work that has been done and agreed on a detailed timeframe for further steps concerning development of the content and transfer to the online platform.

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At the beginning of this year, interestingly the Year of the Horse in China, some Units are already completely finished, internal testing phase is under way with selected participants from each partner's countries who will also participate in early-testing of the HIPON platform, and the rest of the Units are being polished up.