



HIPON fed and tested

The most important idea behind "E-modules on HistoPathology: a valuable online tool for students, researchers and professionals-HIPON" is to follow mixed learning pathways using the best of ICT System (e-modules, online game, virtual portfolio, histo-book) in combination with great expertise of content developers, oriented to the end-users (students, residents and staff pathologists). It is a project co-financed by the Lifelong Learning Program of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, The Commission of the European Union, coordinated by Associate Professor Andreas C. Lazaris from Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Other partners are 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.

At this moment, when interim progress report of the project is being prepared, all content has been uploaded and developed for Moodle platform and finalisation of the platform started. Internal test phase comprising technical aspect of the platform and functionality, as well as pre-HIPON test phase, comprising testing done by partners, has finished and evaluations are under way. After analysis and implementation of eventual corrections HIPON will be ready for "real-life" testing phase. By that time, there will also be material on-line which will give a short overview of the content, translated in Croatian, Dutch, Greek and Macedonian.

A small part of the project will be presented during the 26th European Congress of Pathology, in London, at the beginning of September 2014, as a poster entitled "Acquiring diagnostic experience in renal neoplastic pathology through HIPON web course". It will demonstrate the main characteristics of educational strategy and platform design. Another way of dissemination were successfully held info-days of the project with great number of participants.

It is expected that selected groups of end-users will start testing in October in partner countries and first results of their evaluations are expected before summer 2015.

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