
A new project under the title “**E-modules on HistoPathology: a valuable online tool for students, researchers and professionals - HIPON**”, co-financed by the **Lifelong Learning Program of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, The Commission of the European Union** has been launched at the beginning of this year.

The first partner meeting took place in Athens on the 17th and 18th of January 2013. Host of the meeting was the Athens National and Kapodistrian University and 12 project members from the 5 cooperating countries attended. More specifically, the following members participated: Medical Faculty, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece [represented by Andreas C. Lazaris (HIPON Project Manager) , Ekaterini Pavlakis, Georgios Rassidakis, Efthimios Koniaris and Dimitris Keramydas], University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Croatia (represented by Sven Seiwerth and Luka Brcic), Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, the Netherlands (represented by Han van Krieken and Annemieke Smeets), Centre for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology, (CARDET), Cyprus (represented by Sotiris Themistokleous) and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, FYROM (represented by Goce Armenski and Marjan Gusev).

HIPON is intended to teach medical students, training pathologists and professionals the right way of approaching the tissue specimens, recognizing patterns of injury and correlating them with underlying mechanisms of disease and clinical data. The idea behind it is to **transmit professional experience through a learning website platform** taking advantage of modern image technology. Starting with normal histology, using **virtual slides, educative videos and micro-images**, as well as indicative questions and answers, our intention is to teach end-users how to think as a professional and experienced pathologist and to gain experience in correlating pathologic data with other clinical information. HIPON will be an autonomous multi-language e-learning system providing practical training for students and professionals.

By doing all this, HIPON will fulfil all four aims set by “EU strategic framework for education and training” i.e. making lifelong learning and mobility a reality, improving the quality and

efficiency of education and training, promoting equity and social cohesion and enhancing creativity and innovation, at all levels of education and training.

As the starting point in defining present status, key needs, expectations and the attitude of possible users of the HIPON learning platform, a questionnaire has been developed. The questionnaire can be found under the following link

<http://www.iacademy.mk/fancy/E-Survey/MYD158MYD>

The next partner meeting is planned to be organised during the 25th European Congress of Pathology in Lisbon, in September this year.

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