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## HIPON educational project has entered its final lap

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After almost 2.5 years of intense work, following equally intense preparations for this project, it can be stated that we have an autonomous, well-structured and user-friendly, multi-language e-learning platform, specifically focused on histopathology, which provides a valuable teaching tool for students, researchers and professionals.

Since January 2015, in each partner country, 15 selected users, with different levels of knowledge and teaching experience (students, residents and teaching/non-teaching pathologists) have been testing our platform, providing important feedback and evaluations. Based on these, our team is trying to make final corrections and improvements before the end of the project.

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2015, the 6<sup>th</sup> HIPON Consortium Meeting was successfully held in Skopje; all pending issues were discussed, and final arrangements for the implementations were laid down. The final HIPON Consortium meeting will be preceded by an **international conference and workshop on Pathology education** which is going to take place at the **Athens** National and Kapodistrian University on **October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015**.

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We are happy to announce that our project was presented at the “New Perspectives in Science Education Conference” which took place in Florence, Italy, on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015; the virtual presentation and article were entitled “HIPON Project: Acquiring Medical Experience through an e-learning Platform. A New Perspective in Pathology Education” and were warmly welcomed. Furthermore, an additional paper entitled “Acquiring experience in pathology predominantly from what you see, not from what you read: the HIPON e-learning platform” is under publication in “Advances in Medical Education and Practice” PubMed Journal.

Despite of feeling a bit blue since the project has entered its final phase, when looking back and realising how much has been accomplished in such a limited time, we are filled with satisfaction and self-esteem.

The HIPON Consortium

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