

THE MEFANET PROJECT

ESTABLISHING THE NETWORK OF CZECH AND SLOVAK MEDICAL FACULTIES, FOCUSED ON METHODOICAL COOPERATION AS REGARDS THE PROGRESS IN EDUCATION USING MODERN ICT

Article 1. Establishment of the MEFANET network

- 1.1 The educational network of Czech medical faculties (hereinafter referred to as "MEFANET" - Medical FACulties - educational NETwork) was established on 20th of June 2007. Slovak medical faculties joined the project on 1st of January 2008.
- 1.2 The project focuses on the methodical cooperation and mutual coordination, in order to establish a progressive education using modern ICT.
- 1.3 The network and its nationwide activities have been approved by the Coordination Council, consisting of appointed representatives from participating medical faculties (see Article 2).

Article 2. Scope of activities

- 2.1 The MEFANET project is focused methodically; its main objectives involve strengthening the cooperation among medical faculties as regards the application of modern ICT in the teaching process, standardization of related procedures, and securing the compatibility of resulting materials.
- 2.2 The primary objective of MEFANET activities is to promote the application of modern ICT in the education of medical disciplines. All outputs of the MEFANET project are intended to enhance the quality of teaching materials and to make them easily available for students of involved medical faculties. At the same time, a considerable attention is paid to copyright protection, and to motivation programmes for authors of extensive educational works.

Article 3. Basic rules of organization and controlling the network

- 3.1 The MEFANET project is a voluntary initiative which promotes an equivalent cooperation among medical faculties.
- 3.2 The MEFANET project is open for cooperation with other faculties and/or subjects, particularly academic institutes involved in the education of medical or health care disciplines.
- 3.3 All activities of the MEFANET project, including the way of solving common projects, respect the independence of individual faculties.
- 3.4 The MEFANET project promotes an entirely academic cooperation, where financial resources need to be acquired in the form of educational and/or research grants. Activities of the MEFANET project do not generate any expenses which could affect internal budgets of participating faculties. It is expected that one-shot expenses

associated with optional activities within the MEFANET project would be covered from own resources of the respective faculty.

- 3.5 The project is overseen by the Coordination Council, which consists of 2-3 representatives from each participating medical faculty. These representatives are appointed by the Dean of the respective faculty.
- 3.6 If a common decision has to be made, each faculty has a single vote to be applied by its leading representative.
- 3.7 The Coordination Council is convened and presided by the Chairman, who is elected by representatives of the participating faculties for the period of one academic year.
- 3.8 The Coordination Council establishes the priorities of MEFANET activities, decides on generally acceptable standards for individual types of outputs, and helps to define and solve common projects.
- 3.9 The MEFANET project does not have central finance resources: if a common project is to be realized, budget division must comply with the rules of a specific project and/or grant agency.
- 3.10 The Coordination Council does not intervene into the system of education in individual faculties: the participation in specific initiatives and/or standards is subject to approval by the management of individual faculties.

Article 4. Communication of results and presentation of MEFANET activities

- 4.1 The common website www.mefanet.cz is the official presentation and communication platform for MEFANET members (the domain www.mefanet.eu has been registered for this reason, too). The existence and contents of this portal is certainly not meant to inhibit the development of portals of individual faculties.

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