

WHERE WIKILECTURES ARE HEADING?

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D2.1 PLENARY SESSION II: SUBPROJECTS IN MEFANET – TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' OPINIONS

WikiLectures - a tool for collaborative creation, storage and sharing educational materials, have been among the common tools of MEFANET network since 2008. They are based on Web 2.0 technologies and are characterized by great openness for cooperation. Anyone can enter or edit new study materials, even (at least to some extent) without registration. Despite the openness, the system remains safe – it is ensured by staff, organizationally and technically. Operation of WikiSkripta (and their English version WikiLectures) is maintained by a large group of students of the Czech and Slovak medical faculties. Members of the editorial staff are systematically trained in technical and communication skills. WikiLectures became the most popular medical teaching web in the Czech and Slovak Republics. The total number of visits exceeded 15 millions, around 8000 unique visitors come to the site every day. The number of articles is more than 5000, increasing each month by about 300. About 10 000 edits are done per month. Already at the beginning of its operation, WikiSkripta/WikiLectures proved its viability and capacity of development. At present, these sites are more and more popular among students of medical schools and gradually used for teaching directly by teachers. In WikiSkripta/WikiLectures, methodology of editorial work and training of editors were well established. Now, greater emphasis on the involvement of educators and experts is added, focusing on further improving the professional quality of published contributions. In 2011, full operation of the English version of the project – WikiLectures, was launched. At the end of lecture, teachers of medical faculty who use WikiSkripta/WikiLectures in teaching, will present their experience with this tool.