THE COMMON PORTAL PLATFORM IN THE MEFANET PROJECT

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Background:

The project MEFANET (MEdical FAculties NETwork) has initiated international cooperation among medical faculties in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. One of the elementary goals of the project is to advance medical teaching and learning with the use of modern information and communication technologies. As an instrument for that, MEFANET has decided to develop a uniform solution for educational web portals.

Summary of work:

There were two particular goals concerning the common portal platform in the ME-FANET project:

- 1. to unify faculty educational web portals such that the published educational content is accessible horizontally,
- 2. to build a common central gateway enabling easy and comprehensible content browsing.

Summary of results:

The educational web portal of the Medical Faculty at Masaryk University has been accepted as the uniform ground for the solution of the common portal platform. All the information presented on the portal instances are integrated into one common place on the web – central gateway. All these portals and the gateway compose the e publishing platform in the MEFANET.

Conclusions:

The students and academic staff from the MEFANET network can access and view the offer of electronic study materials also at other medical faculties, what should gradually improve the quality of the content and motivate authors to work in joined interinstitutional teams.

Take-home message:

MEFANET - the network without borders