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Internet Access and Training Program

Program Overview

Run since October 2006, the MedIT (IT training Program for the Medical workers) is a program of the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP) administered by IREX, the International Research & Exchanges Board. MedIT provides free training in 13 medical institutions throughout Moldova. MedIT encourages use of Internet technology in the work of doctors and medical personnel, development of hospitals' websites, and collaboration among healthcare providers. Read more about MedIT at <http://medit.md.iatp.net/>.

KEY ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES

- train doctors and medical personnel in information technologies, Internet use, and use of online forums for their professional activity;
- doctors and medical personnel will create websites for their medical institutions; IATP will encourage doctors to post their research materials on the Web, to foster sharing of their professional experience with their colleagues in Moldova and worldwide;
- Doctors and medical personnel will be able to organize and participate in forums and online discussions with their colleagues from Moldova and other countries. This will help in spreading medical information,

experience, and knowledge sharing; it will help doctors to keep in touch with their colleagues from different regions of Moldova.

SUB-PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- IT training services provided in 13 medical institutions throughout Moldova
- Five medical institutions' websites hosted
- Approximately 50 doctors and medical staff trained in Computer Basics, Internet Basics, and in Web Design Basics each month

SUB-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Training

In each participating medical institution, IATP trained 16 doctors and medical staff in Computer Basics and Internet Basics, and 35 persons in Web Design Basics in total.

- Web Content Development

Half of participating medical institutions, websites created

IATP IN MOLDOVA INFORMATION SHEET

IATP began operating in Moldova in 1998. At present, there is one core IATP access site and there are six independent Internet centers. Every month, over 500 residents of Moldova visit the IATP training laboratory, and about 100 people attend training courses. IATP's server in Moldova hosts over 250 non-commercial websites.

Program Results

MEDIT STATISTICS

IATP trained 144 doctors and medical staff in Computer Basics, 69 in Internet Basics, and 35 persons in Web Design Basics. Websites of six medical institutions were created (<http://medanenii.md.iatp.net/>, <http://srcimislia.md.iatp.net/>, <http://drochiamed.md.iatp.net/>, <http://medcauseni.md.iatp.net/>, <http://streseniims.md.iatp.net/>). One countrywide on-line discussion was organized (<http://iatp.org.ua/irchat/logs.php?d=20070406>) and one national forum (<http://forum.iatp.net/viewtopic.php?t=11&sid=4e303f974d3f43114efa5063a93ab9e1>) for doctors and medical personnel.

MEDIT IN THE PRESS

- Project's website takes part in the WebTop contest, organized in 14 categories - <http://www.webtop.md/cgi/page.cgi?id=58&lang=ru> (Гражданское общество/web-siteul proiectului MedIT in Moldova)

- Projects homepage has been submitted to general search engines(Alexa Internet, Alta Vista, Ask.com, AskMeNow, Exalead, Gigablast, Google, MozDex, Windows Live Search, WiseNut, Yahoo! Search)
- THE MINISTRY of Health OF THE REPUBLIC MOLDOVA Press Communicate From 2007-04-03
http://ms.gov.md/ministry/press_service/1798 .

MEDIT NEWS

Medical professionals launch the websites of their institutions

On November 11, 144 family doctors, nurses, and hospital administrators started their way to vastly improve patient services in the country, as part of the MedIT project. Run since October 2006, the MedIT (IT training Program for the Medical workers) is a program of the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP) administered by IREX, the International Research & Exchanges Board which encourages use of Internet technology in the work of doctors and medical personnel, development of hospitals' websites, and collaboration among healthcare providers (<http://medit.md.iatp.net/>). From November to April, the Internet Access and Training Program in Moldova provided free Systematic training series for 231 employees in 13 medical institutions throughout Moldova.

- The IATP Training Laboratory in Chisinau, Moldova, hosted a Systematic training series for 20 employees of the Moldovan Ministry of Health and Social Protection. The participants practiced sending e-mails to each other and developing interactive presentations dedicated to various issues in their professional activities, such as reports and business plans. They also compiled lists of useful online resources for further use in their professional activity.
- IATP mobile trainers Victoria Vorosciuc (IV 05), Nicolae Reutov, Galina Gospodinova(CC '98), Ghenadie Slobodeniuc(University Partnership '03), and Arteom Taranu conducted the winter sessions at newly-installed computer rooms at hospitals in the towns of Nisporeni, Briceni, Basarabasca, Causeni, Cantemir, Falesti, Drochia, and Cimislia. The training series will assist them to access the latest medical research, systematize their administrative work, create websites for their institutions, and participate in countrywide online discussions to share best practices.
- In March, 25 doctors from hospitals of Drochia, Causeni, Cimislia, and Anenii Noi attended trainings on Web design for Beginners, conducted by IATP mobile trainers Victoria Vorosciuc (IV 05), Nicolae Reutov, Ghenadie Slobodeniuc (University Partnership '03), and Ludmila Balteanu(CI '03) within the framework of the MedIT project. Participants learned Nvu HTML editor and CrossFTP FTP client as

well as how to save HTML files, how to add links, and to upload pages to the web server. As a result, the web pages are ready to promote their Hospitals in the country and abroad for further partnership, and exchange of ideas.

- During April, IATP sponsored an on-line discussion (<http://iatp.org.ua/irchat/logs.php?d=20070406>) dedicated to the World Health Day and Med IT evaluation with 11 attendants: IATP mobile trainers, and Med IT participants. Every attendant of this on-line discussion explained how exactly these courses helped and why it would have a big influence on their professional and personal development. MedIT participants told about the lack of such trainings within state organizations and practically it was a unique opportunity for them to learn about IT Technologies.

Participant Cristina Triboi remarked, “This was the most interesting, useful, and, at the same time, the most understandable course I have ever attended.”

Partners

Ministry of Health Care is MedIT partner. It spread the information about the project in the participating regions and helped identify exact locations of training in each region, and surveyed participants for topics of interest for on-line discussions.

Resources

Total Budget of the project for the moment is 3 516,16 USD (1 385,16 USD–IATP share, while 2 131, 00 USD is the cost share of the medical institutions that hosted the Mobile Training events). In total 61% is the contribution to the program from the non USG-funds, which includes offering for training of computers (calculated 1 USD per one computer / 1 hour). The hosting institution also assured Trainers’ lodging and meal (its cost was never estimated). The real budget of the project happened to be 1 014,84 USD less than the planned amount.

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