Latest news: Second Project Meeting was held in Izmir!

Participants of 2nd project meeting

Welcome to our second project newsletter! You will find latest issues about the project in this newsletter. First of all we would like to give you some information about our project.

What is this project?

We consider that in today's Knowledge Society ways of teaching and learning are changing strongly in relation to traditional methodologies and means. Thus we make a proposal of a project with two main objectives:

a) To learn the techniques of digital edition and of the organization of digital libraries.

b) The use of libraries and digital documents as a teaching tool and as a methodology to learn.

The Project Team

Project includes three countries, coordinator and contact people from countries can be find below:

Pilar Catano, Aldesoc, Spain

Teoman Kesercioğlu, Dokuz Eylul University, Institute of Educ.Sciences, Turkey

Xenofon Strimpis, Union of Information Technology Scientists of Viotia, Greece

Second Project Meeting in Izmir

The project meeting was held in Institute of Educational Sciences at Buca Campus of Dokuz Eylul University between 22-26, April, 2009.

The web page of meeting can be reachable from
http://people.deu.edu.tr/bulent.cavas/dean

Participant list:

Participants from Spain:
Pilar Catano, Aldesoc
Carolina Garcia, Dabne Technology
Sara Rodriguez Olmo

Participants from Greece:
Xenofon Strimpis, Union Infor. & Sci. Viotia
Sofia Korogiannou, Union Infor. & Sci. Viotia
Dimitris Skitsos, Union Infor. & Sci. Viotia
Sofia Katopodi, Union Infor. & Sci. Viotia

Turkish Participants:

İbrahim Atalay, Dokuz Eylul University
Teoman Kesercioğlu, Dokuz Eylul University
A.Gunay Balim, Dokuz Eylul University
Bulent Cavas, Dokuz Eylul University
Simge Akpullukçu, Dokuz Eylul University
Efe Güçlüer, Dokuz Eylul University
Huriye Denis, Dokuz Eylul University
Burcin Karabaş, Dokuz Eylul University
Nergiz Çağıltay, Atılım University
and students from Faculty of Education

Following parts were reported by Burçin Karabaş during project meeting. Newsletter was written and designed by Bulent Cavas.

Day, 1
April, 22nd, 2009

09.00 – 19.00
Arrivals of participants

19.30 – 22.30
Dinner at Dokuz Eylul Kosk Restaurant.
(Dinner was sponsored by Dokuz Eylul University)

Day, 2
April, 23rd, 2009

09.30 – 10.15
Project meeting started with welcome speech by Teoman Kesercioglu. After Kesercioğlu's speech, all of the participants introduced themselves shortly.

Welcome speech by Teoman Kesercioğlu

Bulent Cavas presented about project's details and scope of the Project to the participants.

Pilar Catano also discussed that there will be learning conference in July and there will be a paper from DEAN project which was accepted by the organization committee of the learning conference in Barcelona.

Bulent Cavas also informed that there would be three Project meeting. Also emphasize that it is important to create and design a webpage. Pilar Catano said that we had more important things than creating a webpage.
Bulent Cavas also asked to Pilar Catano about challenging curriculum development. Pilar explained that DEAN wasn't that, their internal work was different from challenging curriculum.

10.15 – 10.30
Coffee and Tea Break

Sara Rodriguez Olmo, A.Gunay Balım and Carolina Garcia during the coffee break

10.30 – 11.00
Teoman Kesercioglu and Burcin Karabas presented a lecture on Promoting Active Learning: The New Roles for Teachers. Teoman Kesercioglu emphasized that Active Learning is a team work with teachers, parents, students and school management. The main role is "to lead" the students. Presentation followed a small discussion the new methodologies in education

11.00 - 12.30
Xenofon Strimpis presented Self-Directed Learning and mentioned about why we need it and how we can learn with this strategy. Also it is talked if self directed learning is a part of active learning or not.

Presentation by Xenofon Strimpis

After Xenofon Strimpis's presentation Pilar Catano mentioned about individual centered learning and curriculum centered learning. Mrs. Catano also informed us about the foundations of the new pedagogical philosophy.

Presentation by Pilar Catano

12.30 – 14.30
Lunch Break
All participants went to Çapa restaurant which is famous with local foods.

14.30 – 17.00
Learning by Doing Methodology is presented by Simge Akpullukcu. Simge emphasized on how a person can learn with Experiental Learning Cycle. Also Pilar emphasized our Project DEAN is based on this philosophy. Xenofon insisted on constructing the system on this philosophy is almost impossible because school life is not like that. This is not the only solution he said. But Pilar insisted

on Knowledge is nothing in static. So the role of the teacher is very important.

Presentation by Simge Akpullukçu

Efe Güçlüer's presentation followed learning by doing discussions. Efe mentioned about digitization. Why we need digitization, what can be digitized and making Project of digitization. After Efe Gucluer's speech, Yusuf Yılmaz presented about distance learning project carried out by the Institute of Educational Sciences.

Presentation by Efe Güçlüer

Xenofon mentioned about network nodes organization; strength of using network nodes, weaknesses of network nodes and overwias of managing a network with independent nodes.

Then Pilar mentioned about DEAN apprenticeship network; associated nodes, strengths of the associated nodes, difficulties to integrate associated nodes. She also mentioned about creating a blog for communication. Pilar insisted on creating a blog is more useful but Xenofon preferred a forum or Facebook page. He insisted on if we choose 15 years old students, we should choose more attractive and useful one.

17.00 – 19:00
All participants visited city centre, kemeralti and clock tower.

19.30 – 23.00
Dinner at Gölet restaurant at the artificial lake

Day, 3
April, 24th, 2009

10.00 - 11.15
Carolina Garcia explained general structure of a digital library. Carolina mentioned about missions, visions and the goals of digital library. Copyright issues were the main subject of this discussion. Carolina and Pilar stood up for copyright issues won't be a problem. But Efe, Aslı and Burcin insisted on the issues' importance.

General structure of a digital library by Carolina Garcia

11.15 – 11.30
Coffee and Tea Break

11.30 – 12.00
Pilar presented what they had done about digitizing. But copyright issues again were problem for this part of the meeting too. Xenofon Strimpis and Bulent Cavas insisted that it is necessary to get permission from publication companies and digital libraries to use their published books. Pilar highlighted that it is not a problem because of the educational nature of the project.

12.00 – 14:00
Lunch Break
All participants went to Öğretmenevi (teacher's house) for lunch. (Lunch was sponsored by the City Directorate of National Education)

14:00 – 15.00
Asst.Prof.Dr.Nergiz Cagiltay from Atilim University presented a lecture on the "Digital Libraries: How to design and develop for better supporting learning". She informed participants on the important issues of the digital library procedures. In addition to the procedures, she gave some important examples from Indiana University Digital Library services.

"Digital Libraries: How to design and develop for better supporting learning" by Nergiz Cagiltay

15.00 – 15.30
Coffee and Tea Break
(Coffee and tea were served by faculty of education)
During the break, all participants visited historical-administrative building of Faculty Education. Ibrahim Atalay guided the visit and explained the historical story of the building.

Participants at the Faculty of Education

15.30 – 16.00
All participants explained their studies which they have done on the digitalization. First, Xenofon Strimpis started to explain studies in Greece. He explained scanned version of the Greek books and mentioned about their nodes. Huriye Denis was the second speaker who presented studies in Turkey. She mentioned that over 12 books were already scanned and downloaded from digital libraries on the internet. She showed them according to their topics, pages etc. She also highlighted that the studies were done with the help of students. She mentioned about students' positive interests and attitudes toward the DEAN project.

The DEAN studies in Turkey by Huriye Denis

16.00 – 17.00
Last session of the project meeting was chaired by Pilar Catano. She summarized the second project meeting and continued with the issues which are needed to complete until next project meeting. She also highlighted the issues related to creating a blog or forum, creating a magazine and web of the Project and also language of the library and communication

Vice rector of Dokuz Eylul University, Prof.Dr.Sami Aksoy came to give certificate of attendance to the participants.

Prof.Dr.Sami Aksoy, Vice Rector of DEU

17.00
End of the project meeting

17.00 – 19.00
Free Time for participants

19.30 – 23.00
Dinner at Dokuz Eylul Kosk Restaurant.
(Dinner was sponsored by Dokuz Eylul University)

Day, 4
April, 25th, 2009
Social-Cultural Programme

09.00 – 17.00

Participants visited Ephesus, The house of Virgin Mary, Sirince Village.

Ephesus

Şirince Village

Explanations about the visit programme