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**WELCOMETO THE OPATEL-PROJECT.....**  
**Welcome to the OPATEL-Newsletter**

**OPATEL** is a three years project started on October 15, 2016, and funded by the European Union through Erasmus+ programme that concentrates on providing Iraqis and Iranian students and teachers with competencies and skills needed by using Learning Management Systems in Education



## OPATEL Begins Third International Workshop Hosted by the Virtual School

OPATEL's third international workshop, hosted by the Virtual School, began its course in collaboration with the office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs and with the participation of European and Iranian partners of the project, including university representatives from Germany, Greece, Portugal, Iraq, and Iran.

Day 1	
Introduction to TUMS e-learning activities, challenges and achieved goals	
Steps of e-learning system establishment: Identifying challenges and setting goals	
9:00-9:30	Welcome and registration
9:30-9:40	Welcome speech
	By Dr. Ramin Kordi, TUMS' Vice Chancellor of International Affairs
9:40-10:20	E-learning as an internationalization strategy in higher education
	By Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nekoofar
10:20-10:40	Workshop overview and self-introduction of facilitators and participants
10:40-11:00	Break - open discussion
11:00-11:40	An overview to e-learning/blended learning implementation in TUMS
	By Dr. Sina Marashi
11:40-13:00	Break - open discussion
13:00-13:45	E-learning design under the Open Science umbrella
	By Dr. Victoria Daskalou and Mr. George Lekatsas
13:45-14:45	Participants' teamwork: Challenges of e-learning implementation in universities
	Facilitated by Dr. Rita Mojtahedzadeh and Dr. Azadeh Shaabani
14:45-16:00	e-Learning system establishment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps and important considerations</li> <li>Context analysis and educational needs assessment</li> <li>The experience of TUMS within last 10 years</li> </ul>
	By Dr. Rita Mojtahedzadeh

Agenda and training Materials see:

<https://opatel.tums.ac.ir/Third-Training-Program-at-TUMS.-Tehran-Iran>



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The Workshop was held in Dec. 2018 in Iran, hosted by the Virtual School with the assistance of the Office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs of the Tehran University of Medical Sciences. The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Ramin Kordi, Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Shabani, Director of International Affairs and Development, Dr. Nekoofar, Director of International Relations, Accreditation, and Ranking, Dr. Sina Marashi, Dean of the Virtual School, and Dr. Rita Mojtahedzadeh, Vice-Dean for International Affairs, and faculty members and staff from the Virtual School.

On the first day of the workshop, Dr. Kordi emphasized the importance of e-learning in internationalization and the scientific section of the program conducted presentations on the effects of e-learning in internationalization



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## LMS Moodle Workshop at Salahaddin University-Erbil

The LMS Moodle Workshop was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Salahaddin University-Erbil. At the beginning, a seminar was presented by Dr Mohammed Aziz Saeed and the title of his presentation was "International Projects at Salahaddin University-Erbil". Afterwards, Dr Zana Rafiq Majeed gave a talk about "The implementation of e-learning system at Salahaddin University-Erbil". Then, Mrs Mardin Abdulla Anwar gave a presentation titled "The statistics of Moodle site users at Salahaddin University-Erbil". At the end, there was an open discussion about the challenges of Moodle site implementation and how to come up with effective mechanisms to overcome those challenges in the academic year 2019-2020

## Salahaddin university-Erbil students perform English language efficiency test online – Using OPATEL

For the first time in Kurdistan Region and in Salahaddin University-Erbil, the process of English as a second language efficiency exam took place, with this exam conducted the Kurdistan universities will enter the Education First program for the English language efficiency, starting from last week and until this moment exams are continuing to be conducted in halls of research center and language center of salahaddin university-Erbil



## OPATEL training Workshop at UoD, SU and DPU about eLearning

4th OPATEL (Online Platform for Academic Teaching and Learning in Iraq and Iran) training workshop has been conducted at **UoD, SU and DPU** in April 2019 at the eLearning lab. According to the training workshop agenda, which you can see below, there were five main presentations by:

- Dr. Giannis Gialelis, University of Patras, Greece  
“E-learning experiences from an engineering school: Virtual labs and training in Biotechnology”
- Dr. António Pereira, Dr. Pedro Valente, ISPAB, Portugal  
“The importance of FUN in learning: An easy game-based platform for the instructor.”
- Dr. Mário Cunha, Valente, ISPAB, Portugal  
“E-learning and distance learning: Reflecting on the Past.”
- Dr. Pedro Valente, ISPAB, Portugal  
“Virtual and Augmented Reality: The Future of Microlearning and E-learning”

At the end of the training workshop there was a discussion by the participants about the five main subject and also about the best practice of deploying the concept of the eLearning in **UoD, SU and DPU** specially and Iraq in General.

For agenda and training materials see:

<https://opatel.tums.ac.ir/Fourth-Training-Program-at-SU,-UoD-and-DPU,-Iraq>

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF FUN IN LEARNING: AN EASY GAME-BASED PLATFORM FOR THE INSTRUCTOR

Training session – Iraq, 14-17 April, 2019  
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## Fifth Training Program at HTWK, Leipzig, Germany

In line with the defined objectives for OPATEL in the field of e-learning, the OPATEL fifth training program was held by Leipzig University of Applied Sciences (HTWK). The workshop took place in Leipzig, Germany on July 1-5, 2019.

The workshop, aimed at sharing HTWK experiences on successful LMS implementation and execution, covered topics such as copyright laws, synchronous audio/video recording, visualization, virtual reality, introduction of OPAL, introduction of ONYX, e-learning platform of Saxon universities and so on.

On the third day of the workshop, member universities presented a report on the implementation process and the usage of LMS implemented in their universities following the run of OPATEL.

In addition to the workshop, site visits were made to the University Leipzig E-Assessment-Center (Albertina), and educational center at Uni-Leipzig (Augusteum)



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Training Workshop

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## OPATEL Training in Leipzig Training Workshop

July 01-05, 2019





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