

Dear Colleagues,

as our community has grown to nearly 9000 registered LOOP-users, we decided to establish a newsletter to improve transfer of important information.

New LOOP-design

To adapt the increasing number of LOOP-functions to the specific needs of each user and to use available space more effectively, the whole footer will be removed from LOOP. All known key functions will then be located in the header and both filter and search functions will only be shown, if the respective menu is activated by the user. After setting filters or searches, the filter menu can be hidden again to save space on the screen. If filters or searches are active, a red 'X' is shown in the header. Clicking on this 'X' will remove all active filters and searches.

Implementation of Swiss PROFILES and coverage of national frameworks

Supplementing the already implemented national outcome frameworks, EPA-oriented, Swiss 'PROFILES' (the currently published new version of the Swiss Catalogue of Learning Objectives) have been established as a new LOOP-outcome framework. In addition, a possibility of defining the 'depth' of coverage of each national competency framework entry has been established – similar to the principles of the German National Competence Based Learning Objectives Catalogue (NKLM).

LOOP for internship and residency

The core-idea of LOOP is to create and visualize learning spirals from the beginning of medical school to the end of residency – or even longer. Therefore we started to map a first residency curriculum and to establish links between undergraduate medical education, internship and this residency program as a pilot project. If you are also interested in mapping residency programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

AMEE pre-conference workshop 2017

In 2017 we will give another pre-conference workshop about curriculum mapping at AMEE conference in Helsinki (PCW 3, Saturday, August 26th, 09:15 to 12:15). This workshop is given together with Ina Treadwell (South Africa), Sola Aoun Bahous (Lebanon), Jan Becker (Germany), and Ara Tekian (USA).

More information can be found at loop-projekt.org (German) or loop-project.org (English).

Best regards

Your Berlin LOOP-team