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Dear Reader,

In this second issue of our newsletter, the main focus will be on the **DZD PartnerNet** of the German Center for Diabetes Research. Since the end of last year, when the personal passwords were issued to all DZD scientists, the **DZD PartnerNet** has been successfully launched and is now up and running. The communication portal has been continuously expanded and improved to facilitate optimal collaboration and comprehensive exchange of knowledge.

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DZD PartnerNet

The interactive portal for cross-institutional communication and collaboration

The purpose of the virtual portal is to facilitate communication and collaboration between 250 research colleagues at the five partner institutes of the DZD. "The primary idea was to create a central information portal for the exchange of knowledge, research results and documents. The goal was a portal that supports collaboration," said Dr. Astrid Glaser, managing director of the DZD.

The **DZD PartnerNet** is based on Microsoft SharePoint 2010 software. From a web-based interface, the user obtains access to a variety of information, documents and applications that researchers are working with in the German Center for Diabetes Research. "We opted for this solution because most users are familiar with software products from Microsoft and therefore find it easy to navigate the **DZD PartnerNet**," explained the project manager of the **DZD PartnerNet**, Dr. Brigitte Krenn.



Flexible, location-independent and secure data access via the DZD PartnerNet.

Support in setting up, managing and documenting research projects effectively

The **DZD PartnerNet** supports qualified project management and the presentation of project progress. The scientists, project staff and students can manage documents, publications and data for the respective projects and topics in closed project rooms. The advantages are (1) location-independent access via the Internet for all authorized partners and (2) the centralized, secure storage of files with regular back-ups.



Processes such as the release of manuscripts can be handled very efficiently in the **DZD PartnerNet**.

Standard operating procedures (SOPs) can be professionally managed here. "This facilitates the implementation of clinical trials in which more than one center is involved, because all of the existing documents are collected and available at any time to all of the participants in the most up-to-date version," said Dr. Bettina Nowotny, director of clinical trials at the German Diabetes Center in Düsseldorf. Furthermore, colleagues from the administration and funds management use the **DZD PartnerNet** to store documents, forms and statistics.



Keeping DZD colleagues informed

In addition, the **DZD PartnerNet** is also the pivot point for internal information exchange in the DZD. News from the DZD and an overview of current, diabetes-related press releases from various media sources keep DZD scientists up to date. The **DZD PartnerNet** also offers practical tools, such as templates for presentations and lectures, available at just one click. Using the **DZD PartnerNet**, professional event management with online registration and web-based communication options facilitate professional and scientific exchanges on a daily basis in the DZD.

All information concerning the DZD young scientist program is also included in the **DZD PartnerNet**. All young scientists in the DZD will find a current overview of dates for planned workshops and technical training courses as well as the information and documents needed to apply for grants and awards.



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The DZD colleagues at a glance

An area that Dr. Glaser particularly appreciates is the employee directory. Here you can find the scientists of the partner institutes participating in the German Center for Diabetes Research. Whether you need the contact coordinates of a colleague, want to inform yourself about the areas of expertise of other researchers, or are simply searching for an expert in a specific topic area, this information is easy to find here.

Regular use of the **DZD PartnerNet** saves time, helps keep you up to date and promotes networking and knowledge transfer. It also gives young scientists the possibility to manage their projects effectively and to work in networks already at an early stage in their careers.

Access

- Via www.dzd-ev.de ▶ DZD PartnerNet
- Individual passwords (Issued by Karin Weimar for DZD members, weimar@dzd-ev.de)
- Direct access: <https://partnet.dzd-ev.de>



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Advantages:

- Work in secure and closed project rooms for virtual teams
- Central, multi-site information portal
- Contact data of the DZD scientists
- Effective full-text search
- Access to current versions of documents
- Easy management of documents and safeguarding of content integrity
- Short training and introductory period
- Online registration for events
- Easy handling of administrative processes
- High team productivity through user-friendly collaboration tools

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