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SUMMARY

The Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) is a global project of the World Health Organization and its Member States. It is the regional bibliographic index of medical and health journals published by the Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region. The WPRIM database was developed in collaboration with the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS), a WHO Collaborating Centre based in Beijing, China. Since the database was launched in 2010, 607,444 articles from 596 journals have been registered and indexed. WPRIM allows free, public access to research and publications that may not be available through other popular medical indexes.

The WPRIM Journal Selection Committee (WPRIM RJSC) was created in 2007. It is composed of editors from the Member States of the Western Pacific Region that meet annually to select and approve journals for indexing and inclusion in the database. The library at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific gives support to Member States via the database and the inclusion of journals follows a peer review process monitored by the WPRIM RJSC. Since 2012, WPRIM RJSC meetings have been held in conjunction with the annual Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention. WPRIM and APAME have been sharing the common goal of supporting and raising the level of journal publishing and access to information in the Region.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Meeting organization

The 2017 Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) Regional Journal Selection Committee was held in Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 17 August 2017. The meeting was attended by delegates from nine countries of the Western Pacific Region and preceded the 2017 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention that was held from 18 to 19 August 2017 hosted by the University of Health Sciences in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. WPRIM was launched by WHO and its Member States in 2006. Its goal is to develop and sustain an online index (database) of medical and health journals published in the Western Pacific Region.

WPRIM allows free, public access to research and publications that may not be available through other popular medical indexes. The Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) is composed of editors and librarians from WPRIM member countries who meet annually to select and approve journals for indexing and inclusion in the database.

1.2 Meeting objectives

The objectives of the meeting were:

(1) to select and approve new journals for indexing and inclusion in the WPRIM database;
(2) to share lessons learnt and plan 2018 activities for WPRIM; and
(3) to support and sustain programmes related to the improvement of scientific and medical journal publications in the Region.

2. PROCEEDINGS

2.1 Opening session

Ms Marie Villemine Partow, Technical Lead, Information Products and Services, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She thanked the University of Health Sciences, the host institution, for organizing the meeting. She also acknowledged the WPRIM member countries for their support and continuous contribution. The following were nominated to preside the meeting: Chairman – Mr Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan), Vice Chairman – Dr Saw Aik (Malaysia) and Rapporteur – Ms Merlita Opena (Philippines).

2.2 Summary of the 2016 WPRIM and APAME meeting

Ms Partow requested the body to review the 2016 WPRIM RJSC meeting report (Annex 3) for comments and corrections. In response to Dr Oh Hoon Kwon’s comments that his name is mentioned on page 10 of the report even though he was not present at the 2016 meeting, it was stated that the report on APAMED Central was given on his behalf so no corrections are needed.
2.3 WPRIM report

2.3.1 Activities (Annex 4)

Ms Alma Mila Prosperoso, Administrative Assistant of the Library of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, gave updates on the composition of the WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees (NJSC). She pointed out that only the Republic of Korea had changes in the composition of its NJSC, now with Professor Hee Jin Yang as chair. As of 2 August 2017, there were 671,839 articles in WPRIM, 64,595 of which were input in the last year. Of the 625 journal sources since 2007, the highest number came from China and the Republic of Korea. Information on the number of articles by journal was presented, as well as the ratio of articles which have full-texts. All WPRIM entries are also accessible in the Global Index Medicus (GIM) portal, thus increasing the visibility of research and publications from the Region. In terms of the completeness of the WPRIM entries vis-à-vis GIM, Ms Prosperoso presented the number of articles, by country, in which there were missing elements – that is, language, keywords, Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) and affiliation. Ms Partow also shared that the GIM platform is currently undergoing changes. The usage statistics showed 3,950,346 hits for the WPRIM website, 275,778 visits and 36,030 unique visitors.

2.3.2. New WPRIM platform

Mr Fang An reported that the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) is working on the new WPRIM platform, which, among others, added a journal information page, and integrated the journal selection and database management systems. For the latter, Dr Oh Hoon Kwon asked about the relationship of the two committees serving the journal selection and database management systems and also inquired if the WPRIM platform will soon consider moving into a secure environment through the use of HTTPS. The group appreciated these developments and expected that the new system will go live soon.

2.3.3. 2018 Proposed activities

Ms Partow stated that the Regional Office supported the WPRIM system upgrade and suggested to make the system more user-friendly, especially for non-technical users. Among the improvements that should take place is to improve data standards and accessibility, continue the annual training of data providers and managers (librarians and IT staff), and aggressive promotion by the WPRIM contributing member countries by including WPRIM in their programme training and workshops. Ms Prosperoso also reiterated that the success of WPRIM relies on all the contributing member countries helping one another.

Dr Jeong Wook Seo proposed that now is the time for WPRIM to share its accomplishments, experiences, products and services by writing a paper that can be published in a journal.
2.3.4. WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee report

Mr Fang reported that the WPRIM RJSC approved 19 new journals for the 2017 inclusion to WPRIM as follows:

1. China: 5 journals
2. Mongolia: 1 journal
3. Malaysia: 1 journal
4. Republic of Korea: 12 journals

2.4 APAME

2.4.1. Committee reports

2.4.1.1. Education Committee (Annex 5)

Ms Opena presented the different training conducted by the members of the Committee. Dr Wilfred Peh and Dr Jose Florencio Lapena facilitated a medical writing workshop in the Philippines and Viet Nam, which now focused more on young researchers. Dr Seo expressed his appreciation on the report of the Committee. He proposed that the Committee undertake a survey of educational activities in the APAME member countries by checking their capacity building activities, status of research publishing and educational activities. APAME can later share the results of the survey by publishing them.

2.4.1.2 Library and IT Committee

Mr Fang An (IMICAMS) reported the ongoing improvements of the WPRIM platform with integrated journal selection and database management, rebranding of the WPRIM data services and optimization of the search engine to generate efficient search results and log analyses.

2.4.1.3 Ethics Committee

Dr Burmaajav Badrakh representing the Ethics Committee reported that there were no new items to report.

2.4.1.4. Ad hoc committee on APAMED Central (Annex 6)

Dr Kwon reported that the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) is supporting APAMED Central through the following activities: by updating the website and making the site more secure by moving into the HTTPS environment, developing a mobile version to be launched soon and continuing support to the interns who help in XML encoding of some journals of APAME members.

He pointed out that APAME coverage is across the Asia-Pacific region but there are still no journals from the Index Medicus for the South-East Asian Region (IMSEAR) included in the APAMED Central database. He asked for suggestions on how APAMED Central can reinforce its inclusion criteria. He also requested APAME to review the resource implications for maintenance of APAMED Central and if there is a need to have an agreement between APAMED Central and the journal contributors.
The body also approved that the name of the ad hoc committee be changed to APAMED Central Committee.

2.4.2 APAME declarations
As follow-through actions from previous APAME declarations, endorsements and collaboration, Dr Lapena suggested reviewing the APAME declarations in Singapore, Tokyo and Manila to assess if the action points had been addressed and what core competencies are needed to address the action points. He also pointed out that APAME endorsed the Research Fairness Initiative of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) and participated in the Healthcare Information for All (HIFA) platform of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He requested all those present to suggest what follow-through actions can be undertaken by APAME in regard of these areas.

2.4.3 APAME 2018
Dr Peh announced that the APAME 2018 congress is a joint activity with the Council of Asian Science Editors (CASE) to be held from 18 to 19 July in Bogor, Indonesia.

2.4.4 Other matters
2.4.4.1 Recognition
Dr Peh recognized the special contribution of Mr Charles Raby in initiating the development of WPRIM and organization of APAME. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr Raby (in absentia). Photo documentation highlighting Mr Raby’s participation to WPRIM and APAME activities was also presented by Dr Seo.

The WPRIM RJSC members and APAME Board also expressed their appreciation to Ms Partow for her support in having WPRIM RJSC meetings held in conjunction with the annual APAME meeting and convention. Noting a recent career promotion, Ms Partow will be moving to WHO headquarters in Geneva in October 2017.

2.4.4.2 Member expectations from APAME
The following responses were obtained from those who were present to suggest how to improve APAME services and programmes:

a. China: Formation of a Chinese Association of Medical Journal Editors so that many journals can upload their information in WPRIM.
b. Lao People's Democratic Republic: Building the capacity of researchers and editors.
c. Republic of Korea: KAMJE is willing to support bigger projects of APAME.
d. Philippines: APAME may benefit from creating a research committee to encourage collaborative research on research publishing, the results of which can influence policies on research translation, even those sustaining the post of editors of specialty society journals. In addition, there is a need to increase the pool of trainers who can do mission-oriented (not-for-profit) mentoring tasks. It is also worth considering establishing centres or institutes of research communication that can run certificate programmes.
e. Japan: The Japanese Association of Medical Journal Editors (JAMJE) can contribute by inviting more journals to join the association and thus contribute more research information to WPRIM.
f. Malaysia: Development of courses for editors.
g. Mongolia: Inclusion of more journals in APAMED Central.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Conclusions

1. There are 19 new journal titles (China: 5 journals, Mongolia: 1 journal, Malaysia: 1 journal, Republic of Korea: 12 journals) that were reviewed and approved for indexing to WPRIM by the RJSC. The total number of journals approved for indexing to WPRIM from 13 contributing countries is now 644.

2. The WPRIM database now has 671 839 bibliographic entries. There was a 9% increase of data contribution in 2016. WPRIM will also continue its contribution to the Global Health Library, GIM database.

3. IMICAMS, a WHO collaborating centre that maintains the WPRIM database and collects data for uploading, presented the upgraded and new platform of WPRIM. The new platform has integrated the WPRIM candidate journal selection system and journal information management page. The new platform will go live by December 2017.

4. The WPRIM NJSCs, through their authors, editors and librarians, will continue to bring more journals for WPRIM indexing by supporting the programmes related to the improvement of scientific and medical journal publications in the Region.

3.2 Recommendations

3.2.1 Recommendations for Member States

1. Member States will continue to collaborate with editors of national journals to improve the quality of medical journal publications in the Region through continuing education activities (for example, webinars and medical writing workshops) with the support of the APAME Education and Training Committee.

2. Member States that have journals indexed in WPRIM but would be interested to have online open access visibility are encouraged to apply and submit their data for evaluation and inclusion in the APAMED Central database.

3. Member States that have stable data contribution protocols are encouraged to assist countries that are having challenges with data contribution.
3.2.2 Recommendations for WHO

1. The Regional Office Library will continue to work closely with the WHO country offices to assist WPRIM journals that are having challenges with data contribution.

2. The Regional Office Library will continue to increase the visibility of WPRIM among the country offices, ministries of health and local librarians by including WPRIM as part of the library training package on information resources.

3. The Regional Office Library in collaboration with IMICAMS will continue to provide assistance to member States on data contribution and uploading by conducting technical training and workshops annually to strengthen the capacity of contributing librarians and IT focal persons.
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

08:00-08:30 Registration
08:30-09:30 (1) Opening Session
  Welcome Remarks
  Appointment of Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Rapporteurs

(2) Adoption of the Agenda

(3) Summary: 2016 WPRIM meeting in Bangkok, Thailand
  Ms Marie Villemin Partow
  Technical Lead, Information Products and Services, WHO/WPRO

09:30-10:00 Group Photo
  Coffee Break
10:00-11:00 (4) Status Report
  • WPRIM 2016 activities - report
  • WPRIM Database - updates, new platform
  Ms Marie Villemin Partow (WHO/WPRO)
  Ms Alma Prosperoso (WHO/WPRO)
  Mr Fang An (IMICAMS)

11:00-11:30 (5) WPRIM proposed activities for 2018
  Ms Marie Villemin Partow (WHO/WPRO)
  Ms Alma Prosperoso (WHO/WPRO)

11:30-13:00 Lunch
13:00-14:00 (6) WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee
  • Approval of new journals (2017)
  • Discussions
  WPRIM RJSC Chair/Members

14:00-15:00 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)
  APAME Board of Directors and Member
15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
15:30-16:00 APAME (continuation)
  Closing
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In 2007, the WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) was created to oversee the peer review of journals for inclusion in the database. The committee, which consists of journal editors from across the Region, reviewed the journal titles proposed by their national journal selection committees. In 2010, an online tool was created to help committee members review the journals before their inclusion in the database; however, it was determined that face-to-face meetings were still essential. The WHO Western Pacific Regional Office Library financially supported the organization of WPRIM RJSC meetings from 2007 to 2011.

From 2012 to 2016, WPRIM RJSC meetings have been held in conjunction with the annual Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention. WPRIM and APAME have been sharing the common goal of supporting and raising the level of journal publishing and access to information in the Region.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Meeting organization

The 2016 Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) Regional Journal Selection Committee was held for the first time in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 August 2016. The meeting was attended by delegates from 14 countries, including 9 from the Western Pacific Region and 5 from the South-East Asia Region. The meeting preceded the 2016 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention that was held from 27 to 28 August 2016 hosted by the Thai Society of Medical Journal Editors (ThaMJE). WPRIM was launched by WHO and its Member States in 2006. Its goal is to develop and sustain an online index (database) of medical and health journals published in the Western Pacific Region.

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2. PROCEEDINGS

2.1 Opening session

Ms Marie Villemin Partow, Technical Lead, Information Products and Services, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, welcomed the editors, researchers and representatives from the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions (Annex 1). She affirmed the importance of collaboration among countries in improving the quality and access to medical/health journals in the Region. She thanked ThaMJE, Professor Amorn Leelarasamee, Chair of the Scientific Committee for APAME 2016 and Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific for making the meeting possible. She also expressed her gratitude for the support and dedication of Professor Jose Florencio Lapeña, APAME President and Professor Wilfred Peh, APAME Secretary-General to the initiatives of WPRIM and APAME. Overall, she commended all WHO Member States for their hard work, with special mention of Papua New Guinea and Brunei Darussalam whose scientific articles are now available in WPRIM. Ms Villemin Partow also informed the group that the publication of a meeting report is a WHO requirement so that the WPRIM meeting becomes an official WHO activity.
2.2 Summary of the 2015 WPRIM and APAME meeting

Professor Lapeña requested the group to comment on the circulated minutes of the 2015 meeting. He suggested the inclusion of item number 2.5.2 to describe the APAME representation during the Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME) conference in Iran by Professor Peh. Ms Villemin Partow requested Professor Peh to send a one-paragraph description of the additional report for inclusion in the minutes of the 2016 meeting to be marked as addendum 2.5.1 under the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) Fairness Index Consultation.

The additional addendum notes are:

2.5.1 – 6th Regional Conference on Medical Journals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Professor Peh reported that both he and Professor Lapeña participated at the 6th Regional Conference on Medical Journals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region held in Shiraz, Iran from 18 to 20 February 2015, at the invitation of Dr Farhad Handjani, President-Elect of EMAME and Dr Farrokh Habibzadeh, former President of the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME). Professor Lapeña delivered a keynote lecture entitled “Mentoring and coaching to improve the quality of scientific publication” while Professor Peh gave a lecture entitled “Activities of APAME, WPRIM and IMSEAR” with inputs obtained from Professor Lapeña, Mr Charles Raby and Ms Villemin Partow. Both lectures were well received and provoked lively discussions.

Professor Peh also acknowledged Professor Lapeña and the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE) for hosting the 2015 joint meeting of WPRIM and APAME 2015 in Manila, Philippines. Ms Merlita Opeña, Chair, APAME Education Committee added that APAME 2015 was part of the Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015, co-organized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCHRD) and COHRED.

2.3 WPRIM report

2.3.1 Activities

Ms Alma Mila Prosperoso, Administrative Assistant WPRO Library gave updates on the composition of the WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees (NJSC). She also reported on the updated contributions of the 13 countries in the Western Pacific Region with indexed journals to WPRIM: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Japan, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Viet Nam. She presented the chairs and members of the NJSC of each country (Annex 2) and the list of country focal persons. Ms Prosperoso highlighted the efforts of all the librarians and focal persons of contributing member countries to contribute periodically to the WPRIM database.

Ms Villemin Partow provided a status report of WPRIM activities, including the results of the training workshop on the WPRIM database in Beijing, China from 15 to 17 December 2015.
The knowledge requirements of the training workshop participants were: basic knowledge of indexing in XML, basic knowledge about the institution’s plan for data generation and sharing to the database, and preparation of actual journal data for hands-on exercises. The three objectives of the training workshop were: (i) to assist country focal persons and library and/or information technology (IT) specialists in their indexing needs to complete the requirements for data entry to the database; (ii) to standardize data sharing and uploading protocols including the roles and contributions of country focal points for the maintenance of the database; and (iii) to discuss technical enhancements for the database including access points to improve search efficiency, link outs and document delivery service. The training workshop was facilitated by Mr Wang Junhui and Mr Fang An from the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) and Ms Prosperoso from the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific Library.

The nine countries that participated in the workshop were: Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, and Viet Nam. Ms Villemin Partow highlighted the number of articles uploaded before, during and after the training workshop on the WPRIM database. She acknowledged the contributions of Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea as they have increased their uploaded articles following the training workshop.

Professor Jeong Wook Seo inquired on the possible solutions for countries that are still having difficulty uploading their articles to the WPRIM database. Ms Villemin Partow responded that they are coordinating with the countries that have had slow progress in uploading articles to the database. In the case of Viet Nam and Cambodia, the Regional Office Library will continue to coordinate and assist with the uploading of articles. Cambodia and Viet Nam will also be requested to identify the best focal persons to continue and sustain the uploading of articles in the database.

2.3.2. Database

Mr Fang An of IMICAMS presented on the updated data contributions of countries in the WPRIM database. According to his report, there were 607,444 bibliographic entries, of which 54,916 articles were uploaded between 1 August 2015 and 22 August 2016; 13 countries contributed to the WPRIM database; and a total of 596 journals and the Western Pacific Surveillance and Response Journal (WPSAR) are indexed in WPRIM.

For the next steps, Mr Fang reported that they plan to upgrade the WPRIM system for faster retrieval of records for the end users and to adopt changes in the interface design of the WPRIM website. The Regional Office Library will continue collaborating and providing capacity building for country focal librarians, IT and staff working with WHO country offices on how to improve and increase the data contributions of country-specific journals, as well as pursue activities that will increase the visibility of WPRIM among WHO country offices, ministries of health and local librarians by including WPRIM as part of their library training package.

Mr Fang also informed the meeting participants that there is a need to change the strategy for data collection and data management. Since not all countries can delegate a focal person to upload the articles, he suggested providing a username and password directly to journal
editors so they can upload articles to the database. He recommended merging the WPRIM database with the journal selection system, which will assist journal editors in managing and updating their information in the database. Ms Villemin Partow presented the proposed interface of the website highlighting the country, journal and number of articles uploaded.

Professor Choon Shil Lee addressed the concerns and challenges that the focal persons from the Republic of Korea experience when accessing the WPRIM website. Mr Fang clarified that it was a server issue and not an issue of the new interface design. Professor Lee also asked about WPRIM’s connection with Naver, a company in the Republic of Korea, since some WPRIM journals are now searchable via the Naver company portal which has quoted WPRIM as the source. Ms Villemin Partow clarified that WPRIM has no formal connection and collaboration with Naver.

2.3.3. RJSC report

Professor Seo presented the 28 candidate journals for approval and inclusion in the WPRIM database. He briefly explained the current journal selection criteria and the process of selection. The RJSC approved the inclusion of the 28 candidate journals. The following are the countries that submitted journals and the number of journal titles approved: China – 11; Mongolia – 2; Philippines – 1, and Republic of Korea – 14 (Annex 3).

2.4 Committee reports

2.4.1 Education committee

Professor Peh reported the following activities of the committee on behalf of Ms Opeña (Annex 4):

1. Five writing workshops were conducted as follows:
   a. Workshop on How to Write a Research Paper: Training for Authors – organized by the Nepal Association of Medical Editors;
   b. 9th National Medical Writing Workshop and 2nd Writeshop for Young Researchers and 10th National Medical Writing Workshop and 3rd Writeshop for Young Researchers – organized by PAMJE and the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development;
   c. Basic Medical Writing Skills Workshop – organized by the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and PAMJE; and
   d. Basic Medical Writing Workshop – organized by Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Viet Nam

2. For future workshops, the committee aims to do the following:
   a. invite proposals for 2017 workshops and beyond;
   b. organize more workshops in developing countries and in more Member States in the WHO South-East Asia Region; and
   c. tailor-fit the writing workshops to the needs of the local editors, authors, researchers and journals.
2.4.2 IT and Library committee

Professor Peh reported on the series of webinar activities of the committee (Annex 5) on behalf of Dr Chinmay Shah. He informed everyone that APAMED Central is now indexed in worldwidescience.org. The committee is also proposing the development of a mobile application, to be called mAPAME for easy communication and access to online lectures and resource finding.

2.4.3 Ad hoc committee on APAMED Central

Mr Taeil Kim reported on the status of APAMED Central (Annex 6) on behalf of Dr Oh Hoon Kwon and mentioned the institutions that supported the APAMED Central initiative. At present, APAMED Central has 16 journals that published 1341 papers between 2004 and 2014. He cited that the Singapore Medical Journal has the most number of published papers.

APAMED Central includes 7 journals and 521 papers from the Philippines and 2 journals from Malaysia, while the rest of countries have only one journal each. There are plans to send three interns from the Republic of Korea endorsed by the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) to be assigned to the WHO Regional Office Library to continue the work of populating the APAMED Central database. The APAMED Central database also has a safer and better-structured system for sharing and accessing journals.

2.5 APAME

2.5.1 Activities

Professors Lapeña and Peh reported on the activities of APAME officers and members:

1. 1st World Association of Medical Editors International Conference for Medical Journal Editors, New Delhi, India, 2–4 October 2015
2. 15th Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian and Western Pacific Region (FERCAP) International Conference, Nagasaki, Japan, 22–24 November 2015
4. Consultation on Core Competencies for Scientific Editors, Strasbourg, France, 8–9 June 2016

2.5.2 Website

Ms Villemin Partow shared information on the new policy of WHO on websites. She explained that since APAME is independent of WHO, the domain name should be changed and not carry the domain name of WHO. APAME needs to take care of the content and maintenance of the website as well as the future migration to the new domain.

2.5.3 General assembly

Professor Lapeña called the meeting to order and called for the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Professor Peh certified that the meeting had a quorum and presented the list of new APAME members (Annex 7) from September 2015 to August 2016:
Professor Lapeña reported the membership in APAME as follows:

1. A total of 48 countries from the WHO Western Pacific and South-East Asia regions; 37 Member States of the Western Pacific Region are represented, the rest from the South-East Asia Region.
2. APAME has a total of 216 individual members: 107 members from 15 Member States in the Western Pacific Region and 106 members from 8 Member States in the South-East Asia Region.
3. Three Associate Members; two from Canada and one from Iran.

2.5.4 Proposed constitutional amendments

Professor Lapeña presented the proposed amendment in the constitution as follows: a proposed refinement of Article VIII, Section 1 – Governance:

from

“the Board of Directors shall include one delegate from each member state who is elected as one of the directors at large representing geographical diversity.”

to

“the Board of Directors shall include one delegate each from a country represented by journals indexed in IMSEAR and WPRIM respectively, who are elected as two directors-at-large representing geographical diversity. The two directors-at-large should not come from countries of the other concurrent office-bearers.”

The proposed amendment was approved.

2.5.5 Nomination and election of office bearers for 2016-2018

Professor Lapeña presented the nominated office bearers for 2016–2018:

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Secretary-General  Professor Dr Aik Saw (Malaysia)
Immediate Past President  Professor Dr Jose Florencio Lapeña (Philippines)
Director (IMSEAR)  Dr Vivi Setiawaty (Indonesia)
Director (WPRIM)  Dr Sing Menorath (Lao People’s Democratic Republic)
Education and Training  Ms Merlita Opeña (Philippines)
Ethics and Editorial Policy  Professor Burmaajav Badrakh (Mongolia)
IT and Library  Professor Qian Qing(China)
APAMED Central (Ad Hoc)  Professor Oh Hoon Kwon (Republic of Korea)
WHO WPRIM Liaison  Ms Marie Villemin Partow
WHO IMSEAR Liaison  Mr Charles Patrick Raby

2.5.6 Announcement
Professor Lapeña announced that the proposed next meeting of WPRIM and APAME will be on 20 August 2017 in Luang Prabang, Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Conclusions

1. There are 28 new journal titles (China: 11 journals, Mongolia: 2 journals, Republic of Korea: 14 journals, Philippines: 1 journal) that were reviewed and approved for indexing in the WPRIM database by the RJSC. The total number of journals approved for indexing from 13 contributing countries is now 625.
2. The WPRIM database now has 607,444 bibliographic entries. There was a 12% increase of data contribution in 2015. WPRIM will also continue its contribution to the Global Health Library, Global Index Medicus database.
3. IMICAMS, a WHO collaborating centre that maintains the WPRIM database and collects data for uploading, presented the changes in the website interface design that will be launched by 2017 to improve data standards and accessibility.
4. The WPRIM NJSCs through their authors, editors and librarians will continue to include more journals for WPRIM indexing by supporting the programme related to the improvement of scientific and medical journal publications in the Region.

3.2 Recommendations

3.2.1 Recommendations for Member States

1. Member States may collaborate with editors of national journals to improve the quality of medical journal publications in the Region through continuing education activities (e.g. webinars and medical writing workshops) with the support of the APAME Education and Training Committee.
2. Member States that have journals indexed in WPRIM but would be interested to have online open access visibility are encouraged to apply and submit their data for evaluation and inclusion in the APAMED Central database.
3.2.2 Recommendations for WHO

3. The Regional Office Library will work closely with the WHO country offices in the Western Pacific Region to assist WPRIM journals that are facing challenges with data contribution.

4. The Regional Office Library is requested to continue to increase the visibility of WPRIM among the country offices, ministries of health and local librarians by including WPRIM as part of the library training package on information resources.

5. The Regional Office Library in collaboration with IMICAMS will continue to provide assistance to Member States on data contribution and uploading by conducting technical training and workshops to strengthen the capacity of contributing librarians and IT focal persons.
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13 WPR countries with indexed journals in WPRIM

1. Brunei Darussalam  8. Mongolia
2. Cambodia         9. Papua New Guinea
4. Fiji             11. Republic of Korea
5. Japan            12. Singapore
7. Malaysia
Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - CHINA

Chair : Professor Dai Tao
Vice Chair : Professor Cui Meng
Administrative Vice-Chair: Dr Wang De
Members: Ms Qi Chang, Professor Yuan Haibo,
          Mr Meng Hongshen, Professor Chi Hui,
          Professor Zou Jianhua, Professor Qian Qing,
          Professor Su Xuemei, Dr Fu Xijuan, Professor Zhan Youxiang,
          Professor Yan Zhi’án, Professor Xie Zhiyun

Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - JAPAN

Chair : Dr Kiichiro Tsutani
Vice Chair : Mr Masamitsu Negishı
Members : Mr Masamichi Kitagawa
          Dr Kiyoshi Kitamura
          Mr Kazunari Misawa
Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - MALAYSIA

Chair: Dato’ Dr Fadzilah Kamaludin
Members: Datuk Dr Looi Lai Meng
Dr Teng Cheong Lieng
Dr Amal Nasir Mustafa
Mr Mohd Zainuldin Taib
Secretariat: Ms Salasiah Abdul Wahab
Ms Narwani Mahmood
Ms Haslinda Mohamed

Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - MONGOLIA

Chair: Professor Pagbajabyn Nymadawa
Members: Professor Tserenkhuu Lkhagvasuren
Professor Badrakh Burmaajav
Professor Sevjid Badamjav
Asst Professor Batmunkh Munkhbat
Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - PHILIPPINES

Chair : Dr Jose Ma. Avila
Members : Dr Jose Florencio Lapena, Jr.
         Dr Filomena San Juan
         Dr Linda Varona
         Dr Raymond Rosales

Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Assistant Administrator: Jong Min Kim
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         O Joo Kwon
         Yoon Joong Kim
         Heung Woo Park
         Dong Hoo Seo
         Yeon Jeong Son
         Young Eun
         Dong Geon Lee
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         Yong Sik Jeong
         Min Ho Choi
         Sun-Chul Hwang
Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - SINGAPORE

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Members : Dr Tan Tze Lee
          Professor Eng Kiong Teo
          Professor Nian Chih Hwang
          Professor Alex Sia

Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) – VIET NAM

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Statistics (as of 2 August 2017)

- Total bibliographic entries – 671,839
- 64,595 articles were uploaded during the last year (from 1 August 2016 – 2 August 2017)
- Contributing countries – 13
- Total Journals indexed in WPRIM – 625
- WHO Journal (WPSAR) - 1

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Contribution to Global Index Medicus (GIM)

• As of August 2, 2017:
  • There are 671,839 articles in WPRIM database.
  • All of the articles had been successfully submitted for uploading to GIM/GHL.

### WPRIM Unstructured Data in the GIM Database – as of 12 July

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Sample WPRIM record in GIM

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WPRIM CJSS and DCMS integration

The WPRIM Candidate Journal Selection System (CJSS) and the WPRIM Data Creation and Management System (DCMS) are now integrated and linked.

- one username and one password assigned to country focal person, representative

2017 Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus Regional Journal Selection Committee
17 August 2017, Vientiane, Lao PDR
DCMS gives access to the journal information page
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Proposed Activities for 2018

1. Launch of the new website interface and platform
2. Annual meeting and training of WPRIM data providers (librarians, IT, focal persons) to discuss data contribution, quality control and share lessons learned. Proposed to be held at IMICAMS, China.
3. Implementation of the online candidate journal submission to be facilitated by RJSC Chair.
Proposed Activities for 2018

4. Assist contributing countries to comply with the final standards set by GIM (e.g. fix WPRIM unstructured data).
5. Encourage countries who have resources to support countries that have difficulty contributing their data to WPRIM.
6. Annual submission of status reports to WPRIM country representatives and focal persons.
7. Proposal to have online meetings (using webex) at least twice a year to be hosted by WPRO.

Thank You

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- Alma Prosperoso (prosperosoa@who.int)
- Fang An (fang.an@imicams.ac.cn)
Training and Education Activities 2016-2017:
Report for the APAME/WPRIM 11th Joint Meeting and
APAME Board Meeting
17th August 2017
Vientiane, Lao PDR

Education and Training Committee
Merlita Opeña, Chair
Sun Tun, Co-Chair
Wilfred CG Peh, Jose FF Lapeña, Members

Training and Education Activities 2016-2017

• Introductory Medical Writing Skills Workshop
• Discovery Suites, Pasig City, The Philippines, 19th October 2016
• Organized by the Philippine Society of Reproductive Medicine and the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE)
• Endorsed by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)
• Organising Chair: Prof Jose Lapeña
Researchers organized by DOST-PCHRD/PAMJE

- Isabela State University, Cauayan City, Isabela, The Philippines, 30-31st January 2017
- Organized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)- Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and by the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE)
- Endorsed by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)
- Organizing Team: Merlita Opeña and PCHRD-DOST
Venue: Student’s hostel, Institute of Hospitality Management, Isabela State University. Participants were also housed here. The faculty fortunately stayed in a hotel in town.

January 31, 2017
TV Interview on the 11th National Medical Writing Workshop, with Danielle Rebollos on ABS-CBN News, TV Patrol Cagayan Valley Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw7Hc9_y8nA&index=3&list=PLqyY1WyIUmjw-Eh39olriX8bP31TAcq and at: https://www.facebook.com/dostpchrd/videos/1263792060368225/
Training and Education Activities 2016-2017

- Academic Writing Workshop organized by the Singapore Society of Radiographers (SSR)
- Singapore Institute of Technology, Singapore, 25th March 2017
- Organized by the Singapore Society of Radiographers (SSR)
- Endorsed by Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)
- Part of the SSR Annual Scientific Meeting
- Organising Chair: Dr Ooi Chin Chin
Training and Education Activities 2016-2017

- Seminar for Reviewers and Editors of Biomedical Journals
- Park Royal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25th April 2017
- Organized by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)
- Endorsed by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and Medical Associations of ASEAN (MASEAN)
- Organising Chair: Prof Lekhraj Rampal

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Faculty

1. Prof. Lekhraj Rampal, Professor, Department of Biomedical Imaging and Senior Consultant, University of Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Co-Founding Editor, Biomedical and Interventional journal; Past President, Asia-Asia Pacific Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics.
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Seminar for Reviewers and Editors of Biomedical Journals

Venue: Park Royal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Seminar faculty with national office- bearers from MASEAN
Training and Education Activities 2016-2017

- 2nd Basic Medical Writing Workshop organized by Hue University School of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Hue, Vietnam, 25-26th June 2017
- Organized by the Hue University School of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Endorsed by Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)
- Organising Chair: Dr Nguyen Thanh Thao
Small group hands-on interactive sessions

Venue: Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy
Training and Education Activities 2016-2017

• 12th National Medical Writing Workshop and 5th Writeshop for Young Researchers organized by DOST-PCHRD/PAMJE

• Pan Pacific Hotel, Manila, The Philippines, 7-8th August 2017

• Organized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)- Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and by the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE)

• Endorsed by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)

• Organizing Team: Merlita Opeña and PCHRD-DOST
Training and Education Activities 2017-2018

Future workshops
• The Education Committee of APAME welcomes proposals for future workshops in 2018 and beyond
• We are particularly keen to organize workshops in less developed countries as well as in the SEAR, while supporting existing workshops, such as those in Nepal and India
• We will aim to tailor the writing workshops to the needs of the local editors, authors, researchers and journals
• Upcoming workshops: Yangon, Myanmar (November 2017); Bicol, The Philippines (January 2018)
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Oh Hoon Kwon MD
Vice President of KAMJE
Cardiologist/Hansol Hospital
Ethics Consultant of Korean Circulation Journal

 Collaboration

• WHO WPRO Library; Internship Program
• KAMJE/XMLink; Hardware, Software, System management,
  - Funding of 5000-6000 USD per intern
• Sookmyung Women's University; Human resources
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- Application of https protocol for secure connection
- Implementation of Mobile Web

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- Brunei Darussalam, 198 journals, 13%
- Cambodia, 11 journals, 1%
- Laos, 22 journals, 1%
- Malaysia, 107 journals, 7%
- Mongolia, 161 journals, 10%
- Singapore, 203 journals, 18%
- Philippine, 801 journals, 50%

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Abstract

Objective: To evaluate the reproducibility, examine the cervical tissue strain using sonographic elastography, and investigate the factors affecting the cervical tissue strain in pregnant women.

Material and Method: A cross-sectional study of 110 pregnant women at 18 to 40 weeks of gestation between September 1, 2014 and January 21, 2015 was done. Transvaginal manual compression elastographic examinations of the uterine cervix were performed in three planes, one mid-sagittal, and two cross-sectional planes at the level of internal os and external os. The intra-observer and inter-observer reliabilities were evaluated. Mean cervical strain values in the seven gestational age groups and three cervical length group were examined. Finally, the associations between cervical strain values and maternal age, maternal BMI, parity, gestational age, and cervical length were investigated.

Results: Intra-observer and inter-observer reliabilities were highest at proximal portion of anterior lip in sagittal plane and endocervical level of external os in cross-sectional plane. Cervical length had moderate negative correlation with gestational age and cervical strain values while cervical strain values had moderate positive correlation with gestational age.

Conclusion: Cervical elastography has good intra-observer and inter-observer reliabilities. The cervical strain values in proximal portion of anterior lip in sagittal plane and endocervical area of external os in cross-sectional plane have positive correlation with gestational age and negative correlation with cervical length.

Keywords: Cervical elastography, Cervical strain, Cervical length
Thank you