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A Second Joint Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) was held in Singapore from 4 to 5 November 2009.

The first day of the meeting focused on the status of the WPRIM project, discussions on planned key training activities, funding and the new WPRIM database developed by the Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS). The Regional Journal Selection Committee also evaluated and approved the candidate journals endorsed by the National Journal Selection Committees for inclusion in WPRIM.

The second day, which was devoted to APAME, included reports of previous training activities and discussions of key activities such as website development. The Singapore Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific Region was also reviewed and finalized. The declaration was formally launched on 6 November 2009 during the International Forum for Medical Journal Editors, which was held in conjunction with the Singapore Medical Journal Golden Jubilee Conference at the National Cancer Centre Singapore.

The objectives of the meeting were:

(1) to review the progress of the WPRIM project including its new platform and database; and

(2) to review the progress of APAME activities including its website.

Significant outcomes of the meeting included the launching of the new database developed by IMICAMS in May 2009 in Beijing, China; approval of 108 new journals for WPRIM; and adoption of the Singapore Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific Region.

Several recommendations were proposed following the presentations and discussions of the meeting agenda.
A Second Joint Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) was held in Singapore from 4 to 5 November 2009. The meeting was organized as a follow-up to the recommendations of the first joint meeting in Beijing, China in November 2008. It was intended to provide a forum to discuss the continuing development of WPRIM and APAME activities in the Region.

WPRIM was established with the goal of creating an online index of medical and health journals published in countries and areas of the WHO Western Pacific Region. APAME was established to promote and uplift the quality of scientific writing in the Region. WPRIM and APAME complement each other as they share the common goals of promoting access to quality health research carried out in the Region and of raising the level of journal publications.

The Singapore Medical Association (SMA) co-hosted the meeting as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the *Singapore Medical Journal* (SMJ). A medical writing workshop, held in conjunction with the meeting from 6 to 8 November 2009, was co-organized by APAME, SMA and the National Cancer Centre of Singapore.

1. **Objectives**

   (1) To review the progress of the WPRIM project including its new platform and database.

   (2) To review the progress of APAME activities including its website.

1.2 **Participants**

The participants were members of the WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees. Medical journal editors and professionals involved in information and publishing in Member States were designated as temporary advisers or observers. Refer to Annex 1 for a list of participants.

1.3 **Opening ceremony**

Prof Wilfred Peh, Editor of *Singapore Medical Journal*, formally opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and proposing the adoption of the agenda. Mr Charles Raby, Technical Officer, Translation, Publications, Library Services and Knowledge Management, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, conveyed opening remarks on behalf of Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific.

1.4 **Appointment of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteurs**

The following appointments were unanimously approved: Prof Wilfred Peh (Singapore) as Chairperson; Ms Merlita Opena (Philippines) as Vice-Chairperson for the WPRIM meeting; Dr Jeong Wook Seo (Republic of Korea) as Vice-Chairperson for the APAME meeting; Dr Jose Florencio F Lapena (Philippines) as Rapporteur for the WPRIM meeting; and Ms Cynthea Leahy (Papua New Guinea) as Rapporteur for the APAME meeting.
2. PROCEEDINGS

2.1 Report on the status of the WPRIM project

Mr Charles Raby and Ms Alma Prosperoso presented a report on the status of the WPRIM project (Annex 3). Fourteen countries are now participating in WPRIM, and nine of these countries are contributing to the database. The Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMI CAMS) is currently developing a WPRIM database that will be launched in May 2010.

The WPRIM project will continue to enhance support through the transfer of technology (such as journal editing, peer review and ethics) and technical support (such as adapting databases to IMI platforms) to countries that need assistance in contributing their data to WPRIM. Online accessibility to the new WPRIM database will also be promoted.

2.2 New WPRIM platform developed by the Institute for Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMI CAMS)

Mr Fang An, Vice-Chair of Network Development, IMI CAMS, presented an update on the new WPRIM platform, which started development in December 2008 (Annex 4). The following recommendations were made during the discussions that followed the presentation.

(1) A volunteer team will test and evaluate the beta version of the new WPRIM database. The team is composed of the following: Prof Choon Sil Lee (Republic of Korea), Ms Nicky Foxlee (Australia), Ms Normah Ahmad Nordin (Malaysia), Ms Nguyen Hai Ha (Viet Nam), Ms Ong Hong Kiat (Singapore) and Dr Shareen Ali (Fiji). Each team member will be given a username and password to access the database for a certain period of time. The team's evaluation report will be submitted to IMI CAMS and the WHO Regional Office before the database is formally launched in May 2010. The recommendations may help to improve the capability of the database.

(2) A needs assessment map will be drawn by the team from the WHO Regional Office and IMI CAMS to identify the knowledge gaps and assistance needed by the countries. Countries with existing databases and identified information (IT) technology experts, such as Japan and the Republic of Korea, could directly address their technical inquiries to IMI CAMS.

(3) The initial upload for the database would include issues published in the two most recent years.

(4) Links will be provided to journals that have full text available online. However, if journals do not have links to full text, then the request could be made directly to the concerned journal. All the journals are required to have available English abstracts.

2.3 Data interchange between WPRIM and the Korea national index medicus (KoreaMed)

Prof Choon-Shil Lee of the KAMJE Information Management Committee presented the data interchange process between WPRIM and the Korea national index medicus (Annex 5). As the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) has experience in creating xml files and uploading them into numerous databases using Synapse, including
PubMed (through PubMed Central) and Cross Ref, Prof Lee's presentation was an opportunity for sharing and exchanging information relative to the ongoing development of the WPRIM database. There were also discussions on various strategies and tools for WPRIM to become compatible with international standards.

2.4 Discussion on key WPRIM activities (training and funding)

Dr Jeong-Wook Seo, Director, Medical Library, Seoul National University, discussed key WPRIM activities including a proposal for a workshop in Viet Nam in 2010 (Annex 6). Dr Luong Chi Thanh, CIMSI Director, expressed his support for the activity. It was stated that funding and other support would be needed to accomplish the proposed activities.

Following the presentation, librarians and IT professionals formed a group to discuss their needs and training requirements to support WPRIM. Dr Jeong-Wook Seo facilitated the group discussions, while Ms Nicola Foxlee, Manager, Joint Princess Alexandra Hospital/University of Queensland Library, summarized the results of the discussions (Annex 7). The group also identified the need to develop guidelines or templates to assist some countries to follow required xml standards so that they could contribute to WPRIM. Librarians will need updated training on MeSH indexing, while IT professionals will need database maintenance training on the new database. The librarians present, including Mr Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan), Ms Normah Ahmad Nordin (Malaysia), Ms Naidan Tsagaach (Mongolia), Ms Ong Hong Kiat (Singapore) and Ms Nguyen Hai Ha (Viet Nam), confirmed their support by assisting in the indexing of their approved country journals, which do not have keywords. Ms Nicola Foxley (Australia) and Prof Choon-Shil Lee (Republic of Korea) also gave their support as advisers by contributing their expertise when needed.

2.5 Approval of WPRIM journals (2009)

The Regional Journal Selection Committees (RJSC) approved 108 additional journals for inclusion in WPRIM (Annex 8). It was also decided following extensive discussion to retain the original present criteria for accepting journals.

2.6 Discussion on key APAME activities

2.6.1 Trainings and workshops

Dr John Arokiasamy and Ms Merlita Opena (Annex 9) presented an evaluation of the previous workshops co-organized by APAME in Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines.

(1) Singapore-Malaysia workshops

Dr John Arokiasamy, Dean and Professor of Community Medicine, Malak Manipal Medical College, and Prof Wilfred Peh have organized six scientific writing workshops since July 2008. Most have been hosted by universities or clinical research centres in Malaysia. The Malaysian Medical Association has given support by partially funding the travel of experts and cost sharing. The basic workshop taught participants how to prepare a manuscript and structure a scientific paper. On the other hand, the advanced workshop taught participants about the various types of scientific papers and included discussions on ethics and peer review. In addition, participants learnt how to optimize manuscript preparation prior to submission to a medical journal.

(2) Philippines workshop
Ms Merlita Opena, Chief Science Research Specialist, Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, presented the outcomes of the one-day workshop held in Manila, Philippines on 16 June 2009. The sharing of experiences from Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore and the Republic of Korea during the workshop inspired local editors and researchers to gain insights on how to address issues and challenges in research and journal publishing. The Manila workshop could serve as a model for the planned workshop in Hanoi, Viet Nam in 2010. With similarity to the Philippine experience, Viet Nam also needs to determine the major issues in scientific writing and publishing in their country.

The trainings and workshops co-organized by APAME have open doors for mentoring programmes, especially for future potential trainers in countries that would like to promote and improve scientific writing and journal publishing.

2.6.2 Website

The WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific is hosting the APAME website, which is accessible through this address http://wpro.who.int/apame (Annex 10). The objective of this website is to continue the promotion of APAME in the Asia Pacific region and to provide online accessibility to its programmes and activities. It contains useful information on APAME and a link to the online individual and institutional membership application form. The members present at the meeting were encouraged to provide support to the website by giving comments and suggestions for its continuing development and improvement. Everyone was encouraged to register by filling out the online registration form.

2.7 Report on the WAME meeting

Prof Sung-Tae Hong, Department of Parasitology, Seoul National University College of Medicine, shared what he learnt during the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) meeting held in September 2009 in Canada (Annex 11). APAME can learn from the experiences of WAME in terms of training and peer review.

2.8 Singapore Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific Region

The body approved the adoption of the Singapore Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific Region (Annex 12). The Declaration was unveiled at the International Forum for Medical Journal Editors on 6 November 2009 at the National Cancer Centre, Singapore, and was published in Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) in December 2009. It was agreed that journal editors who want to publish a copy of the Singapore Declaration in their journals should follow the format set up for publication by SMJ for consistency.

2.9 APAME committees

The body approved the formation of the Information Technology Committee, with Prof Dai Tao (China) as chairperson. The other three committees will continue to be Planning and Finance (chaired by Prof Chang Kok Hahn), Ethics and Editorial (chaired by Dr Jose Avila) and Education (chaired by Prof Wilfred Peh).
3. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the presentations and discussions of the agenda by the participants, the following conclusions were formulated:

3.1 WPRIM

3.1.1 A team will evaluate the beta version of the new WPRIM database developed by IMI CAMS before its official launching on May 2010.

3.1.2 The formal launch of the new WPRIM database will take place in May 2010 in Beijing, China and will be co-hosted by IMI CAMS. Invitees will include key officials in China, WHO staff, WPRIM National Journal Selection Committee chairs and stakeholders who would like to witness the launching.

3.1.3 Partner librarians from WPRIM member countries, such as Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore and Viet Nam, agreed to support the indexing of country-approved journals that do not have keywords.

3.1.4 The Regional Journal Selection Committee approved 108 additional journals for inclusion in WPRIM.

3.2 APAME

3.2.1 The Information Technology Committee was formed and Prof Dai Tao (China) was appointed as chairperson.

3.2.2 The APAME website is now available and everyone is encouraged to register online through the membership registration form.

3.2.3 The use of virtual meeting tools such as "Go to Meeting" was encouraged and promoted for communication exchange.

3.2.4 Journal editors who would like to publish a copy of the Singapore Declaration in their journals should follow the original format set up by the Singapore Medical Journal.

3.3 WPRIM and APAME

3.3.1 The final Singapore Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific was adapted and launched formally during the International Forum for Medical Journal Editors on 6 November 2009 at the National Cancer Centre Singapore.

3.3.2 The Third Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM will be held in Hanoi, Viet Nam in November 2010. The Central Institute for Medical Science Information and Technology (CIMSI) will co-host the meeting.

3.3.3 Dr John Arokiasamy announced the possibility that Malaysia will host the fourth joint meeting of APAME and WPRIM in 2011.
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SECOND JOINT MEETING OF
THE ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION
OF MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS (APAME)
AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION
INDEX MEDICUS (WPRIM)

Singapore
4-5 November 2009

ENGLISH ONLY

AGENDA

(1) Opening Session

(2) Adoption of the agenda

(3) Report on the Status of the WPRIM Project

(4) New WPRIM platform developed by the Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS)

(5) Data interchange between WPRIM and the national index medicus

(6) Discussion on key WPRIM activities (Training and Funding)

(7) a. Screening and evaluation of the WPRIM candidate journals by the Regional Journal Selection Committee
   - Establishing an optimal process of selecting new WPRIM journals
   b. Discussion on librarians' training needs on index medicus requirements

(8) Peer review of topics and contents for international forum

(9) Report on the status of APAME (Evaluation of previous workshops organized by APAME)
   a. Singapore-Malaysia workshop
   b. Manila workshop

(10) Report on the WAME

(11) Discussion on key APAME activities
   - APAME website and virtual meeting tools

(12) Review and adoption of "Declaration on Equitable Access to Health Information in the Western Pacific Region"

(13) Media coverage of the Declaration

(14) Conclusion and recommendations

(15) APAME General Assembly

(16) Closing
• There are now 14 participating countries to WPRIM

• 9 countries are contributing:
  • China ***
  • Japan ***
  • Malaysia **
  • Mongolia *
  • Papua New Guinea *
  • Philippines ***
  • Republic of Korea ***
  • Singapore ***
  • Vietnam **
• 104 journal titles are for the approval of the Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) in their next meeting.

China     (81)
Korea     (16)
Malaysia  (3)
Philippines (2)
Singapore (2)
New WPRIM Database

- The Institute for Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) is developing the database
- The server will be maintained by IMICAMS China
- WPRO will remain responsible for the content management of the database with technical assistance from IMICAMS
- Proposed launching is on the 1st quarter of 2010

WPRIM Advocacy Tools

- Newsletter
  - Published annually
  - Also accessible on line

- IBP Community Site on WPRIM and APAME
  http://my.ibpinitiative.org
NEXT STEPS

- Support and transfer of technology needed for some developing countries
- Training activities
  - Index medicus training
- Online accessibility to the contents of the new WPRIM database by 2010

THANK YOU
New WPRIM platform developed by IMI CAMS

Fang An
Institute of Medical Information
Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences

New platform by IMI,CAMS

- Start from Dec. 2008
- Hosted in IMI CAMS
- Powered by Sinomed
- Easy to use

Temporary URL for test:
http://wprim.whocc.org.cn

4 Searching Entrance

- Basic Search
- Thesaurus Search
- Journal Search
- Author Search

3 Particular Functions

- Intelligent Search
- Search History
- Result Analyze
3 ways for data upload

Data Creation and Management System
2 Level of Administrators

- System administrator can do everything
- Country administrators only can do country's data.

Temporary user name and password for test:
- System level: admin / admin123
- Country level: korea / korea123
Offline XML Data Generator

Thank you!
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Data interchange between WPRIM and national index medicus: From KoreaMed to WPRIM

Choon Shil Lee
Information Management Committee
KAMJE

Agenda

- One Source Multiple Use
  - File Exchange
  - Interoperability
- How to share files
  - File submission
  - Repository-Harvesting
- File format
- Quality Control
- Quality Assurance

- Exchange
- Interchange
- Export
- Import
- File submission
- Harvesting
- Repository
KAMJE-XMLink file production & processing flowcharts

One Source Multiple Use

File Submission
Repository-Harvesting
How to share a file
File Submission

PubMed

ID/Password for each journal/society/country

After PubMed processing, file moves to archive folder
PMC Live

Session Logs
General Startup Advanced Firewall
Profile Name: Host Name/Address: ftp://private.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov
Host Type: Automatic detect
User ID: 
Password: Anonymous
Account: 
Comment: 

CrossRef
Repository-Harvesting
What is WorldWideScience.org?
A federation of national science search engines creates a single global science gateway accessible across the globe. This enables research collaboration to reach potential as well as smaller, less well-known researchers. Up to now, searchers could only access a single query and the immediate results of the search engine, without knowing if the database or portal publishing the results includes all participating nations. Results and searches are now cross-searchable in one.

How can the worldwide science gateway work?
The approach is to calculate on an amazing technology to search collections of science information located across the globe. This enables to formulate queries that span across different databases and collections. The federated search engine will speed discovery, international collaboration, and speed research globally.

What countries are participating?
Currently approximately 45 databases and collections from over 30 countries are searchable through WorldWideScience.org. The global science gateway initiative began in 2002 with a grant-in-aid to partner between the United States and the United Kingdom. Other major participating organizations include the European Scientific Information Convention (COST), the National Academy of Sciences (U.S.), the National Library of Medicine (U.S.), the National Science Foundation (U.S.), the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Canadian Virtual Library. To find out more about the participating nations and their participation, visit http://www.worldwide science.org/what/.

Is there a model for international science information?
Yes, the global science gateway model follows the U.S. model. The U.S. gateway is hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The alliance of partners has defined a model for other science information dissemination and will continue to develop this model for other science information dissemination.

What is PubMed Central?
PubMed Central (PMC) is a project of the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and operated by the Office of Scientific Information (OSI) of NLM.

PMC Open Access Subset
The PMC Open Access Subset is a relatively small part of the total collection of articles in PMC. Articles in the PMC Open Access Subset are still protected by copyright but are made available under an Open Access license that generally allow more broad redistribution and reuse than traditional copyright restrictions. PMC repositories are required to provide a license statement with each article for specific terms of use. The license terms are not identical for all articles in this subset.

Notes:
- The majority of the articles in PMC are subject to traditional copyright restrictions and are not part of this subset. Read the PMC Copyright Notice for more information.
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- Systematic retrieval (bulk downloading) of articles through any other automated process is prohibited, even if you are only retrieving articles from this subset.
-PMC authors use the MARCtions protocol for data exchange (xls, metadata)

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PMC is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It provides free, immediate access to full-text research articles from 96 selected biomedical journals and links to 1,200,000+ biomedical articles from 4,800 journals. PMC is part of the NIH Public Access mandate, which promotes the free and immediate availability of biomedical research by the authors of federally funded research, and is complemented by the NIH Author Manuscript Depository Program.
The PMC OAI service and the PMC FTP service are the only services that may be used for automated downloading of articles from this open access subset.

Systematic retrieval (bulk downloading) of articles through any other automated process is prohibited, even if you are only retrieving articles from this subset.

Some journals use the label "open access" for an article that is available free of charge at the time of publication, but is still subject to traditional copyright restrictions. Such articles are not part of this subset.

The PMC Open Access Subset includes articles from a number of publishers' programs, each of which carefully selects articles from a range of journals. A complete list of the publisher programs with links to the articles can be found in the journal list file of the PMC Journal List.

In addition to these selective access programs, a number of the journals that deposit their content in PMC include some or all of their articles in the open access subset. These journals are marked with the symbol "O" in PMC's journal list.

Use the PMC-OAI service to download XML for the full text of articles in this open access subset.

Use the PMC FTP service to download a complete set of files — XML, images, PDF, and supplementary data files — for articles in this subset. For users who are interested in just the full-text, the FTP service also has a single zip file containing the XML files for all the articles in the open access subset.

File Interchange format

File format

- Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH)
- A standard for retrieving metadata from digital document repositories
- PubMed Central Open Access Subset

- Database file
- EXCEL file
- PubMed DTD
- PubMed LinkOut DTD
- KoreaMed DTD
- WPRIM DTD
- CrossRef DTD
- Journal Publishing DTD
- PubMed Central DTD
- Synapse DTD
providerinfo.xml


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journals.xml

KoreaMed
Validator/Previewer

Data Quality Control/Assurance
Quality Control

- Do & Don't
- No not-allowed tags
- Fatal errors
- Validators & Previewers
- One time initial technical requirements test

Quality Assurance

- To check sneaking errors
- Not noticeable if you do not care
- Eye-checking
- Trained eyes
- On-going tests each time a new file arrives
LinkOut File Validator Results

Choose Author Validation Group

http://xmlprobe.com/online-validators/crossref
File CrossRef Deposit: KJP_47_2_103.XML
Fatal Error! The element type "volume" must be terminated by the matching end tag "".
A Parse error occurred. The element type "volume" must be terminated by the matching end tag "".

http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/utils/validate/xmlcheck.cgi

File CrossRef Deposit: KJP_39_10_083.XML
Parsing is complete, if no errors were printed the file is valid and well formed
1 DOIs found in file
Your file was NOT deposited with the system, this form simply checks the XML
Recommendations

- File submission
- In PubMed XML format
- To a designated FTP site
- With an individual ID/Password

Recommendations

- Quality Assurance Test
  - Files
  - Validator/Previewer
- Contents
- Trained personnel
- Eye-checking

Recommendations

- Compatible to international standards
  - Country → WPRIM → World
- Interoperability
Discussion on key WPRIM activities (Training and Funding)
A proposal for a workshop in Vietnam

(by Dr Jeong-Wook Seo)
Key Activities of WPRIM / APAME

- 8 meetings done
- Expecting new WPRIM platform open

- Do we still need this meetings?
- Do we still need libraries?

- How professionals learn?
- How international collaboration occurs?

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Key WPRIM activities

- Success Story
- Propagation of the message
- Technical Innovation
- Practicise the work
- Practicise the work
- Value Innovation
Three Events in 2010

Launch of WPRIM China (Beijing)

Educational Program (Hanoi)
(Academic Program (General Assembly)
(Joint mtg EMAME)

Educational Program (Librarians)
(IT professionals)

Realise the Value

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Educational Program in Hanoi?

1) Audience:
   - Leaders of Societies or Universities
   - Mainly from Vietnam
   - National focal point of contact

2) Background study:
   - Survey on the actual situation of medical journal publication

3) Funding and Facilities
   - Funding for 2010/2011

4) Organizers and Faculties
Funding

- Direct support from WHO
- Support from Bilateral Aids Programs
  - Official request through Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- National meetings with voluntary visits
Librarian and IT professionals' group meeting

Objective: Investigate the training requirements for populating the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM)

WPRIM Database developer from China, Mr Fang An outlined the requirements countries had to adhere to in order to deposit files into WPRIM:
- Article files have to adhere to PubMed's standards - XML file format and MeSH indexing to be added to the WPRIM Database;

Prof Choon Sil Lee outlined XML file conversion options for those who had files, but which do not meet PubMed standards and for those still to create files;

Members discussed the possibility of Mr Fang An and Professor Choon Sil Lee developing guidelines and/or templates to assist country representatives to follow required XML standards and contribute to WPRIM;

Mrs Alma Prosperoso outlined a PubMed MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) training program to be conducted in Philippines in 2010 which could involve country librarian focal points;

The group identified WPRIM publishing tasks for librarians and tasks for IT professionals:

- Librarians: MeSH indexing
- IT persons: WPRIM Database development team.

A group of people were identified to act as WPRIM database testers to further the development of the database and assist Chinese colleagues who agreed to host the database with its development.

Findings:

- IT database development knowledge differed amongst members of the group;
- Not all countries and more specifically, journal publishers had identified persons to be responsible for file production;
- As a group the countries are at different stages of their journal publishing, database development and indexing knowledge;
- Not all group members were confident they had the required knowledge to produce files of articles to the relevant standard for WPRIM;
- Some group members indicated that they would like training/assistance in creating and transferring XML files;
- Some countries had developed a journal database meeting the required file standards, while others had developed a journal database which did not meet the required standards and still others had no database at all.
Recommendations:

1. Identify a librarian and an IT person to act as focal points for each country.

2. Map each Country's situation with respect to: knowledge gaps; current problems with regards contributing to WPRIM; training needed to achieve quality assurance with XML files, file transfer and MeSH indexing.

3. Step-by-step guidelines and templates to be developed and distributed to country focal points.

4. PubMed MeSH training to be arranged and conducted through the NLM, USA in 2010 for country focal point librarians.

5. Consideration be given to an early visit to Vietnam by Fang and Professor Lee to advice medical publishers on preparing their journals for deposit in WPRIM;

6. Database Testing Group members to test WPRIM and submit their suggestions to Mr Fang An to further the development of WPRIM. The process with regards how this is to be carried out needs to be outlined for group members, so that they can get commence.

Nicky Foxlee November 2009
LIST OF JOURNALS APPROVED
BY THE WPRIM REGIONAL JOURNAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Singapore, 4 November 2009

CHINA
1. CHINESE TRADITIONAL AND HERBAL DRUGS
2. JOURNAL OF GUANGZHOU UNIVERSITY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
3. ACUPUNCTURE RESEARCH
4. TRADITIONAL CHINESE DRUG RESEARCH & CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
5. CHINESE TRADITIONAL PATENT MEDICINE
6. BULLETIN OF THE ACADEMY OF MILITARY MEDICAL SCIENCES
7. SPACE MEDICINE & MEDICAL ENGINEERING
8. ACTA ANATOMICA SINICA
9. JOURNAL OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
10. JOURNAL OF CENTRAL SOUTH UNIVERSITY(MEDICAL SCIENCES)
11. CHINESE JOURNAL OF AIDS & STD
12. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY
13. JOURNAL OF CLINICAL REHABILITATIVE TISSUE ENGINEERING RESEARCH
14. CHINA BIOTECHNOLOGY
15. CHINESE MENTAL HEALTH JOURNAL
16. CHINESE JOURNAL OF GENERAL SURGERY
17. CHINESE JOURNAL OF INFECTION AND CHEMOTHERAPY
18. JOURNAL OF SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY(MEDICAL SCIENCE)
19. CHINESE JOURNAL OF ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA
20. CHINESE JOURNAL OF MARINE DRUGS
21. CHINESE JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY
22. CHINESE JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES
23. CHINESE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT JOURNAL
24. CHINESE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
25. CHINESE JOURNAL OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION
26. CHINESE JOURNAL OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY
27. JOURNAL OF JILIN UNIVERSITY(MEDICINE EDITION)
28. CHINESE JOURNAL OF FORENSIC MEDICINE
29. CHINESE JOURNAL OF DIABETES
30. CHINESE JOURNAL OF INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY
31. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PEDIATRICS
32. CHINESE JOURNAL OF VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATION
33. PROGRESS IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS
34. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PARASITOLOGY AND PARASITIC DISEASES
35. JOURNAL OF CLINICAL NEUROLOGY
36. CHINESE JOURNAL OF CANCER BIOThERAPY
37. BASIC & CLINICAL MEDICINE
38. CHINESE JOURNAL OF HYPERTENSION
39. CHINESE JOURNAL OF SPORTS MEDICINE
40. JOURNAL OF MEDICAL POSTGRADUATES
41. CHINESE JOURNAL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
42. MICROBIOLOGY
43. ACTA PHARMACEUTICA SINICA
44. CHINESE JOURNAL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE
45. CHINESE JOURNAL OF Nosocomiology
46. CHINESE JOURNAL OF GERIATRIC HEART BRAIN AND VESSEL DISEASES
47. CHINESE JOURNAL OF NEONATOLOGY
48. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY
49. CHINESE JOURNAL OF SPINE AND SPINAL CORD
50. CHINESE JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE
51. CHINESE JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION THEORY AND PRACTICE
52. CHINESE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE
53. ACTA LABORATORIUM ANIMALIS SCIENTIA SINICA
54. CHINESE HEALTH ECONOMICS
55. CHINESE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT
56. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PRACTICAL SURGERY
57. CHINESE JOURNAL OF NURSING
58. JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL HEMATOLOGY
59. CHINESE JOURNAL OF CARDIOVASCULAR REHABILITATION MEDICINE
60. CHINESE JOURNAL OF CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES
61. JOURNAL OF PRACTICAL OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
62. ASIAN JOURNAL OF ANDROLOGY
63. CHINESE JOURNAL OF VETERINARY SCIENCE
64. CHINESE JOURNAL OF RADIOLOGICAL MEDICINE AND PROTECTION
65. CHINESE JOURNAL OF ONCOLOGY
66. THE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ANESTHESIOLOGY
67. CHINESE JOURNAL OF REPARATIVE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY
68. ACTA MEDICINAE UNIVERSITATIS SCIENTIAE ET TECHNOLOGIAE HUAZHONG
69. CHINESE JOURNAL OF NEW DRUGS AND CLINICAL REMEDIES
70. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY
71. CHINESE JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
72. CHINA JOURNAL OF ENDOSCOPY
73. CHINESE JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
74. CHINESE JOURNAL OF CANCER
75. CHINESE JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMICAL PHARMACEUTICS
76. CHINESE JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES
77. RECENT ADVANCES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY
78. JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INFORMATICS
79. JOURNAL OF SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY (MEDICAL SCIENCES)
80. CHINESE JOURNAL OF BURNS
81. CHINESE JOURNAL OF HEALTH POLICY

MALAYSIA

82. JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA MEDICAL CENTRE (JUMMEC)
83. MALAYSIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES (MJMHS)
84. MEDICINE AND HEALTH

MONGOLIA

85. MONGOLIAN JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND PEDIATRICS
86. MONGOLIAN JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY
87. MONGOLIAN JOURNAL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH
88. INNOVATION

PHILIPPINES

89. PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE
90. PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

91. JOURNAL OF THE KOREAN HIP SOCIETY
92. JOURNAL OF THE KOREAN SOCIETY OF ENDOSCOPIC & LAPAROSCOPIC SURGEONS
93. JOURNAL OF THE KOREAN SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND
94. JOURNAL OF KOREAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY
95. JOURNAL OF KOREAN BURN SOCIETY
96. KOREAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING
97. KOREAN JOURNAL OF PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES
98. JOURNAL OF THE KOREAN PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY
99. KOREAN JOURNAL OF HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
100. ANESTHESIA AND PAIN MEDICINE
101. CLINICS IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
102. ELECTROLYTES & BLOOD PRESSURE
103. GUT AND LIVER
104. JOURNAL OF LUNG CANCER
105. NUTRITION RESEARCH AND PRACTICE
106. PSYCHIATRY INVESTIGATION

SINGAPORE

107. SGH PROCEEDINGS
108. THE SINGAPORE FAMILY PHYSICIAN
Scientific Writing Workshops

Dr. John T Arokiasamy Editor MJM & Dr. Wilfred Peh, Editor SMJ

Concerns

• Writing poses many challenges
• English often not the first language.
• Medical writers tend to write for their peers who are interested in problem solving primarily and not so much to carry out further studies.
• Flaws mentioned earlier are common
Albert Einstein once said: "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler". This is a great guiding principle for anyone writing a biomedical paper.

Scientific Writing Workshops

- Scientific writing workshops are popular
- Provide opportunities to play advocacy on publication ethics.
- Journal editors are concerned with relatively high rejection rates of manuscripts.
- Meeting of MJM, SMJ and J of Medical Association of Thailand
- Decision to have joint MJM-SMJ scientific writing workshops in Malaysia
Scientific Writing Workshops

- Six workshops have been conducted since July 2008.
- Hosts are with the local University of that location/region
- Planning done jointly.
- Resource persons from MJM, SMJ and other experts
- Funding partially from Malaysian Medical Association to fund travel of experts and cost sharing
- Next is in Singapore this weekend

BASIC WORKSHOP
OBJECTIVES

- taught the structure of a scientific paper, the individual components of the paper, and how to prepare a manuscript.
• At the end of the workshop, the participant should be able to:
  • 1. Appreciate the types of scientific papers.
  • 2. Know the various components of a scientific manuscript.
  • 3. Gain practical experience in basic manuscript preparation.
  (Source: Prof Wilfred Peh)

ADVANCED WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

• taught about the various types of scientific papers, how the manuscript is processed, and role of the editors and manuscript reviewers and what they look for. Authorship issues, ethics and misconduct, and how to deal with a returned manuscript will be discussed.

• will have gained further insight about optimising manuscript preparation prior to submission to a medical journal.

  (Source: Prof Wilfred Peh)
At the end of the workshop, the participant should be able to:

1. Appreciate the requirements of different types of scientific papers.
2. Gain an insight into the manuscript processing, reviewing and editing processes.
3. Know how to submit a manuscript for publication and its requirements.
4. Gain practical experience in manuscript preparation.
5. Confidently address reviewers' and editors' comments.

(Source: Prof Wilfred Peh)
International Seminar on Journal Publishing
Professional Journal Editors, Key to Publishing Culture
16 June 2009, Manila

Program

Sharing of local experiences: Phil Jour of Surgical Specialties, Phil Jour of OB-Gyne, Acta Medica Philippina

Panel Discussion on Professionalizing Health Journal Editorship: Dr. Seo, Dr. Peh, Dr. Arokiasamy

International Development and Collaboration in Journal Publishing: Dr. Samdan, Dr. Peh, Dr. Arokiasamy

Editors Business Meeting
Participants

Academe, 39
Professional organization, 23
Research institution, 3
National government agency, 8
International organization, 3
Others, 1
Resource Persons, 11

WPRIM countries: Singapore, Rep of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, China, Vietnam, Japan, Philippines

Challenges

• Research productivity, the starting point
• The motivation to publish by researchers, funders
• Translating research to policy
• Independence of journal editors vs society’s funding and yearly appointments
• The objective of publishing quality research work; responsibility of editors
• International board of editors, peer reviewers
• Establishing structure, processes/templates for better outcomes
Challenges

Open access journal vs online journal
Printed journals vs pure online journals
Ethics and plagiarism, when detected, actions
Global view: "we write," participation of inter-disciplinary groups in the journal process
Cost of publication and value for readership
Where are the "users/readers?"

Philippines. Technical Panel to an Association

Participants evaluation

96% found forum relevant-very relevant
100% found panel discussion relevant-very relevant to their work and institution
100% agree-strongly agree panel discussion contributed to awareness, knowledge and understanding of prevailing issues
100% agree-strongly agree panel discussion brought to fore issues which need policy interventions
96% agree-strongly agree panelists were effective in presenting their sector's concerns
Organizers' Notes

The sharing by other countries' experts gave added push for local editors and researchers to take seriously their roles in the research dissemination process; gave insights how to address the same challenges their counterparts faced; updated them on international developments and the value of working together.

Way forward

Philippines

Capacity building program for researchers, editors, journal publisher for group of institutions in a region (Philippines has 16 regions) by a core of trainers

Other modes of mentoring

Online journal for health research (?)
APAME Website and Virtual Meeting Tools

APAME website address:

http://wpro.who.int/apame
Objectives

- Promote APAME in the Asia Pacific Region
- Online accessibility to APAME programs and activities
Features

- Information on APAME
- Constitution
- Meetings and Events
- On Line Membership Application
- Announcements
- Useful Links and Related resources
- Photo Gallery

GoToMeeting

...WHAT is it?

An online meeting tool by Citrix Corporation that allows people to meet, present information, demonstrate products and provide training online.

Patented technology enables you to show any application running on your desktop in real time. Setup takes seconds and no training or maintenance is required, resulting in the simplest online meeting solution available.
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- Intuitive User Interface: Easy-to-understand controls enable you to start and join meetings in seconds without training.
- Share Keyboard and Mouse Control: Securely collaborate on documents in real time.
- Instantly Change Presenters: Enable any participant to present to the entire group.
- Drawing Tools: Draw, highlight and point to items of interest right on the screen.
- Desktop Recording and Playback: Record meetings to review or share later.
- Specific Application Sharing: For added privacy, share only the application you choose.
- Integration: Access GoToMeeting through Microsoft® Office®, email or instant-messaging applications.
- Mac® Support: Mac users can host and join GoToMeeting sessions.
- Reporting: Get detailed reports for trend analysis
- Total Audio: Choose integrated phone conferencing, VoIP or both.

GoToWebinar™...WHAT is it?

A Webinar, or "Web seminar," is an online event designed to facilitate communication between a small number of presenters and a large remote audience using the Internet. Webinars reach audiences more effectively than regular in-person events because there is no need to plan travel or reserve conference space.

Webinars enable individuals and organizations to present online to larger audiences, generate detailed feedback from these audiences and follow up with interested audience members.
GoToWebinar™...Features

Same features as GoToMeeting, plus:

- Full-Service Registration
- Automated Email Templates
- Polling and Survey
- Q & A and Hand Raising
- Webinar Dashboard
- Webinar Reports, with Interest Rating

...GoToMeeting vs GoToWebinar?

GoToMeeting
- Smaller Audience (26 attendees maximum)
- Focus on collaboration
- Attendees are able to chat using Voice or by typing messages to all participants.
- "Meeting"

GoToWebinar
- Larger Audience (1000 attendees maximum)
- Focus on dissemination of information
- Attendees able to submit typed questions to a selected "panel" of staff.
- Practice Sessions
- "Seminar"
How can I get GoToMeeting?

- Contact the IWA team: iwasupport@who.int
- IWA can provide a floating license for trial periods.
- The cost of one organizer license is 500 USD for one year.
- This price includes GoToMeeting and GoToWebinar

Annex 1: Network Conditions for GoToMeeting

- **Optimal network parameters:**
  - LAN environment
  - 83kbps available bandwidth per user
  - Average Server Response Time up to 2 seconds max
  - Good Internet connectivity to Citrix Servers
- **Acceptable working parameters:**
  - up to 600ms latency
  - 50kbps available guaranteed bandwidth
  - Average Server Response Time up to 4 seconds max
  - Good Internet connectivity to Citrix Servers
- **Minimum network parameters:**
  - 20kbps of available BW
  - 600ms latency
  - Server Response Time above 6 seconds
  - Good Internet connectivity to Citrix Servers
Video conferencing

How it works

- Uses telecommunications of audio and video to bring people at different sites together for a meeting.
Meeting Report:
6th International Congress on Peer Review and Biomedical Publication

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Editor-in-Chief, JKMS
Seoul National University
Seoul, Korea

Meeting?

- September 10-12, 2009
- Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Organized by JAMA, Archives Journals, and BMJ Group
- 400 Participants from 34 Countries
- 3 Plenary Lectures
- 45 Oral Presentations
- 65 Poster Presentations
Contents

- Authorship and Contributorship
- Peer Review
- Data Sharing and Conflicts of Interest
- Editorial Training, Decisions, Politics and Ethics
- Publication Pathways
- Publication Bias
- Rhetoric
- Trial Registration
- Quality of Reporting
- Postpublication Citations, Indexing, Responses, and Online Publishing

Plenary Lectures

- “Jumping Without Parachutes: Numbers, Knowledge and Biomedical Journals” by Steven Goodman (Johns Hopkins Univ)
- “Comparative Effectiveness Research” by Harold C. Sox (Editor Emeritus, Ann Inter Med)
- “Peer Review Congresses, 1986 to 2009: Victory? Defeat? Both?” By Drummond Rennie (Deputy Editor, JAMA)
Jumping Without Parachutes

- Introduced famous past editors: Rossini, Bayes Theorem, Neal S. Young
- Warned "Data peeking" by authors
- Consider real significance of data 0.44 difference (P < 0.05): 0.25 and 0.69 vs 0.50 and 0.94
- Editing of journals
  - Public: stamp of approval
  - Peers: transparency
  - Authors: value help

Comparative Effectiveness Researches

- By Harold C. Sox
- 4 Lessons
  - Most clinical research is not novel
  - Editing has diverse receptors
  - Deciding is darned hard
  - Needs active statisticians
- Journal's role: quality control of CER
- Journal publication costs expensive: who does pay?
  - Purchaser, Subscriber, Author, Sponsor
  - Open to public?
Ghost Writers and Honorary Authorship in China

- A questionnaire survey to the first author of submitted manuscripts to the Chinese Med J
- Among 268 authors, 220 (82%) replied.
- Decision of authors by: corresponding A 40.9%, first A 33.6%, all A 25.5%
- English speakers involved writing 21.4%: 7.3% author, 3.6% acknowledged, 10.4% neither
- Authorship satisfied 71.4%, honorary A 28.6% (20% department chair)

Honorary and Ghost Authorship in 6 General Medical Journals in 2008

- Among 900 authors, 630 (70%) replied.

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- HA highest 39% in Nat Med, lowest (16%) in NEJM
- HA: 31% OA, 24% RA, 22% Editorial
- GA highest 11% in NEJM, lowest (2%) in Nat Med
- GA: 12% OA, 6% RA, 5% Editorial

Sung-Tae Hong, Seoul National University
Ghost Writing in USA

- Retrospective review of over 1000 internal industry documents concerning 'gabapentin', 1996-1999
- 24 proposed articles for publication granted by Parke-Davies Co. (PD), given to Med Educ Syst (MES)
- Searched in PubMed & Google Scholar for publications
- Contacted all journals for cover letters & COI declarations
- 16 published, 7 in originally targeted j; 9 in alternative j; 4 in supplement issues
- 0 in authorship of PD or MES; 2 disclosed funding by PD or MES
- Ghost authors with prestigious "guest authors"

Scoring Peer Review 1

- Review items: originality, scientific importance, adequacy of methods, brevity/clarity, adequacy of interpretation
- Scoring of reviewers
  1 unacceptable effort and content
  2 unacceptable effort or content
  3 acceptable
  4 commendable
  5 exceptional, hard to improve
Scoring Peer Review 2

- 1498 reviewers reviewed 14,808 manuscripts
- Served for 71.8 mo, min 2 & max 175 mo
- Average score, 3.6
- <1% reviewers improved at 0.05 points/y
- 32% grew worse at 0.05 points/y

Consistency of Editorial Decisions

- Compared decisions of reviewers, editors, and citation for 16 years
- 169 OA submitted to Cardiovascular Research, 1997
- 7 editors and 3 reviewers rated
- 56 (33%) of 169 OA were published
- 33% of accepted were rejected by same editor
- Weak relation between editors’ and reviewers’ decisions
- Weak relation between editors’ and/or reviewers’ decisions with citations
- OA >50% by editors & >67% by reviewers were cited more
Editors' Judgement on Quality of Articles

- Compared citations between best articles and others published in Obstetrics & Gynecology, 2002-2007
- Editors nominated 12-15 OA for best article award every year
- Number of citations:
  - 25 award-winning OA received more citations, med 17 from 0 to 137; vs matched controls, med 7 from 0 to 52
  - 111 nominees, med 15 from 0 to 170; matched controls, med 11 from 0 to 62
- Online access, 4737 (0-15776) vs 3671 (0-14042)
- Editors subjectively assessed quality of articles well

Rhetoric: “Spin” in Reports of Randomized Controlled Trials (RCT) with Nonstatistically Significant Primary Outcomes

- To identify nature and frequency of “spin”
- “Spin”: manipulation of content and rhetoric of reporting to convince readers of the likely truth
- Compare 616 reports of RCTs of statistically not significant and publications indexed in PubMed
- “Spin” in 50% in discussion and conclusion; 42% in abstract
- Categories of rhetoric statements: increase/positive, decrease/negative, equivalence/consistency, safety, clinical importance, qualifying/ambiguity
Other Studies

- Trial registration
- Quality of reporting
- Postpublication citations
- Indexing
- Online publishing
- Bias/Data sharing
- Advertising
- Funding/Grant
- Instructions for Authors

WAME Business Meeting

- Presented ‘3 Cases’ and called active discussion
  - Case #1
    - Clinical trial registry: publish, reject, review protocol?
  - Case #2
    - Add one author to the byline authors after final decision: yes, no? Department chair?
  - Case #3
    - Review article plagiarism: ‘copy & paste’ plagiarism by assistant

Sung-Tac Hong, Seoul National University
Summary

• Active researches on editing, peer review, publication ethics, dropped papers, citations, and others
• Major top journals are target of analysis.
• Randomized clinical trial (RCT) is a major concern: registration, disclosure of conflict of interest
• Authorship abuse: honorary author, ghost author
• What are small medical journals?

Suggestion for APAME

• Encourage APAME members to investigate publication related studies
• Establish annual meeting with scientific sessions as well as workshops for training

Sung-Tae Hong, Seoul National University
SINGAPORE DECLARATION ON EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

We, the participants in the Joint Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) held in Singapore from November 4 to 5, 2009:

CONSIDERING
That quality scientific and technical health information is essential for health policy makers, healthcare providers and health researchers to develop, improve, and implement efficient and effective healthcare systems and services;
That inequitable access to quality health information could result in poor health planning and healthcare delivery which adversely affect the health conditions of the public;
That surmounting this inequity requires public-private partnerships to facilitate equitable access to both production and consumption of health information for all;
That the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM), the Global Health Library (GHL), and the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) are important collaborative initiatives which are vital instruments to ensure the global accessibility and dissemination of quality health information in the Western Pacific Region;

CONFIRM
Our commitment to free and universal dissemination and access to quality health information through the WPRIM and the GHL;
Our commitment to pursue the goals and objectives of APAME by further building networks, convening conferences, and organizing events to educate and empower editors, peer reviewers and authors in generating quality scientific and technical publications;

CALL ON
Member States of the Western Pacific Region, in collaboration with stakeholders from the private sector, to formulate and implement policies that endorse free and equitable access to quality health information;
Stakeholders from the public and private sectors, national and international organizations, to support WPRIM and the GHL in order to ensure the free and global accessibility of health research done in the Western Pacific Region;
Governments, the private sector and other editors’ associations to support APAME in implementing various activities, guidelines and practices that would improve the quality of scientific writing and publications in the Asia Pacific Region;

COMMIT
Ourselves to persevere in the pursuit of the WPRIM and GHL initiatives through APAME, by encouraging peer-to-peer relationships that will allow editors, editorial staff and librarians to maintain balance, work out ideas and provide mutual support;
Our organization, APAME, to building further networks, convening conferences, and organizing events to educate and empower editors, peer reviewers and authors to achieve and maintain internationally acceptable, but regionally realistic, scholarly standards.

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